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PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER CHEDDI JAGAN IN BRITISH GUIANA

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1. ON 30 JUNE 1964 A FORMER CITIZEN OF BRITISH GUIANA MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FORCE (UF), MINORITY OPPOSITION PARTY, IN GEORGETOWN AND PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER CHEDDI JAGAN BE OVERTHROWN AND A GOVERNMENT HEADED BY FORBES BURNHAM, LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS, AND PETER D'AGUIAR, LEADER OF THE UF, BE INSTALLED. THE REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL WAS THE BELIEF THAT UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN BRITISH GUIANA IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS AND THE JAGAN GOVERNMENT WILL RETAIN POWER BY THE USE OF ARMS IF NECESSARY. THE MAN MAKING THE PROPOSAL CLAIMED TO HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES PLANS FOR THE TRAINING OF 100 MEN FOR 30 DAYS IN

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VENEZUELA. THESE MEN ARE TO BE INSTRUCTED BY A "GENERAL" WHO WAS TO ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN ON 4 JULY 1964 AND WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE CONDUCTED SIMILAR TRAINING IN VIETNAM..

3. BURNHAM HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE SCHEME, AND D'AGUIAR WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN IN THE PLANNING, AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTE \$2,000.. BURNHAM WAS NOT TO KNOW OF D'AGUIAR'S PROPOSED ACTIVE ROLE BECAUSE BURNHAM WAS SAID TO BE "VERY TOUCHY ABOUT HIS OWN IMPORTANCE." BOTH BURNHAM AND D'AGUIAR ARE BEING URGED TO FORM A "REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT," THEN USE THE TRAINEES TO LAUNCH A COUP BY SEIZING KEY POINTS AND DECLARING A NEW GOVERNMENT. CHEDDI AND JANET JAGAN ARE TO BE KIDNAPPED AND HIDDEN IN VENEZUELA.

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