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SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT OF [REDACTED] OPERATION
CONCERNING BRITISH GUIANA

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2. The CIA has assumed full responsibility in the U.S. Government for the security of all planning and covert action concerning this [REDACTED] operation. The State Department is kept fully informed of all developments on a regular basis.

3. The CIA contacted Linden Forbes Burnham, leader of the People's National Congress (PNC), major opposition party in British Guiana, and Peter D'Aguiar, leader of the United Force Party (UF), minor opposition party, and they both agreed to insist on an electoral system of proportional representation for British Guiana at the Constitutional Conference, which began in London on 23 October.

4. As expected, the Constitutional Conference collapsed over the issue of proportional representation and the holding of new elections before independence. No firm date for independence for British Guiana has been set.

5. The CIA contacted Burnham subsequently, and in return for promise of financial assistance to the PNC, he gave assurances respecting his political program.

6. A prominent Negro leader in New York City has been contacted to revitalize the Help Guiana Committee, a small organization formed by British Guianese in New York, [REDACTED]

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7. Subsequently the CIA contacted D'Aguiar and he also agreed on a political program in return for certain financial support.

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