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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR MCCALL

E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PINS, GY
SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. WALTER RODNEY

REF: A) GEORGETOWN 2813, (NOTAL) B, STATE 163759 (NOTAL)

1. DR. WALTER RODNEY IS TO BE BURIED TODAY, JUNE 23. HIS REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN IN PROCESSION FROM THE VILLAGE OF BUXTON ON THE EAST COAST (A COMMUNITY WITH STRONG IDENTIFICATION WITH THE WORKING PEOPLES ALLIANCE) TO THE WPA HEAD-QUARTERS CLOSE BY EMBASSY GEORGETOWN CHANCERY, AND THENCE TO THE REPENTIR CEMETARY FOR BURIAL. A MEMORIAL MASS AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL HAD BEEN HELD ON JUNE 21, BEFORE THE BODY HAD BEEN RELEASED BY THE POLICE. A LARGE TURNOUT IS EXPECTED FOR THE FUNERAL PROCESSION.

2. THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL NOTE OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE CHARGE IS TO BE HAND DELIVERED BY AN EMBOFF TO MRS. RODNEY TODAY, JUNE 23. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE READS
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AS FOLLOWS: ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ROBERTS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MRS. DWYER AND MYSELF, I WISH TO EXTEND OUR PERSONAL AND VERY DEEP SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF DR. RODNEY. THIS TRAGEDY FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR FAMILY IS ALSO A TRAGEDY FOR THOSE OF US WHO DEEPLY DEPLORE VIOLENCE FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

3. FOR USUN: REFTEL B REQUESTED EMBASSY GEORGETOWN TO

REPEAT THE TEXT OF THE CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO USUN FOR
AMBASSADOR MCCALL SO THAT AMBASSADOR CAN USE TXT
OF THE LETTER TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES ON THE USG
RESPONSE TO THE RODNEY DEATH.
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