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TO PRIORITY FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 62 OF 5 AUGUST

INFO PRIORITY BELMOPAN (PERSONAL), WASHINGTON, GUATEMALA CITY,
UKMIS NEW YORK AND TEGUCIGALPA.

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BELMOPAN TELEGRAM NO. 424 TO FCO: VISIT OF PREMIER OF BELIZE.

1. PRICE HAD A BRIEF BUT, HE CLAIMS, USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH ENDERS,
US ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, YESTERDAY.
ACCORDING TO PRICE ENDERS PROMISED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO BRING
ABOUT CONTINUATION OF JOINT COMMISSION NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE INDEP-
ENDENCE. PRICE ALSO CLAIMS THAT ENDERS SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE
BRITISH WERE TRYING TO RID THEMSELVES OF THE BELIZE PROBLEM TOO
QUICKLY.

2. PRICE ALSO SAW PRESIDENT ROYO THIS MORNING AND CLAIMS TO HAVE
OBTAINED AN ASSURANCE OF PANAMANIAN SUPPORT FOR BELIZE'S MEMBERSHIP
OF THE OAS. PRICE TOLD ME THAT ROYO HAD SAID THAT TORRIJOS' DEATH
WOULD NOT CHANGE PANAMA'S POLICY ON BELIZE.

3. CASTILLO VALDEZ DID NOT ATTEND TORRIJOS' FUNERAL AND MEXICANS
SENT ONLY ONE, LOW LEVEL, REPRESENTATIVE. PRICE WAS NOT THEREFORE
ABLE TO HAVE ANY USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH EITHER MEXICANS OR
GUATEMALANS.

4. PRICE LEAVES FOR HONDURAS TOMORROW 6 AUGUST. TEGUCIGALPA HAVE
BEEN ADVISED BY TELEPHONE.

FCO PASS ALL

(REPEATED AS REQUESTED)

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