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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Harold Shullaw
SUBJECT : British Guiana

1. On 2 November we received the following immediate cable from our London station with the request that its contents be given to you.

2. On the morning of 2 November Mr. Frost of MI-6 reported that he had again discussed the Smithers article with the Colonial Office. Mr. Frost urged that the Embassy in London should discuss this matter first with the British Foreign Office for two reasons:

a. Greenwood carries less weight in the cabinet than his predecessor, hence the position of the Foreign Office in British Guiana matters is correspondingly strengthened.

b. The Foreign Office is more sympathetic toward a coordinated US/UK position and CIA/MI-6 role than are certain persons in the Colonial Office.

3. Our London station commented that it was quite apparent that Mr. Frost was acting under instructions from the Chief of MI-6 and Mr. James Fulton of MI-6.

4. Mr. Frost later telephoned to report that the Colonial Office was instructing its public affairs representative in Georgetown to issue an official denial that a Colonial Office official had made the statements attributed by Smithers. When MI-6 was informed of this, they pointed out that this at best is a holding operation since the impression could still remain in British Guiana and elsewhere that Colonial Office officials, even though denying

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the statements, were still contemplating festering a PPP/PNC coalition. Shortly thereafter Mr. Fulton, acting on behalf of the Chief of MI-6, contacted our Chief of Station in London urging that Ambassador Bruce discuss the Smithers affair with the Foreign Office in order that the matter could be transferred from an intelligence to policy level, which Mr. Fulton and the Chief of MI-6 felt was of great importance.

5. Our Chief of Station in London discussed the Smithers affair and briefed Ambassador Bruce on the foregoing information. The Ambassador is requesting Ericson to continue discussions with the Colonial Office and the Ambassador is considering approaching Sir Harold Caccia.

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