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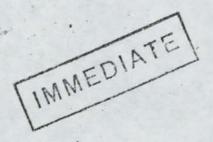
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 173 OF 6 MAY 1982

AND TO WASHINGTON

YOUR TELMO 110',

1. I DELIVERED THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRICE THIS MORNING. I CAUGHT HIM AS HE WAS ABOUT TO DEPART FOR COSTA RICA TO ATTEND THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION AND MY CALL WAS NECESSARILY VERY SHORT. HE WAS CLEARLY GRATIFIED BY OUR AGREEMENT TO AN EXTENSION. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON THE LENGTH OF THIS THOUGH I NOTICED THAT HIS FINGER RESTED ON THE PHRASE QUOTE AT THIS STAGE UNQUOTE. HE ALSO FOCUSSED WITH APPROVAL ON THE FINAL SENTENCE.

2. I REMINDED THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO GUATEMALA THAT MIGHT AFFECT BRITISH FORCES IN BELIZE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT WE NOW HAD A GOOD UNDERSTANDING ON THE BASIS OF OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION (MY TELNO 162).

3. I RAISED THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE COMMONWEALTH TRAINING TEAM, SPEAKING AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR TELNO 103. PRICE SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES BUT WAS SURE THEY WOULD AGREE WITH HIM THAT THE OFFER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP SINCE SUCH

SPEAKING AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR TELNO 103. PRICE SAID THAT HE DISCUSS THIS WITH HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES BUT WAS SURE THEY WOUND AGREE WITH HIM THAT THE OFFER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP SINCE SUCH COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE A VERY VALUABLE ADDITION TO GUE OWN EFFORTS AND THE HELP EXPECTED FROM THE AMERICANS. HE SAW ITS VALUE AS MUCH IN PYSCHOLOGICAL AND PRESENTATIONAL AS IN MILITARY TERMS.

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YOUR TELNO 110: BRITISH