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PIPER, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING MEETING, GAVE ERICSON FOLLOWING
RUNDOWN ON GREENWOOD-JAGAN TALK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON:

1. MEETING LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. JAGAN RECITED
LITANY OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST HMG RUNNING BACK TO 1953 IN GREAT DETAIL
AND IN PLAINTIVE TONE. PIPER SAYS JAGAN APPEARED DRAWN, GREAY AND
DISPIRITED; HIS PERFORMANCE WAS MORE PATHETIC THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

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2. JAGAN MADE REQUEST THAT NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT POSTPONE
PR ELECTION. HE PLEADED THAT POLICE HAD SUPPRESSED REPORTS FROM
SPECIAL BRANCH WHICH INDICATED PNC HAD ORGANIZED TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE
DURING 1962 AND 1963. HAD REPORTS COME TO HIS ATTENTION BEFORE LAST
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE HE WOULD NEVER HAVE AGREED TO JOIN WITH
BURNHAM IN ACCEPTING CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION BY SANDYS, AND HE FELT THAT
HAD SANDYS OR GOVERNOR BEEN AWARE OF NATURE THESE REPORTS, HMG WOULD
NOT HAVE IMPOSED ANY PROCEDURE BY WHICH BURNHAM AND PNC COULD COME TO
POWER. HE ARGUED THAT HIS AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT SANDYS SOLUTION HAD BEEN
CONDITIONED ON HMG'S SETTING DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THAT SINCE HMG
HAD NOT DONE SO, SANDYS SOLUTION SHOULD BE NULLIFIED. HE ALSO ASKED FOR
DISMISSAL POLICE COMMISSIONER OWEN, CLAIMING THAT POLICE "SO BAD AND
SO BIASED AGAINST INDIANS" THAT IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAGAN GOVT TO OPERATE
EFFICIENTLY. HE ASKED THAT HMG SUSPEND ELECTION AND ORGANIZE
COMMONWEALTH OR UN COMMISSION TO VISIT BG TO RECOMMEND CONSTITUTIONAL
CHANGES REPLACING PR ELECTORAL SYSTEM. HE ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO SING
AUSTRIAN-TYPE TREATY OF NEUTRALITY AFTER INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN
ACHIEVED UNDER NON PR (WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY RESULT IN HIS BEING
ELECTED) TO ASSURE US OF HIS GOOD INTENTIONS.

3. IN REPLY, GREENWOOD TOLD JAGAN FLATLY THAT HMG INTENDED

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GREENWOOD RESPONDED "CHEDDI, IT IS MUCH TOO LATE TO CHANGE NOW". HE GENTLY REMINDED JAGAN THAT LABOR PARTY HAD OPPOSED MANY OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY TORIES BUT NOW THAT MEASURES ARE IN EFFECT, CLOCK CANNOT BE TURNED BACK SIMPLY BECAUSE LABOR PARTY HAS COME TO POWER. JAGAN THEN DEMANDED CHANGES IN PR SYSTEM BEFORE DECEMBER ELECTION, OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT SMALLER PARTIES. HE SAID EACH PARTY SHOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE OF VOTES BEFORE BEING ALLOCATED SEATS IN LEGISLATURE AND THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO POST DEPOSIT TO BE FORFEITED IF THEY DID NOT REACH REQUIRED PERCENTAGE. GREENWOOD REPLIED FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AFTER ELECTIONS. JAGAN THEN ASKED, APPARENTLY IN HOPE THERE STILL SOME CHANCE THAT LABOR GOVT WOULD NOT ADHERE TO PR SYSTEM, WHAT ATTITUDE OF HMG WOULD BE IF PPP OBTAINED MAJORITY OF VOTES IN MAJORITY OF "CONSTITUENCIES", BUT DID NOT OBTAIN OVERALL MAJORITY. GREENWOOD, WHO HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON POSSIBILITY OF SUCH QUESTION ARISING, REPLIED HMG WOULD DEAL WITH GOVT FORMED BY PARTY OR PARTIES WHICH OBTAINED MAJORITY SEATS UNDER PR SYSTEM.

4. RE POLICE, GREENWOOD TOLD JAGAN THAT HMG HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE IN COMMISSIONER OWEN AND ASKED JAGAN TO CONSIDER, IN LIGHT OF MANY ATTACKS ON NEGROES, WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO INDIANS HAD NOT POLICE BEEN SO WELL-TRAINED AND DISCIPLINED. GREENWOOD ALSO SAID THAT ALL EVIDENCE INDICATED COMMISSIONER HAD SENT SPECIAL BRANCH REPORTS TO MRS. JAGAN, "ALTHOUGH HE COULD UNDERSTAND HOW, IN PRESS OF OTHER-BUSINESS, SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED THEM". HE DENIED JAGAN'S CLAIM THAT EVIDENCE CONTAINED REPORTS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT CHARGES AGAINST 25 OF 50 PERSONS NAMED IN THEM, SAYING THAT REPORTS HAD BEEN STUDIED BY LEGAL COUNSEL WHO OF OPINION THAT THEY MIGHT

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6. PIPER SAYS HE FEELS JAGAN REALLY THOUGHT HE COULD PERSUADE LABOR GOVT TO UPSET SANDYS PLAN AND WAS DEALT BODY BLOW BY GREENWOODS'S FIRM REFUSAL TO ACCEPT HIS ARGUMENTS. FOLLOWING GREENWOOD MEETING, JAGAN SAW PM WILSON, BUT PIPER SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS JAGAN "GOT NO JOY FROM NUMBER 10 EITHER.

7. NO HINT IN PIPER'S RUNDOWN OF MEETING THAT JAGAN MADE ANY CHARGES ABOUT US ACTIVITIES IN BG.

8. JAGAN HAS OBTAINED US VISA, DEPARTS 5:45 PM TODAY FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE INTENDS VISIT UN HEADQUARTERS.

9. IN RESPONSE QUERY, PIPER GAVE HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IF BURNHAM FORMS NEXT GOVT, HE WILL EXERT HEAVY PRESSURE FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE. PIPER SAID THAT HE BELIEVES NEW TEAM WHITEHALL WILL BE LESS WILLING THAN TORIES TO GRANT SUCH REQUEST, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY "HAVE MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED SOCIAL CONSCIENCE". HE FELT THAT LABOR GOVT WOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, NOT PULL OT TROOPS UNTIL IT CERTAIN BEYOND ANY REASONABLE DOUBT THAT INDIANS AND NEGROES WOULD NOT THEREUPON COMMENCE TO SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER.

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