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TO IMMEDIATE BELMOPAN

TELEGRAM NUMBER PERSONAL 43 OF 17 JULY

INFO GUATEMALA CITY, MEXICO CITY, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEWYORK

YOUR TELNOS 213, 217 AND 218: ANGLO/GUATEMALAN TALKS

1. WE ARE, AS YOU MAY IMAGINE, GREATLY DISAPPOINTED BY PRICE'S NEGATIVE REACTION AND THERE IS CLEARLY A NEED FOR AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE. WE NEED, IN PARTICULAR, TO CLEAR OUR OWN MINDS BEFORE REPORTING THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO MINISTERS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF DIARY PROBLEMS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IS NOW UNABLE TO CONTEMPLATE A VISIT TO BELIZE AND WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM HIM TO MR PRICE.

BEGINS. AFTER THE NEW YORK TALKS I THINK THAT WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS. WITH APOLOGIES FOR THE SHORT NOTICE, I HOPE YOU CAN COME TO LONDON FOR TALKS WITH ME ON 21 OR 24 JULY. I WILL MYSELF BE AWAY FROM LONDON FROM THEN UNTIL EARLY AUGUST, BY WHICH TIME THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL HAVE LEFT FOR HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. IF YOU CAN COME ON 21 JULY, YOU COULD ALSO SEE LORD CARRINGTON ON THAT DAY: HE COULD PROBABLY ALSO SEE YOU ON 24 JULY, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM. ENDS.

2. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT PRICE WROTE ON 3 JULY TO LORD JELlicoe OF TATE AND LYLE ASKING IF HE COULD ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN AUGUST. WE ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY THIS BACK DOOR APPROACH AND WOULD NOT NORMALLY RESPOND TO IT. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE DISABUSE MR PRICE IF HE SHOWS ANY SIGN OF BELIEVING THAT HIS LETTER TO LORD JELlicoe HAS ACHIEVED THIS OFFER OF A CALL ON LORD CARRINGTON.

3. THESE DATES WOULD FIT WELL WITH ARANDA'S PROPOSED VISIT (YOUR TELNO 214) AND MR RIDLEY'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA. YOU WERE RIGHT TO TELL ARANDA THAT MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND

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SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE (THE LATTER WILL BE
IN LATIN AMERICA FROM 28 JULY UNTIL 8 AUGUST). WHY ARE THE
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CARRINGTON

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