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TO PRIORITY BELMOPAN
TELEGRAM NUMBER 174 OF 11 AUGUST
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BELIZE GARRISON

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO MR PRICE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER:

BEGINS. DEAR PRIME MINISTER, IN MY LETTER TO YOU OF 4 MAY I
SAID THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO EXTEND THE STAY OF THE GARRISON
FOR THREE MONTHS BEYOND THE ORIGINALLY AGREED DATE OF
21 JUNE.

WE HAVE BEEN TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS AND HAVE COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THE GARRISON
ON 21 SEPTEMBER AS THIS EXTENSION WOULD IMPLY. WE PROPOSE TO
KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER CLOSE REVIEW AND I WOULD HOPE TO WRITE
TO YOU AGAIN SHORTLY TO LET YOU KNOW HOW WE SEE THE SITUATION
DEVELOPING.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT. IF
ASKED, WE SHALL SIMPLY SAY, AS BEFORE, THAT THE GARRISON REMAINS
FOR THE TIME BEING. YOURS SINCERELY, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS.

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