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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting on British Guiana, December 6, 1963

Present: Mr. Helms, Mr. Burdett, Mr. Carlson

1. It was agreed that all hands would apply as much heat as possible to Mr. Ambler Thomas, showing him all the agreeable ways and means of finding causes for the resumption of direct rule. After we see how this goes, we will make further decision as to recommendations to the President on direct approach to the Prime Minister.

2. We will seek to enlighten the Canadians in three ways:

a. by an interview with the Canadian Ambassador

b. by having Ambassador Butterworth call to the attention of the Prime Minister the interest of the President in this matter and his hope that there will be no Canadian action that would prejudice the free discussion of this topic between the President and the Prime Minister in January.

c. We will stimulate triangular service-to-service contact with a view to increasing Canadian understanding of the realities in British Guiana.

d. We will also inform the British on Embassy channels of the Canadian problem.

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