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1. UKMIS New York telno 917: this is to record, that as agreed with the Unit and UND, I have enlisted the support of Mr Ramphal in seeking at least abstentions from Guyana and Uganda in the vote expected this afternoon on the Spanish/Panamanian draft resolution.
2. As when we approached him on 22 May, Mr Ramphal responded readily. He spoke on the phone to President Burnham in Georgetown and to the Ugandan High Commissioner in London. President Burnham has told him that he can assure us that Guyana will certainly not support the draft resolution; that they intend to abstain; and that, in speaking, they will make the point that they cannot support the resolution in the absence of an Argentine withdrawal inasmuch as that constitutes non-compliance with SCR 502. Moreover Guyana are working on Uganda, Jordan and Togo, urging them similarly to abstain. President Burnham added that Guyana did not believe anything would be gained by a negative vote, as opposed to an abstention.
3. Mr Ramphal said that he assumed that abstentions would be sufficient for our purposes. I replied that our preference would naturally be for negative votes but that, provided Spain/Panama could be prevented from securing 9 affirmative votes, abstentions would do. It would certainly be helpful if these could also be obtained from Uganda, Jordan and Togo.
4. The Ugandan High Commissioner in London told Mr Ramphal that he would be unable to make contact with President Obote as the latter was at present on safari; and their Foreign Minister was in Havana for the non-aligned meeting. He thought however that Uganda's position on the draft resolution should be "OK" - the implication being that Uganda would be likely to abstain.
5. I thanked Mr Ramphal warmly for his further assistance and took the opportunity to mention that Ministers much appreciated the help he had already provided during the Security Council discussions 22 - 24 May. Mr Ramphal mentioned that he had had a substantial hand in the drafting of the speech then made by the Guyanese representative, Mr Sinclair. He added that he had been told by Mr Malhoutra of the kind remarks about his help which Mr Onslow had made at the meeting of Commonwealth High Commissioners on 27 May.

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