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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

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SUBJECT: British Guiana Election

1. It looks as if the election is pretty much in the bag for the opposition parties. We are still waiting for returns from three more districts.

2. A projection indicates that the opposition parties . will have one more (27 to 26) or three more (28 to 25) seats than the PPP. The odds now seem slightly in favor of a three-seat majority.

3. Harry Shullaw, Bill Cobb, and I will be meeting first thing tomorrow morning to discuss the significance of the election results. One disturbing element is that the Justice Party will probably not win a seat (although there is a slight chance they might get one with their "surplus" vote). This means that we may want to figure out some other way to bring East Indians into the Government. One possibility might be to try to bring into a PNC/UF coalition a couple moderate "goodie" PPP members (not including Jagan, of course).

4. Assuming the above projections are correct, we have not done too badly. While I would have preferred to see a less impressive PPP showing and a more impressive Justice Party showing, the main objective has been accomplished - i.e. beating Jagan.

Gordon Chase

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