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SUBJECT: GOG REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING  
FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

REF:A.GEORGETOWN 2737 (NOTAL); B. GEORGETOWN 2755

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED GOG REQUEST REPORTED REFTEL AND CONTAINED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE RECEIVED TODAY (JUNE 17) FROM GUYANESE EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE THAT AS THE WORKING PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE HAS ALLEGEDLY ACCUSED THE CIA OF COMPLICITY IN THE RODNEY DEATH IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE USG NOT TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE ENTIRE AFFAIR. DESK OFFICER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BRITISH EMBOFF HERE SINCE GOG HAS ALSO REQUESTED SIMILAR ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.K. EMBOFF INDICATED TO DESK OFFICER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GUYANESE REQUEST. DESK OFFICER RECOMMENDED THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HMG TO RESPOND IN THIS CASE. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND WOULD SO INFORM LONDON.

2. FOR GEORGETOWN: DESK OFFICER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GUYANESE EMBASSY CHARGE HERE AND INFORMED HIM OF OUR DECISION. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOG THAT UNDER NORMAL

CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST. HOWEVER,

IN THIS INSTANCE WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS BETTER IF A THIRD COUNTRY, IN THIS CASE THE UNITED KINGDOM PROVIDES THE NECESSARY EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE RODNEY DEATH. AMBASSADOR ROBERTS AGREES WITH OUR DECISION.

3. FOR LONDON: PLEASE INFORM FCO OF OUR DECISION AND OF OUR HOPE THAT UK WILL RESPOND TO THE GUYANESE REQUEST.

4. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL B. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT STILL BELIEVES THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED EXPERTS. MUSKIE

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