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1. CHEDDI JAGAN\, PRIME MINISTER OF BRITISH GUIANA AND LEADER OF THE PEOPLE,S PROGRESSIVE PARTY /PPP/\ IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE PPP,S PROSPECTS IN FORTHCOMING BRITISH GUIANA ELECTIONS BECAUSE OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION AND ALLEGED HEAVY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF FORBES BURNHAM\ LEADER OF THE PEOPLE,S NATIONAL CONGRESS /PNC/. JAGAN CITES UNITED STATES-MANUFACTURED PNC CAMPAIGN BUTTONS AS EVIDENCE OF UNITED STATES SUPPORT\ AND CLAIMS THAT PRO-PNC ADVERTISING IN BRITISH GUIANA IS WRITTEN IN THE UNITED STATES. JAGAN BELIEVES THAT THE PPP MAY LOSE THE ELECTIONS.

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2. JAGAN HAS NO DESIRE TO FORM A COALITION WITH THE PNC BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT BURNHAM IS A PUPPET OF THE UNITED STATES. JAGAN SAID THAT IF THE PPP LOSES THE ELECTIONS\ THE PARTY WILL PROBABLY GO INTO OPPOSITION.

3. JAGAN CHIDED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR NOT SUPPORTING IN THE UNITED NATIONS BRITISH GUIANA DEMANDS FOR INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER\ JAGAN REALIZES THAT AFRICAN STATES ARE WITHHOLDING SUCH SUPPORT BECAUSE THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT NEGROES IN BRITISH GUIANA ARE NOT RECEIVING FULL POLITICAL RIGHTS. JAGAN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT NEGROES IN BRITISH GUIANA MIGHT ENGAGE IN WHOLESALÉ VIOLENCE.

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