

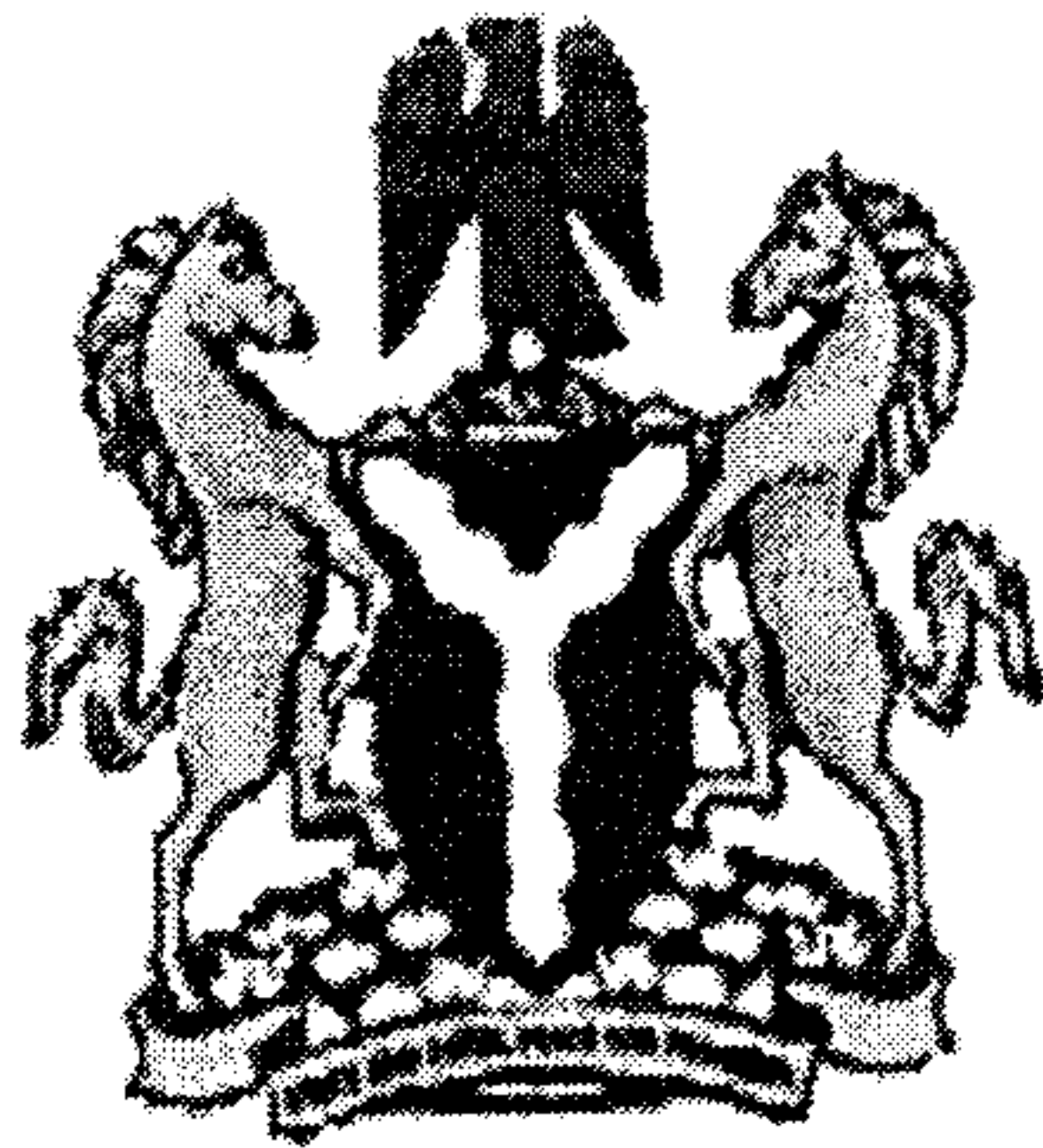
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Petition from Barr. James Kanyip of Southern
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the Ministerial Nominee for Kaduna State**

Presented by Senator Samuel Anyanwu

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1.0 Preamble

The Senate would recall that on **Thursday, 8th October, 2015**, rising on **Order 41**, Senator Danjuma Tella La'ah (Kaduna South) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Barr. James Kanyip of Southern Kaduna Coalition and ten (10) others protesting the submission of Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed as the Ministerial Nominee for Kaduna State; and urged the Senate to urgently look into the matter.

In line with **Order 41(3)**, the Senate referred the matter to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions for detailed investigation, to report back today, Tuesday, 13th October, 2015.

2.0 Membership of the Committee

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| 1. Senator Samuel Anyanwu | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Senator Muhammed Shitu | Member |

4. Senator Omogunwa Yele	Member
5. Senator Peter Nwaoboshi	Member
6. Senator Olaka Nwogu	Member
7. Senator Jeremiah Useni	Member
8. Senator Obinna Ogba	Member
9. Senator Dino Melaye	Member
10. Senator Omotayo Alasoadura	Member
11. Senator Binta Garba	Member

2.1 Secretariat

Freedom Osolo Clerk to the Committee

3.0 Committee Action

Following the Senate resolution and referral, the Committee met and agreed that the following instruments should guide it in addressing the matter:

- a) The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended);**
- b) The Senate Standing Orders 2015 (as Amended); and**
- c) The principle of equity, fairness and justice; and**
- d) The Public Service Rules.**

The Committee also resolved that the following parties be invited:

- a) The Petitioner, Barr. James Kanyip; and
- b) The Ministerial Nominee, Mrs Amina Ibrahim Mohammed.

4.0 Testimonies/Submissions

The Committee listened to oral testimonies and received written submissions from the following:

4.1 The Petitioner, Barr. James Kanyip

When called upon, Barr. James Kanyip testified that his prayer was that Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed should not be presented as the Ministerial Nominee for Kaduna State, even though she had stayed in Kaduna all her life.

He stated that she is from Gombe State and not Kaduna but further probing revealed that he did not really know her and that his source of information was the social media. From this submission, it was obvious that the petition is baseless and cannot be substantiated.

4.2 The Ministerial Nominee, Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed

Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed was able to prove that she is from Gombe State and not Kaduna by providing the Committee with a Certificate of Local Government Origin. She also testified that she was nominated as Ministerial Nominee for Gombe State, and not Kaduna State.

5.0 Observation/Findings

After a critical examination of the petition and oral presentations by the petitioner and the Ministerial Nominee, the Committee observed that the kernel of the matter was that the Nominee, Amina Ibrahim Mohammed, was mistaken for a Ministerial Nominee for Kaduna State, whereas she was actually a Ministerial Nominee for Gombe State. The Committee also observed from the oral presentation of the petitioner, Barr. James Kanyip, that his source of information was the social media, and was amazed that this was from a lawyer.

6.0 Recommendations

Having received, examined and studied all submissions (oral and written) from both parties in question, the Committee recommends that:

1. Since Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed who hails from Gombe State is a Ministerial Nominee for Gombe State and not Kaduna State, she should be cleared by the Senate as a fit and proper Ministerial Nominee of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for Gombe State.
2. The Senate do now adopt and clear the Nominee, Mrs. Amina Ibrahim Mohammed as the Ministerial Nominee of the Federation for Gombe State.

7.0 Conclusion

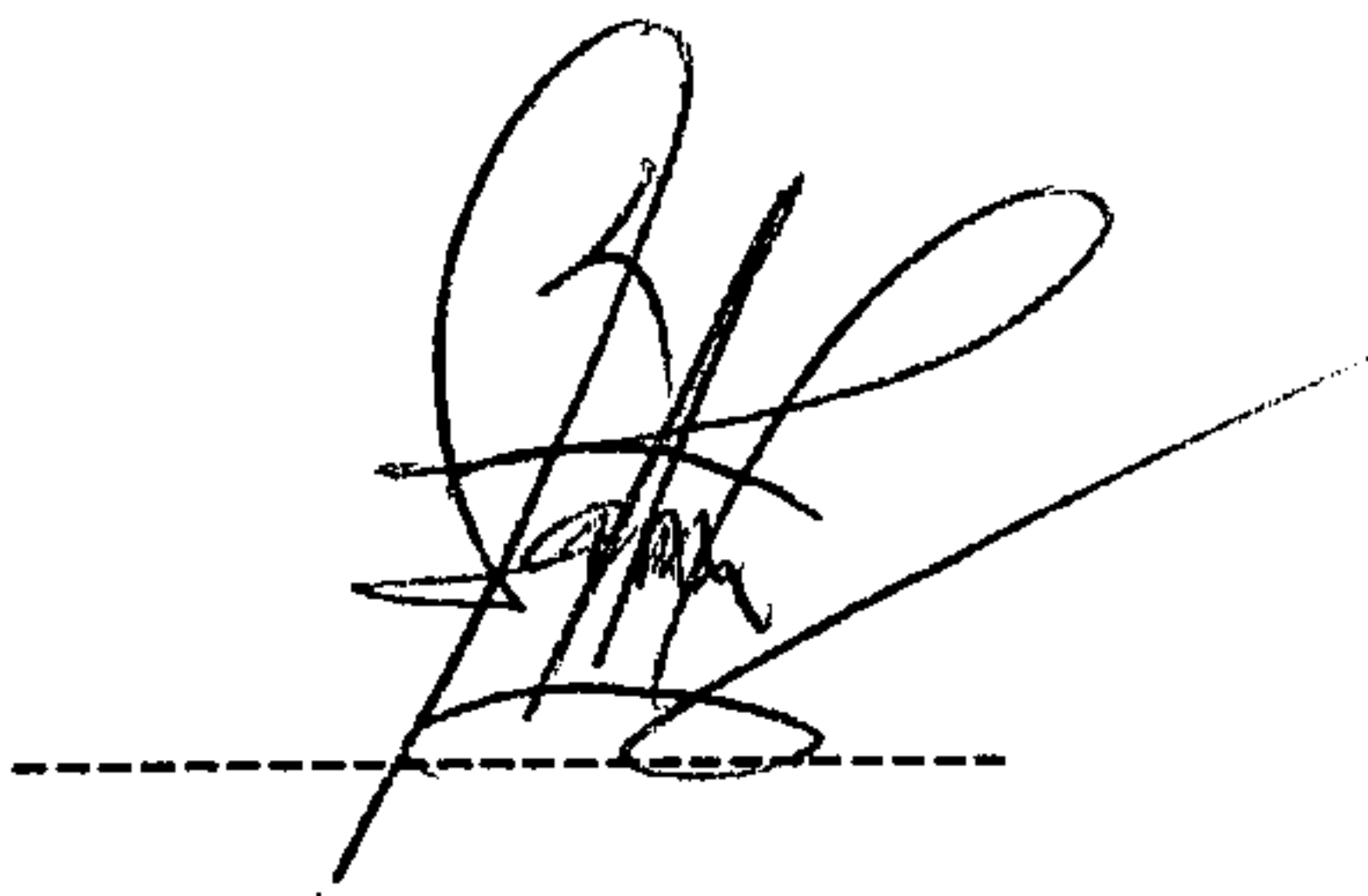
Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the Committee would like to thank the Leadership of the Senate and our dear Colleagues for their support and the opportunity to serve.

Thank you and God bless!

Endorsement

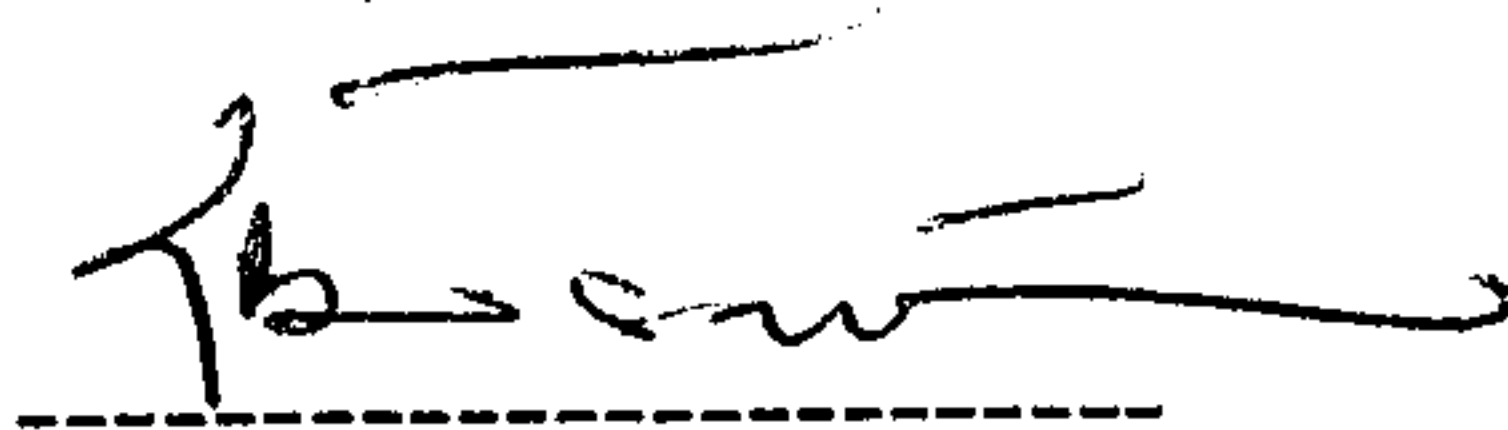
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Chairman



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Vice Chairman

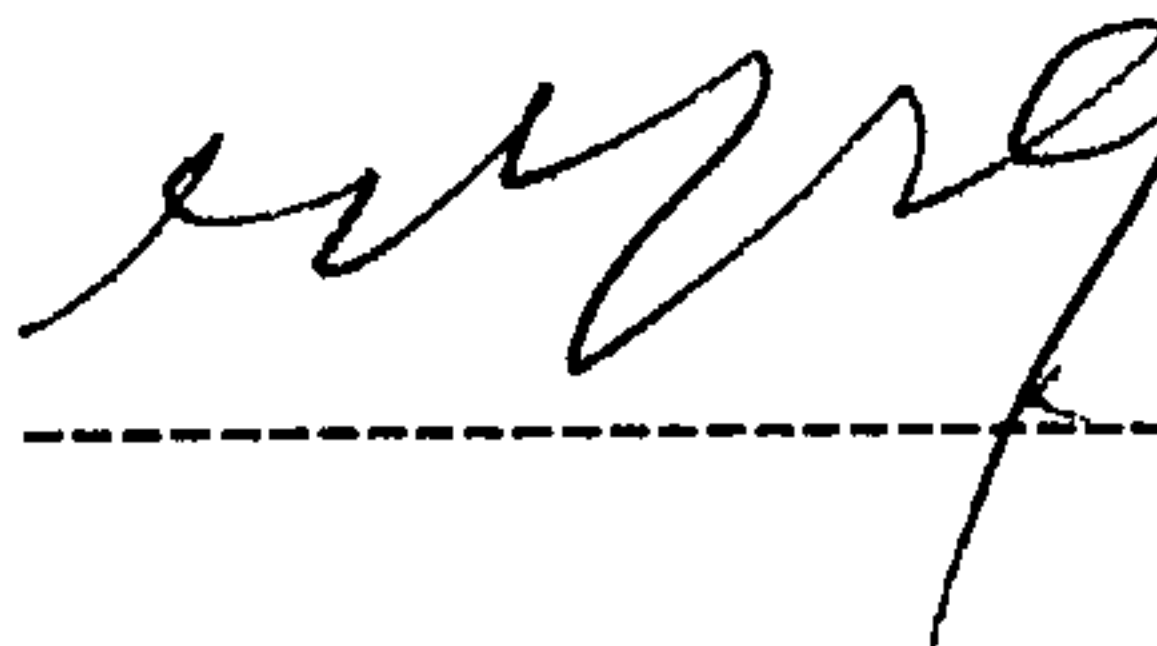


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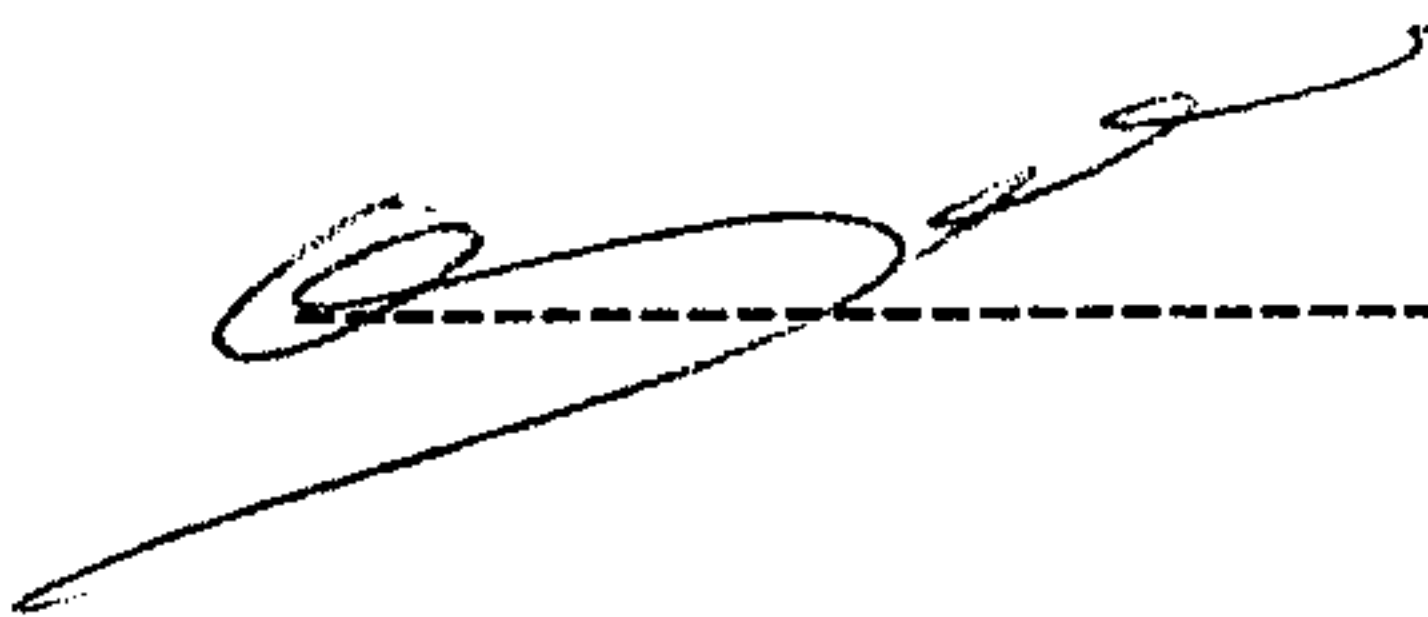
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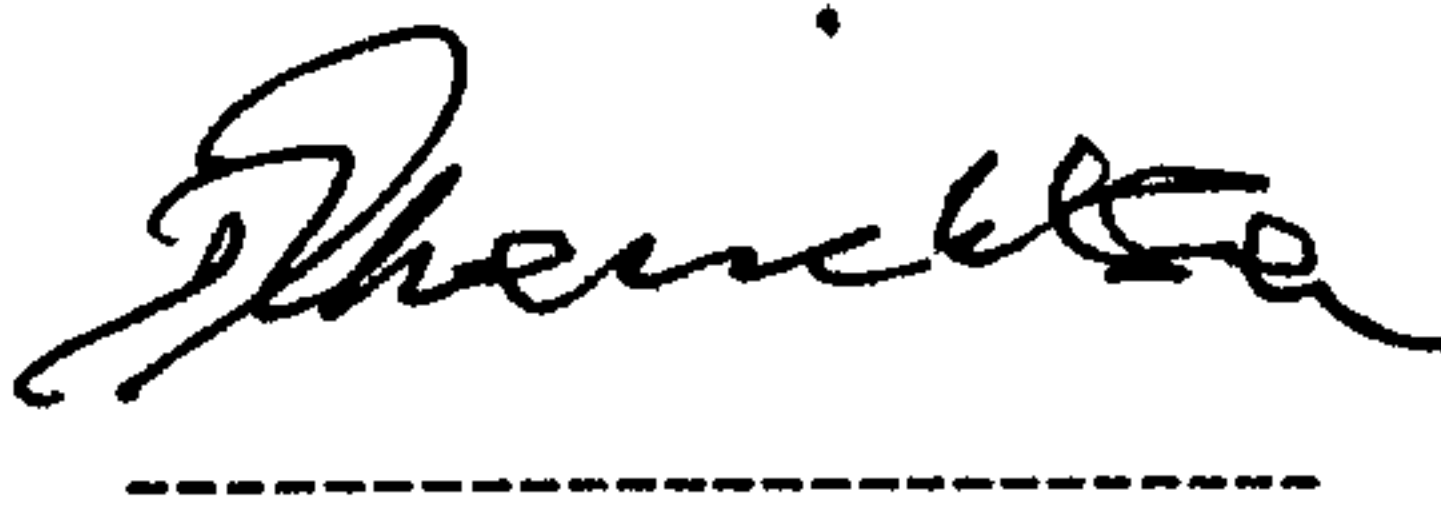


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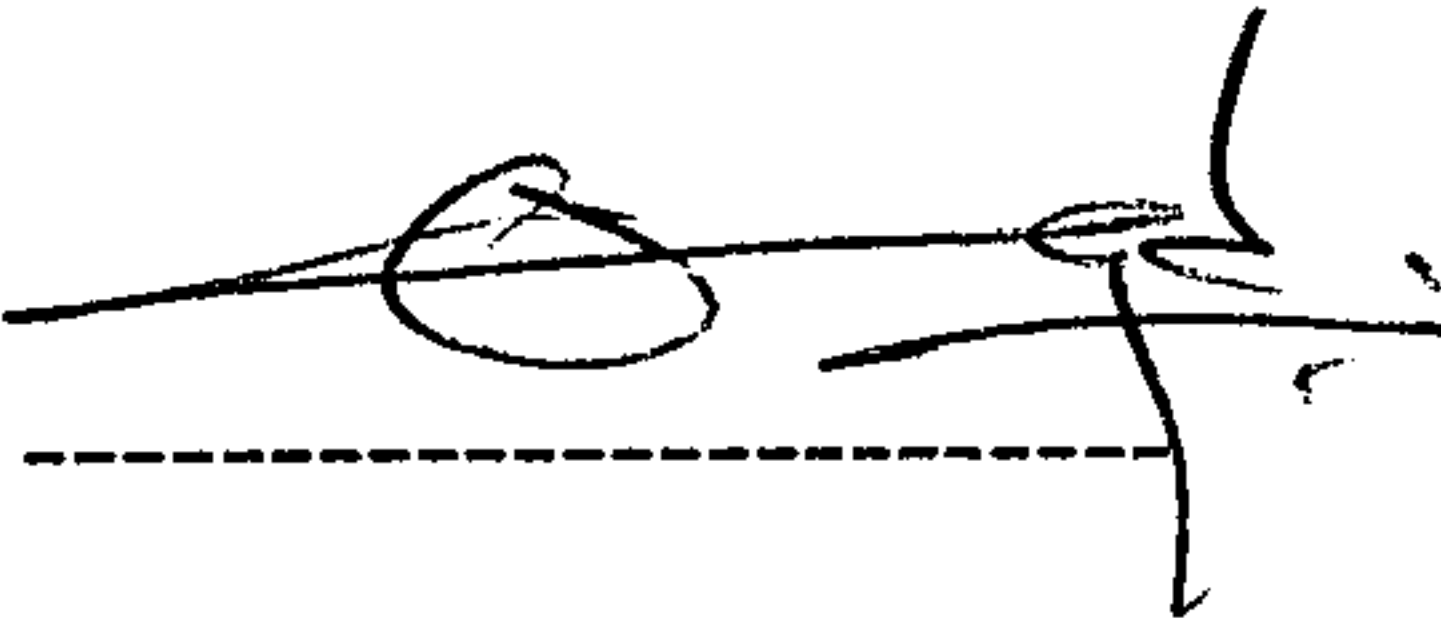
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