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10 DOWNING STREET

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The Belize + Guatemalan delegations have agreed to sign a document along the lines of the attached to-morrow morning.

There will be some loose ends to be tied up which could give rise to troublesome discussion in future: that is why only a 'Heads of Agreement' is being signed. Nonetheless this is a considerable success for Mr Ridley + his team who have done virtually all the work. (The text of the Heads of Agreement will not be released for a few days.)

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DRAFT B

## DRAFT HEADS OF AGREEMENT

[I do not know how the various square bracketed points have been resolved. (hand)]

The United Kingdom and Guatemala, in order to settle the controversy between them over the territory of Belize, have reached agreement on the following points.

1. The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall recognise the independent State of Belize [ as an integral part of Central America ] and respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity in accordance with its existing and traditional frontiers [ upon the completion of the treaty or treaties necessary to comply with these Heads of Agreement ]
2. Guatemala shall have permanent and unimpeded access through Guatemalan territorial sea to the high seas together with rights over the seabed thereunder.
3. Guatemala shall have the use and enjoyment of the Ranguana and Sapodilla cays.
4. Guatemala shall have rights in those areas of the sea adjacent to the cays [ as well as to the corresponding continental shelf ] as may be agreed.
5. Guatemala shall be entitled to free port facilities in Belize City and Punta Gorda.
6. The road from Belize City to the Guatemalan frontier shall be improved; a road from Punta Gorda to the Guatemalan frontier shall be completed.

[ Guatemala shall have free transit rights on these roads. ]

7. Belize [ and Guatemala ] shall facilitate the construction of oil pipelines between Guatemala and [ Belize City, ] Dangriga and Punta Gorda.
8. In areas to be agreed an agreement shall be concluded between Belize and Guatemala for purposes concerned with the control of pollution, navigation and fishing.
9. There shall be areas of the seabed to be agreed for the joint exploration and exploitation of minerals and hydrocarbons.
10. Belize and Guatemala shall agree upon certain developmental projects of mutual benefit.
11. Nothing in these provisions shall prejudice any [ established or traditional ] rights or interests of Belize or of the Belizean people.
12. Belize shall be entitled to any free port facilities in Guatemala to match similar facilities provided to Guatemalans in Belize.
13. Belize and Guatemala shall sign a treaty of cooperation in matters of security of mutual concern and neither shall permit its territory to be used to support subversion against the other.
14. The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall enter into agreements designed to reestablish full and normal relations between them.

15. The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall take the necessary action to sponsor the membership of Belize in the United Nations, the Organisation of American States Central American organisations and other international organisations.
16. A Joint Commission shall be established between Belize, Guatemala and the United Kingdom to work out details to give effect to the above provisions. It will prepare a treaty [or treaties] for signature by the parties to this agreement.
17. The controversy between the United Kingdom and Guatemala over the territory of Belize shall [therefore] be honourably and finally terminated.



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