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TO FCO: VENEZUELA/GUYANA

1. SINCLAIR'S DEMARCHES IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S PANORAMA INTERVIEW, DEALING WITH POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN INTENTIONS IN GUYANA WERE REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS HERE.

2. THIS LED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PAEZ PUMAR TO TELL THE PRESS THAT FEARS OF A VENEZUELAN INVASION OF GUYANA WERE UNFOUNDED AND THAT THE ONLY COMMON DENOMINATOR BETWEEN THIS CASE AND THOSE OF THE FALKLANDS AND BELIZE WAS THE LINK WITH BRITAIN'S IMPERIAL PAST. PAEZ PUMAR ADDED THAT QUOTE IT WOULD SEEM AS IF THE BRITISH CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THIS (GUYANA) AS A PROBLEM TO DO WITH THEIR COLONIAL POSSESSIONS, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE UNQUOTE.

3. OUR ASSESSMENT REMAINS THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO ACHIEVE A PRACTICAL SETTLEMENT USING THE MACHINERY PRESCRIBED BY THE GENEVA AGREEMENT AS FROM 28 JUNE.

4. RUMOURS OF VENEZUELAN INVASION OF GUYANA MAY BE WORTH EXPLOITING IN NEW YORK (PARA 4 OF UKHIS TUR), BUT ARE RATHER UNSETTLING HERE.

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