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Indies; and (2) the safeguarding of West Indian citrus fruit and citrus products.

I wish to assure you that in further discussions with the Governments of the United Kingdom, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago, my Government will continue to satisfy itself that U.S. suggestions would not conflict with the interests of the West Indian citrus industries, or that the citrus industries in the West Indies are safeguarded by suitable alternative arrangements. END VERBATIM TEXT.

Above text given informally to Ambassador Ashenhein, December 6 and incorporates minor changes suggested by him. Ashenhein telephoned text to Lightbourne and reported "99 percent certain" that letter satisfactory.

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Citrus Consultations.

Lightbourne said today:

(1) Jamaican citrus growers association prepared to sign agreement with Saltzstein provided (A) GOJ receives from US undertaking quoted in reference telegram, (B) distributorship in UK worked out.

(2) Since US would hardly be expected give undertaking unless certain GOJ would carry through its approach to UK, he proposed that commitment be prefaced by clause along lines of "subject to frozen orange concentrate being placed on open general license by UK, US undertakes...."

(3) He emphasized importance of preserving present wording of commitment. If any change made, he would have to return to 30-man board of citrus growers association whom he described as vigorously opposed to any change in present

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UK position, completely ignorant of GATT, desirous of continuing to live in womb of quantitative restrictions, and relying upon labor government to win in UK next year and to preserve their protection. His promise of US commitment finally won reluctant agreement from growers.

(4) He prepared visit UK with Saltzstein to work out distributorship, but believes he cannot obtain GOJ permission leave Jamaica until he has received US commitment, since his instructions from Cabinet were to work out arrangement with "full accord" of growers association. He foresees no problem on distributorship.

(5) If preparation for concluding Saltzstein agreement (including GOJ approach to UK) cannot be completed before December 16, he may have to ask for deferment of consultations.

(6) UK had informed him this week that it would take care of British Honduras problem, but might require time to make arrangements.

(7) Concerning proposed US-WI consultations before December 16, he would be unwilling to participate until he received US commitment. To do otherwise, would make him politically vulnerable to attacks from citrus growers already suspicious of his actions on frozen orange concentrate. GOJ has not been developing any proposals on other citrus because it has been focussing exclusively on frozen orange concentrate.

Although Lightbourne can be expected to make strongest possible case for obtaining commitment as worded, Embassy inclined to accept his description of difficulties of working with citrus growers. Lightbourne believes he has promise from member US delegation at September London talks that GOJ would receive written commitment. He has based his main
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appeal to growers on that expectation.

Lightbourne uncertain what form commitment should take. If written commitment to be given, Department may wish consider letter from Ambassador to Lightbourne as providing appropriate form.

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Department officials met with Jamaican Ambassador Ashenheim to discuss Lightbourne's request for US assurances re citrus as reported Trezise-Klosson telcon.

Jamaican officials restated their government's faith in US Government's commitments, particularly that contained President Kennedy's letter to Bustamante. However, stated that Lightbourne, in belief his suggestion set forth in London's 1746 had been accepted by the US Government, had so informed Jamaican citrus growers' association and therefore now in difficult position. After talk Ambassador Ashenheim called Department and stated Lightbourne told him would be "political suicide" to accept anything less than the original request in London's 1746. Despite our inability to agree to assurances as requested, Lightbourne proceeding to meet with orange concentrate distributors in London December 4. Lightbourne plans to stop in Washington sometime between December 7 and 9 to discuss US assurances.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Note from the Jamaican Ambassador to
the President

Referring to Mr. Chase's telephonic request of today and the Hilliker - Bundy memorandum of July 1, attached for signature by a member of the White House staff is a draft response to Ambassador Ashenheim's note.

/s/ HERBERT B. THOMPSON
Grant G. Hilliker
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Draft Note from White
House to Jamaican
Ambassador.

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November 1, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Issues Raised by the Jamaican
Prime Minister with the President
on October 13, 1967

The Department has now looked into the two questions raised by Jamaican Prime Minister Shearer with President Johnson on October 13.

The two matters raised were:

- A. AID concessionary lending to Jamaica;
- B. The level and composition of Food for Peace (PL 480) assistance.

AID is prepared, subject to availability of funds, to consider loans to Jamaica for uses which will enable or induce Jamaica to undertake reforms of real significance to its development. These loans would be on terms concessionary enough to make the intended reforms attractive to Jamaica but also on terms tailored to Jamaica's economic capacity. While it is not as forthcoming as the Jamaicans might wish, this is the only position appropriate to AID's status as the lender of last resort and to Jamaica's favorable economic position.

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Consistent with the President's letter of August 18, 1966 to former Prime Minister Bustamante (Tab A), PL 480 assistance available to Jamaica has not been decreased. Jamaican recipients in FY 1966 totalled 273,000, in FY 1967 249,000, in FY 1968 258,000. Total value of food supplied has increased materially. However, also consistent with the President's letter to Bustamante, maternal and child feeding is increasing (FY 1966 203,000 recipients, FY 1967 202,000, FY 1968 231,000) while dole-type feeding of adult indigents has decreased (FY 1966 70,000 recipients, FY 1967 47,000, FY 1968 27,000). Although the Jamaicans would prefer to see the dole-type feeding of adults continue at the higher level of previous years this shift conforms to general U.S. priorities. Furthermore, it responds to the urgent desire of the voluntary agencies (CRS and CWS) to reduce their operations in a field which they also regard as of low priority and where they had serious management problems. Church World Service, by far the largest of the two voluntary agency programs, would have phased out at a much earlier date had it not been for our urging to extend through FY 1968 in order to provide a smoother transition. CWS now plans to end this operation by June 30, 1968 and so informed the Jamaican Government some time ago. We are prepared to expand further the child maternal welfare feeding should the Jamaican Government request it. (Statistics at Tab B.)

The Department recommends that the enclosed telegram to the American Embassy in Kingston be approved for transmission.



Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- Tab A - Letter from President to Prime Minister Bustamante.
- Tab B - Statistics.
- Tab C - Suggested Telegram.

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WASHINGTON

August 18, 1966

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I appreciate the frankness with which you have written me concerning our Food for Peace Program in Jamaica.

As was explained to your Acting Prime Minister when he was in Washington last month, increasing world demands for food have sharply reduced our existing food surplus. In order that adequate assistance may be made available to programs benefiting the children of the world, the group most vulnerable to malnutrition and most dependent on the help of others, we have made a decision to give lowest priority to family feeding type programs. This policy is being applied world-wide. As you point out in your letter, the shift from a family feeding program to assistance to children in Jamaica will take place gradually so as not to cause undue hardships.

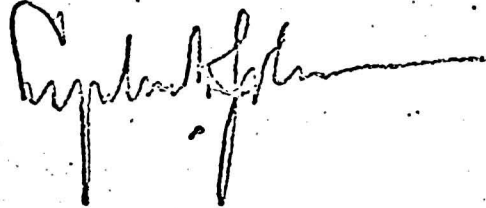
I understand that representatives of our two countries have already discussed the possibility of expanding the school luncheon and maternal child welfare programs. We would be pleased to consider proposals for additional commodity assistance for programs of this type. If we can agree on such proposals, there is no reason why the existing level of food commodity assistance to Jamaica cannot continue and possibly expand.

Again, Mr. Prime Minister, I thank you for the confidence with which you have written me. It is a measure of the deep and long-standing good-will which exists between our two countries.

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I send you best wishes for your continued good health
and happiness.

Sincerely,



The Right Honorable
Sir William Alexander Bustamante
Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs
of Jamaica
Kingston.

PL 480 Programs

JAMAICA

FY 1966 (Title III)	Supplied	16,970,000 lbs.
	CCC Value	\$1,559,000

Recipients:

Maternal and child feeding	202,900
Other	<u>70,245</u>
Total	273,145

FY 1967 (Title III)	Approved	16,137,000 lbs.
	CCC Value	\$1,504,000

Recipients:

Maternal and child feeding	201,860
Other	<u>46,880</u>
Total	248,740

FY 1968 (Title III)	Approved	4,932,000 lbs.
	CCC Value	\$331,000

(Title II)	Approved	9,050,000 lbs.
	CCC Value	\$1,545,000

Totals	Approved	13,982,000 lbs.
	CCC Value	\$1,876,000

Recipients:

Maternal and child feeding	231,200
Other	<u>26,950</u>
Total	258,150

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PROPOSED TELEGRAM TO AMERICAN EMBASSY KINGSTON

SUBJECT: Matters Raised by Prime Minister Shearer in
Washington on October 13, 1967

JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. As reported earlier Shearer raised two matters in
Washington:

A. AID concessionary loans for Jamaica;

B. The level of PL 480 assistance.

2. Meanwhile on October 19 Ambassador Egerton Richardson
met with AFP Deputy Coordinator Fowler and pressed for
early answers. (MemCon will follow.)

3. Informing Prime Minister Shearer that you are acting
upon Washington instructions Embassy/USAID should discuss
items A and B with him along following lines:

A. Within availability of AID funds and taking
into account fact that AID is by statute lender of last
resort, AID is prepared discuss with Jamaican Government
limited number of development loans which could have
the effect of enabling Jamaica to take high priority
actions having significant effect in accelerating

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Jamaican development. Terms of such loans while concessionary would be negotiated in light of particular purposes and in light of Jamaica's favorable economic situation.

B. Given compelling reasons which lead U.S. to assign highest priority to school, child, and maternal feeding on worldwide basis we are not prepared to abandon plans for orderly phaseout of dole-type feeding of adult indigents. U.S. is, however, prepared consider further enlargement of child-maternal welfare feeding programs if requested by Jamaican Government.

4. Please reiterate to Prime Minister Shearer that President Johnson was pleased to have had an opportunity to talk with Shearer and that President Johnson renews his best wishes to Shearer and to Jamaican people.

5. For your guidance: In discussing paragraph 3A, above, with Jamaicans, please be careful to convey to them a clear sense that AID cannot necessarily be expected make any loan in any particular year. Furthermore, AID must be highly selective with regard to projects proposed and would be unwilling to consider particular proposals which in AID's opinion have only minimal development significance.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 7

TO BILL BOWDLER

FROM: Bill Moyers

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 7, 1966

Bill Morpus
MEMORANDUM FOR ~~JACK VALENTI~~

SUBJECT: Letter to Jamaican Acting Prime Minister from
the President of March 23, 1966

The Jamaican Prime Minister wants to publish the attached
letter from the President. May I say

Yes

No

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William Bowdler

Attachment

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Mr. Bowdler

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3/23/66

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your thoughtful letter regarding the tragic hotel fire in Kingston last month both saddened and pleased me. I regret the loss caused by the fire. At the same time I am very glad that our men on the USS Johnston and the USS Suribachi were able to work alongside your firemen in preventing the destruction from being more extensive.

I am grateful to you for taking the time from your busy schedule to write to me about this incident. I am sending your letter to Secretary of Defense McNamara so that he can convey to the captains and crews of the two ships your very generous words on their action.

Sincerely,



The Honorable
Donald B. Sangster
Acting Prime Minister
of Jamaica
Kingston.

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March 22, 1966.

Mr Bowdler

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Dear Bob:

It is always a great personal pleasure to hear of the gallantry of our service men whether on the field of battle or on humanitarian missions.

Acting Prime Minister Sangster of Jamaica has written me about the gallant help given by the men of the USS Johnston and the USS Suribachi in fighting a serious fire in downtown Kingston last month. I am enclosing a copy of his letter.

I request that you convey to Commander John T. Mingo and Captain D. B. Harris, and through them to the officers and men of the two ships, the Prime Minister's generous words of appreciation. I also want them to know how proud and grateful I am.

Sincerely,



Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Washington.

Enclosure

LBJ - WGBowdler:mm
March 22, 1966.



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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 512,
KINGSTON,
JAMAICA, W.I.

28th February, 1966

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Jamaica Government, I would like to bring to your attention the gallant help which was provided to our Jamaican Fire Brigade, by the navy men from the U.S.S. "Johnston" and the U.S.S. "Suribachi".

Last evening in the business section of downtown Kingston, we suffered a tragic fire which completely destroyed the Myrtle Bank Hotel. Had it not been for the quick assistance which the Captains of both these vessels provided, a major section of downtown Kingston would possibly have been devastated. Through Commander John T. Mingo and Captain D.B. Harris, the entire fire fighting units of both vessels voluntarily came to our assistance and their help cannot be over estimated.

As Commander in Chief of your country's armed forces, do accept, on behalf of the Jamaican Government, our heartfelt appreciation for this assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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Thursday - 6:30 p.m.
March 22, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter to Jamaican Acting Prime Minister

Acting Prime Minister Sangster has written you expressing appreciation for the gallant help given by crewmen of the USS Johnston and the USS Suribachi in putting out a serious fire in downtown Kingston.

I recommend that you reply to the Prime Minister along the lines of the suggested letter at Tab A. I also suggest that you send the Prime Minister's letter to Secretary McNamara so that he can bring it to the attention of the Captains of the two ships. A suggested letter to Secretary McNamara is at Tab B.

William G. Bowdler

Attachments:

Tabs A and B.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: March 26, 1965
2:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: West Indian Migratory Labor

PARTICIPANTS: Senator Hugh Shearer - Jamaica
Sir Neville Noel Ashenheim, C.B.E., Ambassador of Jamaica

Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
Mr. Crockett, Director, CAR

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This visit was scheduled at Mr. Shearer's request so that he might personally stress to Mr. Mann the gravity with which the Jamaican government would view a precipitate termination of the West Indian migratory labor program.

In discussing the matter with Mr. Mann, Mr. Shearer concentrated on the political and economic implication for Jamaica of the threatened termination of the program. He explained that the opposition PNP has severely criticized the government for its close ties with the U.S. and its unswerving support of U.S. and Western policies. Termination of the migrant labor program would afford the opposition exactly the opportunity it was seeking to press its attack, and with every confidence of support from the press and public. Mr. Shearer said that the opposition had already submitted a resolution in the Jamaican Senate urging the government to announce at once how it proposed to deal with the problem so that public concern might be allayed.

If the program were terminated on April 15 as now threatened, 10,000 workers would be added to the already large number of unemployed (about 16% of the labor force) and Jamaica's income

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Mr. Shearer then recalled that during his conversation with the Secretary earlier in the week, he had asked the Secretary what he might tell his Prime Minister when he returned to Jamaica and had been given the Secretary's assurance of a reply "by today, Friday, March 26".

Mr. Mann assured Mr. Shearer that this particular problem had been receiving intense attention from senior officials of both the State and Labor Departments. Unfortunately, Secretary Wirtz had been out of town making a swing through California on this very problem as it affected the West Coast and Mexican migrant labor. It would be difficult to give Mr. Shearer anything precise prior to Mr. Wirtz' return. Mr. Mann asked how long it would be possible to hold the lid on things in Jamaica without some definite assurance.

Mr. Shearer said he could manage for another week and perhaps as long as two weeks, but it would be increasingly difficult not to say something with each passing day. Mr. Mann said he was hopeful that we could give Mr. Shearer some encouraging news within the week. Meanwhile, it would be very much in Jamaica's interest to play the whole problem in low key.

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Thursday - June 6, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Your Appointment with Jamaican Prime Minister
Shearer - Friday, June 7, 12:45 p.m.

Prime Minister Shearer is making a private visit to Washington to receive an honorary degree at Howard University on the evening of June 7.

His call on you is a courtesy visit. I enclose talking points which cover matters he might raise with you.

I do not recommend you raise any substantive issues with him. We are unhappy over Jamaica's decision not to join the Caribbean Bank. We have not sorted out the legal problems of allowing Puerto Rico to join the Bank. Until we do, it behooves us not to press the Jamaicans too hard. Should the Prime Minister raise the matter with you, you might point out that we have historically supported the idea of Caribbean regionalism and the new Bank, and we are sorry that Jamaica finds itself unable to give its leadership to this movement.

W. W. Rostow

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Talking points.

Covey Oliver, asst. Secy of State, ARA



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October 4, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Preparatory Information on Visit
to Washington of Jamaica's Prime
Minister, Hugh L. Shearer, October
13-14, 1967

Enclosed are draft papers for White House information
on the forthcoming visit and meeting with the President
at 12:00 noon, October 13, 1967.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Draft Scope Paper
2. Program
3. Gift Suggestions
4. Members of the Jamaican Party
5. Biographic Sketches.

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VISIT OF JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER

HUGH LAWSON SHEARER

OCTOBER 13-14, 1967

DRAFT SCOPE PAPER

Jamaica is significant to the United States because of its proximity; because of its strategic location vis-a-vis Panama, Cuba, Hispaniola, and Puerto Rico; because it is the source of about 65% of US imports of bauxite and alumina; because of some \$200 million of private US investment (with an additional \$400 million in progress); because 40% of Jamaican imports are from the United States; because 300,000 American tourists visit Jamaica each year; because of its vote in the United Nations on major international issues and its influence in regional matters. The United States interest will best be served by continued Jamaican democratic stability, by a continuation of the very high rate of economic growth of recent years, by Jamaican support of United States on major international issues, and by increased Jamaican participation in Caribbean and hemisphere relations.

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Background of Prime Minister Shearer's Visit:

Hugh Shearer became Prime Minister of Jamaica after the death of Sir Donald Sangster in April 1967. Since then he has evidenced an intention to exercise vigorous national leadership. Shearer will arrive in Washington following visits to the heads of government in London, Paris, Bonn, The Hague, and a speech to the UN General Assembly. He will be attending the Conference of Caribbean Commonwealth heads of government in Barbados on October 23-24. In connection with his visit here, Shearer has told the Embassy in Kingston that he "is going to have to jump one way or another on a number of important international issues. I am new at this job and would like to exchange ideas with President Johnson".

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US Objectives:

Jamaica has been attempting to weigh the advantages of an eventual possible overseas association with the European Common Market against advantages of association with the inter-American system. Reports indicate that Shearer's conversations in the UK and Europe may have given him a more realistic view of the limited possibilities in that direction. Avoiding either the fact or the appearance of pressure, we should make clear to Shearer the advantages and opportunities open to Jamaica through membership in the OAS and related inter-American organizations and urge that Jamaica give most serious attention to reaching a decision.

In a related sphere, and especially since Shearer will go in the immediate future to the meeting of Caribbean Commonwealth heads of government, we should make it clear to him that (1) we regard enlarged arrangements for cooperation among the countries of the Caribbean area as necessary for the optimum provision of a wide variety of regional services and as important to optimum economic growth; and (2) we see Jamaica as bearing a leadership responsibility in this sphere.

Given its insularity and its recent emergence from a colonial status (and perhaps continuing the tone of

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its older relations with the former colonial power), Jamaica has tended to approach its relations with the United States as a series of carping complaints at what it considers to be insufficiently generous treatment. We should try to convey to Shearer an appreciation of the very large US part in the massive assistance that Jamaica is receiving through the IBRD and other international organizations and a realistic understanding of the reasons why special bilateral arrangements in favor of Jamaica are not in the cards.

Perhaps because of its recent colonial background also, Jamaica has had some inclination to take up neutralist positions in the United Nations. We should impress upon Shearer the fact that Jamaica should not take such positions lightly, but should weigh most carefully its permanent national interest with respect to such positions.

Jamaican Objectives:

Shearer's visits with the President and Secretary of State will be the high point of his trip. It will bolster his image in Jamaica as a national leader. Pleased and honored at the invitation, he will wish to

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find subjects which he can report to his government and to the Jamaican press as constructive accomplishments.

1. He will wish to obtain U.S. reactions relative to Jamaican association with the European Common Market and Jamaican entry into the OAS.

2. Since some 25,000 Jamaicans live in Cuba, he will wish to be advised of the U.S. attitude concerning retention of consular relations with Cuba, in the light of the recent LASO meeting, and especially if Jamaica should decide to join the OAS.

3. He will hope to obtain U.S. agreement to provide enlarged concessionary assistance. In this connection he will seek the U.S. view concerning a possible Caribbean Development Bank as a major source of capital for Jamaica.

4. He will press the thesis that developing countries have supported the Kennedy Round of GATT and the recent Liquidity Conference which helps the developed countries but does little for the lesser developed countries.

5. He will hope for U.S. agreement to review its offer of a tariff concession on Jamaican rum (withdrawn at the last moment at the Kennedy Round).

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THE PROGRAM

October 13, 1967

Prime Minister Shearer's party will be flown by US Air Force plane from La Guardia Airport, New York, to Andrews Air Force Base, arriving at 11:35 A.M. From Andrews, they will fly by helicopter, arriving at the President's park (Ellipse) at 11:55 A.M. Prime Minister Shearer accompanied by Minister of Agriculture, John Gyles, Minister of Trade and Industry, Robert Lightbourne, and Jamaica Ambassador to the US, Egerton Richardson, will proceed by motorcade to the Diplomatic Entrance of the White House for the Prime Minister's meeting with the President at 12:00 Noon. The remainder of the party will proceed to Blair House.

Following the Prime Minister's meeting with the President, the Prime Minister, Minister Gyles, Minister Lightbourne, Ambassador Richardson, Permanent Secretary Ivo de Souza, and Representative to the UN, Keith Johnson, will proceed to the Department of State for a working luncheon with Secretary Rusk at 1:00 P.M. in the Madison Room. Following the luncheon, the Prime Minister will view the Exhibit on Jamaica in the Diplomatic Lobby of the Department and return to Blair House.

The Jamaican Embassy is holding a reception in honor of the Prime Minister from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Shoreham Hotel, after which the Prime Minister and his party will return to Blair House.

October 14, 1967

The Prime Minister plans to visit the Jamaican Embassy Chancery some time during the morning. An Air Force plane will fly the Jamaican party to New York, departing at 2:30 P.M. (He will return to Jamaica on October 15.)

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Gift Suggestions

A vermeil bookbox in a presentation carton has been ordered with the President's name, seal, and date engraved thereon.

Additional gifts include a Bulova Desk Clock and President Johnson's picture in a silver frame.

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Members of the Official Jamaican Party

Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs - Hugh
Lawson Shearer

Ambassador to the United States and Special Advisor to
the Prime Minister on International Affairs - Egerton R.
Richardson

Minister of Agriculture and Lands - John P. Gyles

Minister of Trade and Industry - Robert C. Lightbourne

Jamaican Ambassador-Designate to the UN - Keith Johnson

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs - Ivo
de Souza

Special Assistant to Prime Minister - Lorrel Bruce

Prime Minister's Private Secretary - Mrs. Carmen Gauntlett

Information Officer - Hartley Neita

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Hugh Lawson SHEARER
Prime Minister, Minister of External
Affairs, Minister of Defense

Sworn in as Minister of External Affairs on 28 February 1967, Hugh Shearer was chosen as Prime Minister of Jamaica on 6 April when the death of ailing Prime Minister Donald Sangster seemed imminent. He assumed office on 11 April immediately after Sangster's death, carrying with him the additional portfolios of External Affairs and Defense. Shearer has adapted quickly to his role as national leader and statesman and has projected a picture of decisiveness and executive strength. Shearer now has a firm grip on the reins of authority in the party, in Parliament and in the nation. To date, Shearer's attention and energies have been principally directed at internal affairs. His reputation in international affairs must, so far, be judged from his actions in past years as the head of the Jamaican delegation to the United Nations and, more recently and more favorably, Jamaica's cosponsorship of the Latin American resolution of the Israeli-Arab issue. Shearer has been former Prime Minister Bustamante's favorite to succeed him (Bustamante) as Prime Minister.

As vice president and de facto head of the BITU, probably the most powerful labor union in Jamaica, Shearer holds an extremely influential position in a country where the trade unions play a pivotal role in party politics. Shearer will undoubtedly succeed Bustamante as president of the BITU. In addition he has been the chief leader of Government business and the Government's principal spokesman on foreign policy and defense in the Senate, where he has demonstrated considerable ability in handling that body's affairs and in keeping debate on a relatively high tone. Shearer has proved himself to be a sensible, patient and shrewd individual.

Of Negro descent, Shearer was born at Martha Brae, Trelawny, Jamaica, on 18 May 1923 and was educated at St. Simmon's College (1936-40). He is a member of the Baptist faith. He is unmarried.

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Shearer was elected to the House of Representatives in February 1967, running from Southern Clarendon-- Bustamante's old constituency. He was a member of Jamaica's first delegation to the UN General Assembly in September 1962 and has chaired the delegations at the Assembly's opening sessions ever since. In April 1964 he accompanied Bustamante on a trip to the United States for health reasons, and was the Prime Minister's personal representative on this occasion during which he visited with Secretary Rusk. He again talked with the Secretary of State in March 1965.

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John Percival GYLES
Minister of Agriculture and Lands

An experienced agriculturalist, John Gyles was appointed Minister of Agriculture in the Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) Cabinet after his election to the House of Representatives. He was reappointed to the same Cabinet post by the late Prime Minister Donald Sangster after the 1967 elections. An affable gentleman farmer, one of two white members of the Cabinet, Gyles is unlikely to gain any great power in the political structure of Jamaica. He is a moderate who generally supported Sangster in Cabinet meetings.

The son of a landed proprietor, he was born at Wallens, Linstead, Jamaica, on 1 December 1916 and was educated at Diocesan College and at Munro College, Jamaica. He has been an educator, sportsman, planter and cattle breeder since 1938. He served as a sergeant in the Jamaican Home Guard from 1943 to 1945.

Since his appointment to the Cabinet, Gyles has shown a keen interest in the problems of his Ministry. He is generally regarded as an able administrator who can delegate problems to qualified officers in his Ministry, but who is also willing to become involved in the nuts and bolts of specific programs and operations. As a consequence, he has developed wide contact with officials throughout his Ministry. Although the Ministry of Agriculture suffers from the perennial problems faced by all Ministries in retaining its capable staff, overall morale is fairly good.

Gyles is not a difficult person to deal with. His own experience as a farmer and his ability to grasp detail tend to make him confident of his own opinions, but he is a good listener and can absorb well what he hears. Furthermore, he has demonstrated a general willingness to explore various lines of action in dealing with agricultural problems.

In 1941 he married Daphne Ann Douse; they have four children--two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Gyles is a pleasant person who devotes considerable time to working with the Jamaica Cancer Society. Gyles is Anglican.

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Robert Charles LIGHTBOURNE
Minister of Trade and Industry

A prominent figure in the Jamaica Labor Party (JLP), Minister of Trade and Industry Robert Lightbourne was appointed to his Cabinet post by former Prime Minister Sir Alexander Bustamante in 1962 and was retained by the late Prime Minister Donald Sangster in March 1967.

Of Negro descent, Robert Charles Lightbourne was born 29 November 1909 in Morant Bay, St. Thomas, Jamaica. Lightbourne attended Jamaica College, a secondary school, and received further education in England. He reportedly became wealthy during World War II as a manufacturer of metal products for the British Armed Forces while living in Birmingham. Later, he played an active part in attempts to develop industry to support Jamaica's agricultural economy. An old friend of Bustamante, Lightbourne was appointed managing director of the Industrial Development Corporation of Jamaica when it was organized by the JLP government in 1952. During the next four years the corporation launched a number of ventures which proved to be costly failures. A much better promoter than a businessman, Lightbourne does not appear to have profited financially from these enterprises.

Lightbourne won his seat in the Jamaican House of Representatives by a substantial margin in the April 1962 and February 1967 general elections. Lightbourne is undoubtedly one of the most imaginative, persuasive and intelligent members of the Cabinet. Although his first two years in office were relatively unproductive, during the third year he was able to achieve some results. Specifically, he was able to inaugurate a sweeping licensing import program to save foreign exchange as well as to conclude a major agreement with the Jamaica Public Service Company to expand power and light throughout the island. He also succeeded in attracting a significant expansion of foreign investment in Jamaica. In 1964 Lightbourne

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headed the Jamaican delegation to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. Soon after this meeting a member of the Trade and Industry Ministry mentioned Lightbourne's lack of knowledge about Latin America and his prejudice against the Latin Americans--much of which was thought to stem from Lightbourne's feeling that they snubbed him at the UNCTAD meeting.

Lightbourne has been called the most Anglophilic member of the Jamaican Cabinet and in his public utterances appears to suffer from an anti-American bias.

Mercurial, emotional and erratic, Lightbourne can be very difficult in negotiations. Suave in manner, he can switch suddenly from a posture of "sweet reasonableness" to assume an attitude of righteous indignation. Lightbourne is a past president of the Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association and past vice president of the Jamaica Olympic Association. Lightbourne, an Anglican, is reportedly separated from his wife, a white woman, by whom he has two sons. In ill health since at least the beginning of 1967, Lightbourne took a leave of absence in June 1963 to seek medical treatment in England (it was rumored that he had a malignancy in his kidneys).

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Egerton Rudolph RICHARDSON
Ambassador to the United States

A career civil servant, Egerton Richardson was appointed Ambassador to the United States in mid-1967. He had previously served since 1962 as the Jamaican Permanent Representative to the United Nations, where for the last two years his actions and statements appeared to have been a cause of some concern to both his own Government and the Western bloc. Since 1965 Richardson has significantly altered both his voting behavior and his public statements, to the consternation of many pro-Western diplomats. His overall thrust since 1965 has been his attempt to bring Jamaica into a union with the non-aligned nations of the Afro-Asian bloc in the United Nations rather than articulating his nation's traditional posture on international issues.

Of Negro descent, Egerton Rudolph Richardson was born at St. Catherine, Jamaica, on 15 August 1912. Before entering the Jamaican Government service in 1938, Richardson was for three years an assistant master at Normal College. In 1955 he became Under Secretary of Finance and from 1956 to 1962 he was Financial Secretary of Jamaica. During 1961-62 he also served as inspector of banks. In January 1967 he became Jamaica's first Ambassador to Mexico, while retaining his UN position. The inherent problems of having one man in two roles were solved by the Jamaican Government by having Richardson continue his residency in New York, while having official business in Mexico conducted through a Charge d'Affaires. In May 1966 Richardson was elected as one of the four Vice Chairmen of the UN Human Rights Conference.

An excellent negotiator and a ruthless administrator, Richardson is considered one of the most powerful civil servants in Jamaica. Richardson's most recent diplomatic mission on behalf of his Government was to serve in the capacity of a nonmember observer at the Meeting of American Chiefs of State held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, during April 1967.

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Richardson has been a widower since the death of his wife in 1966; he has a son and a daughter. Serious-minded, sometimes stern, Richardson does not make friends easily and reportedly is highly color-conscious.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Jamaican Prime Minister to Washington

Jamaica's Prime Minister, Hugh Lawson Shearer, plans to make a private visit to Washington arriving late on June 6 and remaining through June 9 to receive an honorary law degree at Howard University on the evening of the 7th.

He has expressed his desire to pay a brief courtesy call on the President sometime during his stay. He plans to remain in the New York vicinity from June 9 to 14 and would return to Washington at any time during this period for an appointment with the President. The Department recommends that the President see him if it is at all convenient.

You may recall that Prime Minister Shearer visited with the President here last October 13.

The enclosed suggested talking points are submitted for the President's possible use in the event he agrees to see the Prime Minister.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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TALKING POINTS

Presidential Opener

- I have very pleasant memories of my talks with you last October and I am pleased that your country's forward economic progress continues despite the severe drought experienced during the past months.
- I also wish to commend you and your government on Jamaica's ability to attract sizable foreign investment and tourism.
- Your family planning programs should contribute much to economic progress.
- I am pleased that Ambassador Walter Tobriner is now enjoying his assignment in Jamaica and I know he will do all possible to further our mutual interests in your country.

Topics Prime Minister Shearer May Raise

The Regional Caribbean Development Bank

- Shearer will no doubt take this opportunity to defend Jamaican withdrawal from participation in the proposed new bank on grounds that his smaller eastern Caribbean neighbors have historically and consistently "ganged up" on Jamaica and that their refusal to site the bank's headquarters in Kingston was the last straw. He may also declare Jamaican non-participation in the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA).

You May Wish to Say

- That the U.S. has historically supported the idea of Caribbean regionalism and the new bank and that the U.S. regrets that Jamaica (which must make its own decisions in its own interest) will not be a participant in an area where it has strong influence and could demonstrate capable and needed leadership.
- You hope that at some future time, Jamaica may reconsider its position.

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Food for Freedom

--Shearer may raise the issue of the need for more food under this program because of the recent drought.

You May Wish to Say

--I recall that the matter of food for freedom was raised in our last discussion and that the U.S. then extended the school feeding program from one-year to a three-year program and we also expressed our willingness to consider expansion of the Title II program for maternal and child feeding and food for work, while at the same time insisting that the adult dole feeding programs be phased out. This position remains unchanged. Given the recent drought, the U.S. would, however, be willing to consider a concessional sales program under Title I of PL 480.

Hugh Shearer

Prime Minister Shearer came up through the ranks of the Jamaican labor movement. He has a warm personality and projects a picture of executive strength and of skill in the management of the parliament and of his party. Until recently, his attention as Prime Minister has been concentrated upon domestic matters. His experience in international relations has been limited, and in recent months, he appears to be overly reliant on the Jamaican Ambassador to Washington, Sir Egerton Richardson, whose uncooperative and unfriendly attitude toward the U.S. and past performance in the U.N. leaves much to be desired. He has been in the United States on numerous occasions and talked with you here last October 13. Shearer is unmarried.

Jamaica

The mountainous island of Jamaica, 90 miles south of Cuba, is about the size of Connecticut. Its population of 1.9 million is mostly of African or mixed descent.

Jamaica became independent on August 6, 1962. (You attended the ceremonies.) The government is parliamentary, with an elected House of Representatives and an appointed Senate.

In elections held in February 1967, the Jamaican Labor Party (previously led by Sir Alexander Bustamante and the late Sir Donald Sangster) retained power. Both the government party and the opposition People's National Party led by Norman Manley are based upon labor unions. The two parties differ little in philosophy.

Since independence, Jamaica has enjoyed a remarkable (7%) rate of economic growth. However, it continues to be plagued by very high unemployment, attendant social tensions, and more recently has experienced a severe drought. (Emigration to the United States, now at the rate of 16,000 per year, is materially mitigating the unemployment problem.)

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: June 7, 1968

TIME: 12:45 P.M.

PLACE: The White House

SUBJECT: U. S. -Jamaica Relations (Part 1 of 4)

PARTICIPANTS: Foreign :

Hugh Lawson Shearer, The Prime Minister of Jamaica

United States

The President of the United States

Covey T. Oliver, Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs

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The President remarked that relations between the United States and Jamaica were excellent and asked Assistant Secretary Oliver whether he had any points to mention. As the Assistant Secretary began to reply, touching upon regional development prospects in the Caribbean area, the President answered his telephone. While the President was on the telephone, the Prime Minister and Assistant Secretary Oliver conversed briefly on the above theme. The Prime Minister said that the PL-480 matter was of considerably more significance to him than the manner in which a Caribbean Development Bank or Banks might develop.

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DATE: June 7, 1968
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PLACE: The White House

SUBJECT: Vietnam (Part 2 of 4)

PARTICIPANTS: Foreign

Hugh Lawson Shearer, The Prime Minister of Jamaica

United States

The President of the United States
Covey T. Oliver, Assistant Secretary for Inter-American
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PLACE: The White House

SUBJECT: Insecurity in France (Part 3 of 4)

PARTICIPANTS: Foreign

Hugh Lawson Shearer, The Prime Minister of Jamaica

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The Prime Minister asked the President whether he thought that President de Gaulle would be successful in his effort to pacify France. The President asked the opinion of Assistant Secretary Oliver, who said that his personal views were that President de Gaulle had a fair chance of restoring normalcy in France, although the enduring nature of the restoration might well depend on the outcome of the proposed plebiscite and the working out of the details of the social and economic reforms that President de Gaulle had promised in broad terms. The President nodded and did not comment further on this point.

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DATE: June 7, 1968

TIME: 12:45 P.M.

PLACE: The White House

SUBJECT: Commonwealth Meeting (Part 4 of 4)

PARTICIPANTS: Foreign

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The Prime Minister mentioned briefly the political situation confronting the Prime Minister of the U. K. and informed the President that Prime Minister Wilson had invited the Prime Ministers of the other Commonwealth countries to a meeting in London on October 7.

In closing, the President and the Prime Minister discussed briefly the great tragedy suffered by the Kennedy family in the U. S. The President said that amidst this tragedy the American people must be mindful of the strong and good qualities that they have and that he had so stated in his television messages to the people. The President then showed the Prime Minister a photocopy of some writings of the suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The two high officials examined these together and speculated as to the probable mental condition of the suspect.

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Jamaica, June 7, 1968

For White House approval prior
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Enclosures:

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The Prime Minister asked the President whether he thought that President de Gaulle would be successful in his effort to pacify France. The President asked the opinion of Assistant Secretary Oliver, who said that his personal views were that President de Gaulle had a fair chance of restoring normalcy in France, although the enduring nature of the restoration might well depend on the outcome of the proposed plebiscite and the working out of the details of the social and economic reforms that President de Gaulle had promised in broad terms. The President nodded and did not comment further on this point.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: June 7, 1968
TIME: 12:45 P.M.
PLACE: The White House

SUBJECT: Commonwealth Meeting (Part 4 of 4)

PARTICIPANTS: Foreign

Hugh Lawson Shearer, The Prime Minister of Jamaica

United States

The President of the United States
Covey T. Oliver, Assistant Secretary for Inter-American
Affairs

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The Prime Minister mentioned briefly the political situation confronting the Prime Minister of the U. K. and informed the President that Prime Minister Wilson had invited the Prime Ministers of the other Commonwealth countries to a meeting in London on October 7.

In closing, the President and the Prime Minister discussed briefly the great tragedy suffered by the Kennedy family in the U. S. The President said that amidst this tragedy the American people must be mindful of the strong and good qualities that they have and that he had so stated in his television messages to the people. The President then showed the Prime Minister a photocopy of some writings of the suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The two high officials examined these together and speculated as to the probable mental condition of the suspect.

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serving the Department for [Number] years and has a long record of
loyalty and efficiency. He is a graduate of [University] and holds
a [Degree]. Mr. [Name] is a member of the [Organization] and has
been awarded the [Award]. He is a native-born American citizen and
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MR. DAVID WILIN, DCM, ABOUT. DECON UPON RECEIPT. RUSKI

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May 31, 1968

Send LDX to John Walsh from Walt Rostow

Please have following message dispatched to Kingston.

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May 31, 1968

AmEmbassy, Kingston

Marie Fehmer inquiring about military status of alien she
asked Mr. David Wilkin, DCM, about.

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Tuesday - June 4, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Private Visit of Jamaican Prime Minister Shearer

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W. W. Rostow

- Approve appointment _____
- Prefer no " _____
- Call me _____

Cc - Jim Jones

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Thursday - June 6, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Your Appointment with Jamaican Prime Minister
Shearer - Friday, June 7, 12:45 p.m.

Prime Minister Shearer is making a private visit to Washington to receive an honorary degree at Howard University on the evening of June 7.

His call on you is a courtesy visit. I enclose talking points which cover matters he might raise with you.

I do not recommend you raise any substantive issues with him. We are unhappy over Jamaica's decision not to join the Caribbean Bank. We have not sorted out the legal problems of allowing Puerto Rico to join the Bank. Until we do, it behooves us not to press the Jamaicans too hard. Should the Prime Minister raise the matter with you, you might point out that we have historically supported the idea of Caribbean regionalism and the new Bank, and we are sorry that Jamaica finds itself unable to give its leadership to this movement.

W. W. Rostow

Attachment

Talking points.

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Tuesday - June 4, 1968 - 6:15pm

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W. W. Rostow

Approve appointment _____

*tentative
12:45pm 6/7/68*

Prefer no " _____

Call me _____

Cc - Jim Jones

*notified s/s. Helen Brown
6/6/68
5:05 am
notified Bowdler's office*

George Christian
Mr. [unclear]
For your info.
Lou S.

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W. W. Rostow

Approve appointment _____

1245 6/7

Prefer no " _____

Call me _____

Cc - Jim Jones
Lou Schwartz

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Bill:

I am reminded again that Prime Minister Shearer of Jamaica will be in Washington this week on a private visit.

Is there anything in his schedule here that George Christian should know about?

Lou Schwartz

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White House Guidelines, Feb. 24, 1983

By DCM, NARA, Date 4-6-89



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SUBJECT: PRIMIN SHEARER VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 2481

FOR PROTOCOL

1. REVISED ITINERARY CALLS FOR SHEARER ETA MIAMI
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, AT 1435 HOURS ON BOARD PAA 432.
DEPART MIAMI ON EASTERN 170 AT 1700 HOURS, ARRIVE
WASHINGTON 1912 HOURS
SAME DAY.
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SUBJECT: PRIMIN SHEARER'S VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 2455

FOR PROTOCOL

1. ITINERARY, "SUBJECT TO CHANGE", FOR PRIMIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PARTICIPATION HOWARD UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT GIVEN EMBASSY AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, ARRIVE NYC 1940 HOURS VIA AIR JAMAICA 474.

OVERNIGHT AT PLAZA HOTEL.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, DEPART NYC 1050 HOURS VIA NATIONAL 493, ARRIVE WASHINGTON 1140 HOURS.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, DEPART WASHINGTON 1125 HOURS VIA NATIONAL 96, ARRIVE NYC 1210 HOURS.

2. PLANS FOR RETURN TO JAMAICA FROM NYC NOT YET DEFINITE.

3. ACCOMPANYING PARTY: LORREL BRUCE, PERSONAL ASSISTANT; HARLEY NEITA, PRESS OFFICER; AND CLIFTON STONE, YOUNG TRADE UNION OFFICIAL AND HOWARD U. GRADUATE.
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*Bill Bunker
will check w/
State & get a
recommendation
Lou B.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2420

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SUBJECT: PRIMIN SHEARER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: KINGSTON 2290

1. PRIMIN'S OFFICE STILL UNABLE PROVIDE DEFINITE ITINERARY RE SHEARER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH TO PARTICIPATE IN JUNE 7 HOWARD U. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. STAFF AIDE HAS MENTIONED POSSIBILITY VISIT WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED THREE DAYS IN U.S.



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THE MAIN
PRESCRIPTION GIVEN WAS MODERATION. DESPITE THIS REPORT IT
COULD BE THAT SHEARER WILL USE VISIT FOR COMPLETE PHYSICAL
CHECK-UP IN U.S.

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4. OTHER FACTOR DISTURBING GOJ. RE VISIT IS POSSIBILITY OF
DISTURBANCES AT HOWARD AND IN WASHINGTON AREA DURING SHEARER
VISIT. WITH RETURN OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO JAMAICA,
DECISION ON TRIP WILL REPORTEDLY BE MADE FRIDAY, MAY 24.
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George Christian
Mr. Schwartz
For your info -

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→ Lou S.
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Cc - Jim Jones
Lou Schwartz

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By sp/ckm, NARA, Date 2-14-06

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Friday - June 7, 1968 - 11:31 AM

Mr. President:

I understand Jamaican Prime Minister Shearer, whom you see at 12:45p.m. today, is quite exercised over the Los Angeles Police Chief's alleged statement shortly after the shooting of Senator Kennedy that the assassin "might have been a Cuban or Jamaican from the way he talked".

The Prime Minister may bring this up. He protested to Ambassador Tobriner, and the Jamaican Charge did the same to State.

W. W. Rostow