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FROM :Permanent Secretary,  
Office of the President,  
Public Service Management.

TO: All Permanent Secretaries,  
Heads of Departments and  
Regional Executive Officers.

**SUBJECT:**

Change of Policy on “Daylight Saving Time”

DATE:1992-03-20

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Guyana Standard Time was adjusted on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1975, by advancing the clock forty-five (45) minutes. This step was implemented in the context of a perceived need to extend available time to facilitate participation by Guyanese in economic activities such as agriculture, sporting and other interests.

2. Since the implementation of this measure, there has been an on-going review on the basis of experience since 1975. Interest groups representing various categories of workers, specifically Nurses and those working on the shift system, have represented that the clock should be put back in order to restore the former position of Guyana Standard Time.
3. A Committee chaired by the Cde Prime Minister was, therefore, established in 1990 to examine these representations from individuals, Public and Private Sector Agencies. The Committee has recommended that the policy on “Daylight Saving Time” be changed. In accordance with this recommendation, cabinet has decided that with effect from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1992, Guyana Standard Time would be re-established at 01:00 hours by adjusting the hands of the clock back to 24:00 hours.
4. I, therefore, request that you communicate the above-mentioned decision to all staff in your respective Ministries / Department / Regions. Please also take the required action to give effect to the decision in relation to any particular operational issue or matter in your Agencies (e.g. observance of the normal official hours of work for various categories of workers.

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for Permanent Secretary,  
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