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Mr. O'Neil W. Grant, MBA
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Dear Mr. Grant,

Thank you for your letter of October 17, 2017, regarding Mr. Shane Dalling, the Chief Executive Officer of the Firearm Licensing Authority.

First let me say I am shocked and surprised at your public calls on the issue. One would have thought you would have allowed me the opportunity to respond to your letter and deal with the matter before taking to the airwaves.

As a practitioner of trade unionism, and an employee of the Government, you should be well aware that the Minister of National Security cannot direct the board of the Firearm Licensing Authority to employ or dismiss Mr. Dalling.

If this were done, as President of the JCSA, you would rightfully accuse me of interference in the organisation.

In your letter you have not raised any credible issue against Mr. Dalling, as he abided by the terms of the various contracts and Ministry of Finance memorandum.

Regarding your criminal complaint to the Director of Public Prosecutions, I am directing you to give a statement and provide evidence to the Police lest you be accused of creating public mischief.

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The JSCA's complaint to the General Legal Council is a private matter; however I am confident you stand on solid ground, as I am sure Mr. Dalling will retain competent legal counsel to defend himself.

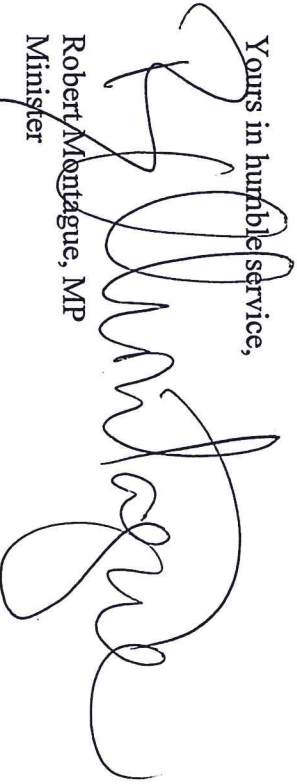
As Minister, I continue to have confidence in Mr. Dalling and I invite you to come on board and play your part in helping to create a safer and prosperous Jamaica. If you are aware of any corrupt activity at the FLA, or any other agency, I also invite you to tell what you know.

I have noted your opinion in the matter, and in true Jamaican tradition where each person is entitled to same, I respect this.

Again, please note my full confidence in Mr. Shane Dalling.

Please be assured of my highest consideration.

Yours in humble service,



Robert Montague, MP
Minister

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- Most Hon. Andrew Holness, OM, MP, Prime Minister
 - Hon. Audley Shaw, Minister of Finance & the Public Service
 - Hon. Rudyard Spencer, Minister of State, Minister of Finance & the Public Service
 - Mrs. Helene Davis Whyte, President, Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions
 - Mr. Shane Dalling, Chief Executive Officer, Firearm Licensing Authority
 - Major General Antony Anderson, Chairman, Firearm Licensing Authority