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Contents of the letter dated 23-11-98 from the Chairman of the National League for Democracy to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council on the subject of
"Forced labour" is reproduced for everybody's information.

(BEGINNING) " 1. Salt fields at Koon-gyan-gone Township, Rangoon Division about 30 miles from Rangoon are places where people work for a living. Our information is that most of these salt fields are under the control of the Army.

2. Our information is that Number 70 Army Battalion that is stationed in the area is operating the said salt fields and that Captain Sein Tin is in command. Persons living in Thaung-Khone and neighbouring villages are conscripted forcefully to work on these fields.

3. Our information is that villages that can not supply labour are required to pay a sum of nine thousand Kyats a week per village. This can amount to about fifty thousand Kyats per work season.

4. In addition, it is reported that individual soldiers who are stationed there from time to time have to be always paid Kyats two hundred to three hundred each.

5. We urge you to take steps to stop such practices as reported above." (END)

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