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TO PRIORITY KINGSTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 174 OF 25 AUGUST,

AND TO BRIDGETOWN, PORT OF SPAIN, NASSAU, GEORGETOWN, OTTAWA  
INFO PRIORITY BELMOPAN (PERSONAL), WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK,  
GUATEMALA CITY, UKDEL NATO, MODUK

MY TELNO 157 : BELIZE/GUATEMALA

1. ALTHOUGH WE STILL AWAIT THE BARBADIAN RESPONSE WE DO NOT WISH TO LOSE MOMENTUM ON THIS INITIATIVE. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE NOW APPROACH YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS AGAIN AS FOLLOWS.
2. WE HAVE HAD A GENERALLY ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENTS APPROACHED (AND HOPE THAT THE ATTITUDE OF BARBADOS WILL BE SIMILARLY SYMPATHETIC). ON THIS BASIS WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THEM TO JOIN WITH US IN SIGNING A DECLARATION, TO PRECEDE OR COINCIDE WITH BELIZEAN INDEPENDNECE, IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS. QUOTE IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST BELIZE, EXTERNALLY ORGANISED OR SUPPORTED, OR THE THREAT OF SUCH AN ATTACK, THE GOVERNMENTS OF .... WOULD CONSULT TOGETHER TO CONSIDER WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN IN RELATION TO SUCH AN ATTACK UNQUOTE.
3. IF IT PROVES DIFFICULT TO SET UP A JOINT DECLARATION IN THE TIME AVAILABLE WE WOULD, FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, PROPOSE THAT EACH OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED SHOULD ISSUE A SEPARATE DECLARATION IN SIMILAR LANGUAGE, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT REFER TO THIS SECONDARY OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE.

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