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DEATH OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Administrator has just made an announcement of extreme gravity. Mr. Jack Emanuel, District Commissioner, East New Britain District, has been killed. Murder is suspected and the area is cordoned off by the police.

Mr. Emanuel was last seen alive with one man in the Kabaira area.

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SERVICE RECORD OF MR. E.J. EMANUEL

Mr. Errol John Emanuel was appointed to the Territory of Papua and New Guinea Public Service on 24th August, 1946.

He was promoted to District Commissioner on 15th January, 1970. He had acted as D.C, in a number of districts from as early as 1963.

Mr. Emanuel has served as a field officer with the Department of the Administrator in the Milne Bay District, the Western, Eastern and Southern Highlands and a total of 11 years in East New Britain District where he was currently serving.

Mr. Emanuel is survived by his second wife Ellen Agnes, whom he married on 12th November, 1969 and her son and daughter, and also his son and daughter by his first marriage to Elma, who died at Rabaul in 1965, while serving as a welfare officer among the Tolai.

Mr. Emanuel was born at Enfield, N.S.Wales, on the 13th. December 1918.

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RADIO TALK GIVEN BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR AT RABAIL, SATURDAY,
21ST AUGUST, 1971:

Message to the Tolai People -

I speak to you tonight still profoundly shocked that a man - or men - could brutally kill someone who was known as a friend and who, it seems, was engaged in a peaceful and friendly talk when he was struck down. What can cause a man to do a thing like this? How can such an action be even contemplated let alone carried out in the Gazelle Peninsula in 1971. What motives, what incitements lie behind thoughts and actions so full of hate.

But this deed is done and cannot be undone. Its effects cannot be undone. People are afraid. They are afraid because they now do not know what lurks in the dark recesses of their own minds or in the minds of their neighbours. What do the people of the Gazelle need most now? I think it is quite clear - above all they need freedom from fear.

The Government will give them freedom from fear. But any Government can only do this if the people help. A Government is of the people and it cannot operate without the help of the people. Police alone cannot ensure freedom from fear. The police and the people and the courts and all of the apparatus of Government must work together if the Gazelle is to be freed of fear. We look to you to help us to banish fear from your hearts.

Now, what does the Government plan to do? Where can you help?

First, and above all, and no matter what, we are going to catch those responsible for the killing of Jack Emanuel. If there were men who encouraged it, men who planned it, men who committed it - we will get them all. We will not rest until this is done. I know you will all support us. Can you help?

Second, we must look to the climate of the Gazelle that has made such an action possible. It is true that in every law abiding community there are people who are possessed by demons of hate and violence. There must be at least one such here. Such people have no place in your community. Root them out.

But are there other things too? Is there among some people a disrespect for the law? Do some people escape punishment when they flout the law; Do some people publicly advocate disobedience to laws? If so we will stop it.

I came here with a clear message from the Administrator's Executive Council - restore peace and order in the Gazelle Peninsula. The A.E.C. has said to me that it fully and completely supports any action needed to maintain the law - We will do it.

Now - there are negative things:-

Don't do this or you will be punished - and make no mistake about it, you will be. But a good community, and the Gazelle has been a fine community of good people, does not keep the peace because it will be punished if it does not. It keeps the peace because it wants to, because life is sweeter. Do you not want to eat the sweet bread of friendship and of co-operation?

I have said a lot about laws. Laws are made to help people; to keep them safe and to secure their property.

I know that laws sometimes are confusing. I know that there are some laws that should be changed. We all know that we need new land laws and you know that we hope to have these new laws passed when people understand them better. There are two sorts of laws. There are those laws made for your own people in your own District - local laws made by local governments. If you cannot agree among yourselves as to what these laws should be you will not have good government, but this is your own affair.

There are other laws made by the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly and these are important laws for Papua New Guinea as a whole - laws for all Papua New Guineans. They are not laws for Tolais alone or for Engas or Huris or Bukas or Chimbus. They are for everyone, and they are for everyone to obey. You help to make them. There are three Tolai Members in the House of Assembly. You know them - Matthias Toliman, Oscar Tammur, Epineri Titimur and the Member for the District as a whole is Roy Ashton. You put these men there. They are four among many. There are not only Tolais in Papua New Guinea. For every Tolai there are 40 other Papuans or New Guineans. You are small and your members cannot be strong unless you are united behind them. If you are to influence the National government you must speak with one voice. Now you speak with many. It is not for me to tell you how to speak with one voice. It is for you, but you cannot be strong like you are. What are you going to do about it?

I have a simple message. We will catch those who killed Jack Emanuel.

We will ensure respect for and observance of the law in the Gazelle Peninsula. You yourselves must now decide whether to be divided and weak or united and strong.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

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24th August, 1971.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM:

TO: ALL FIELD STAFF

DIVISION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Fellow Officers,

THE LATE MR. E.J. EMANUEL, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER - FIELD
STAFF MEMORIAL:

I am sure that all members of our field staff will have been deeply grieved at the recent brutal assassination in the course of duty of one of our senior field officers, Jack Emanuel. At the time of his death Mr. Emanuel was operating in a troubled District endeavouring in accord with the highest traditions of our Service, to resolve as peacefully as possible one of the many explosive land problems in the Gazelle.

During the course of a long and distinguished career dating from August 1946, Jack Emanuel has served in many Districts of the Territory and has always been held in the highest esteem, both by his fellow officers and equally by the indigenous people with whom he has worked.

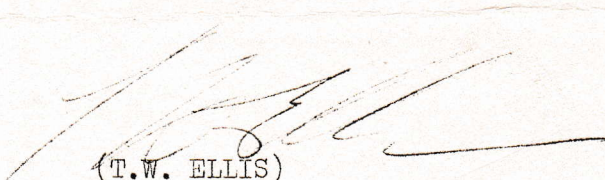
It is, I consider, fitting that our field staff should convey in a suitable manner, the respect and honour it accords to the death of Jack Emanuel whilst carrying out his duties. I commend to you that this be conveyed from members of a very select body of men - the field staff of District Administration and Local Government.

Accordingly, I am writing this to all officers seeking their financial assistance to a maximum of one dollar (\$1.00) so that a permanent memorial can be erected in the Gazelle. Consideration could also be given to the creation of an E.J. Emanuel Scholarship.

Contributions should be sent to your District Commissioner who will forward these to Mr. W. Weise, Administrative Officer at Headquarters, Konedobu.

I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,


(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.