

Excellency,

On your behalf, the Director of Kingdom Relations gave me the opportunity to receive a response to my letter of 25 September with the message that you had submitted the matter (with me) to the government commissioner for further discussion.

Thank you for that and I am waiting for the developments. Nevertheless, in anticipation of a discussion with the government commissioner, I would like to share with you my thoughts on this matter.

Within the Cabinet, it is your responsibility to guide the restoration of order on St. Eustatius in the right direction. The fact that the government commissioner is working on your behalf is, of course, perfectly clear. However, government responsibility lies primarily with you.

If I were to send out a signal that there is something to note about the process, in which the government commissioner, according to his earlier statements to me, is not very receptive to my criticism, then I would not have expected this 'diving behaviour' immediately.

An alternative course of action on your part could be to present my criticism to him (I had not expected anything else) and to give instructions or respond to it (partly based on arguments put forward to you by the government commissioner). In my opinion, you would have taken your responsibility. Anyway, you didn't choose to do that. As mentioned earlier, I await the invitation of the government commissioner.

Kind regards,

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