1. The illegal arrests and imprisonment of NLD parliamentarians-elect and members of organising committee at States, Divisions, Townships, Wards and village levels and other ordinary members will have dangerous repercussions for the peace and stability of the country. Reasons given to justify these operation have no foundation whatsoever. Up till the 19 November 1998, the numbers so arrested are

Parliamentarians-elect-----------------------------182
Members of organisation committees from
states, divisions, townships, villages
and wards and ordinary members--------------------- 701

2. In addition to these unlawful acts of illegal arrests and imprisonment the Military Intelligence units have been applying pressure, intimidation, threats to obtain in writing the involuntary resignations from the office of parliamentarians-elect and from membership of the NLD the involuntary resignations from the office of organising committees and membership of the NLD and involuntary resignations from membership of the NLD of ordinary members.

The truth of the matter is that those who have usurped state power are today blatantly exercising excessive authority to cling to that power.

3. "You do as you are told otherwise you will have to suffer much more" are the words used by the military intelligence to those individuals who refuse to put their signatures to such resignations. Our information is that NLD members have resisted all these threats and intimidation and in their zeal for democracy and human rights are valiantly standing up and have not caved in. Our congratulations to them! We salute you! The illegal use of force, authority, and pressure is contrary to the "the rule of law " which is being proclaimed. The National League for Democracy strongly denounces such activities. We demand immediate action by the higher authorities against the military intelligence units who are perpetrating such injustices.

4. The National league for Democracy is a legally registered political organisation exercising its right to function and carry out its legitimate duties as such.
5. (a) Information that the NLD members have voluntarily brought about the dissolution of the branches of the NLD in the township of Seikyi Khanaungtoe, Rangoon Division is inaccurate. The fact is that since 1996 when the people of this area were forcefully relocated and dispersed to various other locations by the authorities the people have been disadvantaged and no proper reorganisation of the branch has been achieved.

(b) Taking advantage of such a situation and claiming that the members had voluntarily dissolved a branch that was not in operation is a deceitful ploy resorted to by the authorities to swell the numbers. This is no less than a deliberate revelation of the ill will and evil tactics of the military intelligence service people.

6. (a) Information to hand now is that the military intelligence units are planning to forcefully dissolve the branch that has been lawfully constituted in the Mon state, Kyaikhto township without any legal justification. The news is that a big celebration will be held to mark the occasion.

(b) This will constitute a dastardly act with the intention to denigrate the respect and prestige of the National League for Democracy. The respect and confidence that the NLD has obtained as evidenced by the success in the 1990 general elections can never be erased.

7. We reiterate our abhorrence of the above activities of the Military Intelligence Service units and denounce them in very strong terms.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

20 November 1998.