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LONDON TO ATTEND THIS SPECIALLY IMPORTANT
CONFERENCE OF PRIME MINISTERS OF THE
COMMONWEALTH DR REID MY TRUSTED COLLEAGUE
WHO WILL BE ACTING AS PRIME MINISTER
DURING MY ABSENCE WILL KEEP YOU AND ME
FULLY INFORMED OF ALL SUBSEQUENT
DEVELOPMENTS UNQUOTE SIGNED CARLSON
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EVENING JANUARY 4 QUOTE THE PICTURE OF THE
RECENT DISORDERS IN THE NORTHERN RUPUNUNI
SAVANNAHS HAS NOW BECOME SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR
FOR ME TO PLACE BEFORE THE PUBLIC THE
FACTS OF THESE TRAGIC AND SINISTER EVENTS
AS THEY HAVE SO FAR UNFOLDED ON THURSDAY
JAN 2 1969 AT ABOUT ELEVEN OCLOCK

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IN THE MORNING THE TOWNSHIP OF LETHEM WHICH
IS THE PRINCIPAL CENTRE OF GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION IN THE RUPUNUNI DISTRICT CAME
UNDER HEAVY GUNFIRE ATTACK THE MAIN TARGET
OF THE ATTACK WAS THE POLICE STATION WHICH
WAS MANNED BY TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE GUYANA
POLICE FORCE AND A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES AND

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WHICH HAD RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE
 HEADQUARTERS IN GEORGETOWN THE STATION WENT
 OFF THE AIR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ATTACK
 BEGAN AND BEFORE ANY MESSAGE ABOUT IT
 COULD GET THROUGH TO GEORGETOWN IT IS NOW
 KNOWN THAT THE ATTACK WAS MADE BY A BAND
 OF HEAVILY ARMED RANCHERS OF THE RUPUNUNI

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DISTRICT DRAWN MANINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY
 FROM THE HARTE AND MELVILLE FAMILIES THE
 HARTE RANCH IS AT PIRARA 600 MILES FROM
 LETHEM AND WAS THE CONTROL CENTRE OF THE
 OPERATION IT WAS FROM PIRARA THAT THE
 TERRORISTS HAD SET OUT EARLIET IN THE
 MORNING FOR LETHEM ON ARRIVING AT
 LETHEM THEY

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OPENED FIRE ON THE POLICE STATION WITH A
MISSILE THROWING BAZOOKA AND WITH BURSTS
FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POLICEMEN RUSHING
OUT OF THE BUILDING WERE FIRED AT AND
AT LEAST ONE WAS KILLED IN THIS WAY
THE ATTACKERS THEN ENTERED THE STATION
AND IN THE STRUGGLE THAT ENSUED SHOT
AND KILLED

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THREE OTHER POLICEMEN AND ONE CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEE THE SENIOR POLICE OFFICER AT
LETHEM WHO WAS AT THE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER OFFICE AT THE TIME OF THE
ATTACK WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON THE SPOT
NOR WERE THE SECURITY FORCES THE ONLY
OBJECT OF ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT DISPENSER
WHO CAME DOWN TO

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THE POLICE STATION WHEN THE FIRING BEGAN
WAS SHOT AT AND WOUNDED AS HE SOUGHT TO
TAKE COVER BY HIS CAR THE TERRORISTS
THEN ROUNDED UP THE RESIDENTS INCLUDING
THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND HIS WIFE AND
HELD THEM PRISONERS AND HOSTAGES IN THE
ABATTOIR OTHER PERSONS WERE LOCKED INTO
THEIR HOMES

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AND AT LAST 100,000 OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS
 WERE TAKEN OF THE EARLY ACTS OF THE
 TERRORISTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR ATTACK
 ON THE POLICE STATION WAS TO BLOCK THE
 AIR STRIP AT LETHEM WITH SEVENTON TRUCKS
 AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS THUS COMPLETELY
 ISOLATING LETHEM EXCEPT BY A GROUND
 APPROACH FROM SOME OTHER

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POINT IN THE AREA TO MAKE THIS ISOLATION
MORE EFFECTIVE THE TERRORISTS SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH THE MOVE ON LETHEM BLOCKED THE OTHER
AIRSTRIPS IN THE AREA AT GOOD HOPE
KARASABAI KARANAMBO AND ANNAI THIS LEFT
OPEN ONLY THE GRASS STRIP AT MANARI FIVE
MILES FROM LETHEM AND IT SEEMS THAT THE

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INTENTION OF THE TERRORISTS WAS TO USE
THIS STRIP THEOSELVES WITH LIGHT AIRCRAFT
IN FACT CERTAIN MISSIONARY PRIESTS WHO
WERE AT LETHEM WHEN THE ATTACK OCCURRED
WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE BY ROAD FOR MANARI
LATER ON THURSDAY CONTRARY HOWEVER TO THE
EXPECTATION OF THE TERRORISTS NEWS OF
THE ATTACK AT

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LETHEM HAD REACHED GEORGETOWN BY LUNCH
TIME ON THURSDAY AND ON THE SAME AFTERNOON
A NUMBER OF POLICEMAN AND GDF PERSONNEL
WERE FLOWN INTO MANARI BY TWO GUYANA
AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT BOTH PLANES WERE FIRED
AM FROM THE APPROACHES TO THE MANARI
STRIP BUT NEITHER WAS HIT WITHIN NEXT
EIGHTEEN HOURS

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A FULLY EQUIPPED AND SUPPLIED CONTINGENT
OF THE SECURITY FORCES WAS ASSEMBLED AT
MANARI AND YESTERDAY MORNING XFRIDAYX THEY
BEGAN TO MOVE ON LETHEM WITH THE
SECURITY FORCES ADVANCINGGN THE TERRORISTS
FLED LETHEM PROBABLY FOR PIRARA ON
ARRIVAL AT LETHEM THEREFORE OUR SECURITY
FORCES WERE ABLE TO REASSERT IN

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A SHORT TIME LAWFUL AUTHORITY WITHOUT
 ANY RESISTANCE THEIR ARRIVAL CONFIRMED
 THE CASUALTIES EARLIER REPORTED AND THE
 WOUNDED PERSONS WERE IMMEDIATELY FLOWN TO
 GEORGETOWN THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IS
 NOW ENGAGED ON ASSESSING THE DAMAGE BOTH
 OF A PUBLIC AND A PRIVATE NATURE AND
 THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ASSISTING
 IN THE

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RETURN TO NORMALCY MEANWHILE THE TERRORIST
GROUPS THAT HAD CLOSED THE AIRSTRIPS AT
GOOD HOPE AND ANNAI ON THE MORNING OF
THURSDAY JAN 2 HAD ALSO OVERRUN THE
SMALL POLICE CONTINGENTS THERE AND CLOSED
RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THESE OUTPOSTS
AND POLICE HEADQUARTERS GEORGETOWN SO FAR
AS WE KNOW THERE AS

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NO LOSS OF LIFE AT GOOD HOPE BUT ONE
CIVILIAN WAS KILLED AT ANNAI BUT AT
BOTH PLACES THE POLICEOEN WERE TIED UP
PLACED IN TRUCKS AND DRIVEN OFF TOWARDS
LETHEM BY THE OF COURSE LETHEM WAS UNDER
THE CONTROL OF OUR SECURITY FORCES AND
ON DISCOVERING THIS ON THEIR

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RETURN JOURNEY THE TERRORISTS DUMPED THE
 BOUND POLICEMEN AND FLED TODAY THE SECURITY
 FORCES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR OPERATIONS TO
 RESTORE ALL POINTS IN THE AREA TO NORMAL
 GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL AND TO PURSUE AND
 CAPTURE THESE CRIMINALS WHO ARE ALREADY
 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF NINE LIVES
 THE POLICE POSTS AT

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ANNAL AND GOOD HOPE HAVE BEEN RELIEVED
AND THE CENTERS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY
AT PIRARA GOOD HOPE AND SUNNYSIDE HAVE
BEEN RAZED TO THE GROUND BY OUR FORCES
A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN
THE AREA AND THIS AFTERNOON WORD WAS
RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE AUTHORITIES
AT BOA VISTA

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THAT SEVEN OF THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY THERE IN BRAZIL IN
THEIR FLIGHT FROM GUYANA STEPS ARE BEING
TAKEN TO BRING BACK THESE FUGITIVES TO
FACE TRIAL UNDER THE +

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LAND THEY HAVE DEFILED AND BETRAYED ON THE

BASIS OF WHAT I HAVE ALREADY SAID THE

ACTS OF INSURRECTION AND MURDER THAT I

HAVE NARRATED ARE OF THE MOST SERIOUS

NATURE BUT +

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IN FACT EVEN MORE SERIOUS AND SINISTER THAN
 WOULD APPEAR ON THE SURFACE ONE OF THE
 TERRORISTS WHO SURRENDERED TO THE SECURITY
 FORCES YESTERDAY HAS GIVEN AN ACCOUNT OF THE
 ENTIRE OPERATION AN ACCOUNT WHICH PLACES IT IN
 A VERY DIFFERENT CATEGORY FROM THAT OF MERE
 CRIMINAL TERRORISM FROM THIS ACCOUNT †

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IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT THERE WAS A GATHERING
 OF RUPUNUNI RANCHERS OF DECEMBER 23 AT THE
 HOME OF HARRY HARTE AT MORERU IN THE
 NORTHERN SAVANNAHS AT THIS MEETING A PLAN
 WAS UNFOLDED FOR CAPTURING THE MAIN GOVERNMENT
 OUTPOSTS IN THE RUPUNUNI WITH ASSISTANCE FROM
 THE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES AND

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DECLARING THE ESTABLISHMENT ON A SEPARATE STATE
IN SECESSION FROM THE REST OF GUYANA ON
DECEMBER 24 A GROUP OF RANCHERS AND
RANCH-HANDS NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY FORTY WERE
FLOWN FROM THE HARTE RANCH AT PIRARA TO
SANTA THERESA IN VENEZUELA WHERE THE PARTY
SPENT THE NIGHT ON CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

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THE GROUP WERE DRIVEN TO AN AIRSTRIP AT
SANTA HELENA AND AIRLIFTED IN A VENEZUELAN
ARMY AIRCRAFT TO A VENEZUELAN ARMY TRAINING
CAMP AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS
FLYING TIME AWAY THEY SPENT SEVEN DAYS
RECEIVING INTENSIVE TRAINING IN THE USE OF
WEAPONS WITH WHICH THEY WERE SUPPLIED
INCLUDING

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AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND BAZOOKAS ON NEW YEARS
DAY JANUARY 1 THE GROUPS WERE FLOWN BACK TO
SANTA HELENA AGAIN BY VENEZUELAN ARMY AIRCRAFT
THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT DAWN THEY WERE
FLOWN TO THE HARTE RANCH AT PRIARA IN A
DC3 VENEZUELAN AIRCRAFT UPON ARRIVAL AT
PRIARA THEY SET OUT IMMEDIATELY

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FOR LETHEM AND THE ACTS OF TERRORISM AND
MURDER I HAVE ALREADY RELATED THE
INSURRECTION AS WE KNOW WAS PLANNED
ORGANISED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE RANCHERS
OF THE RUPUMUNI - THE SAVANNAH ARISTOCRATS
SUCH AMERINDIAN CITIZENS AS WERE INVOLVED
WERE EMPLOYED IN A SECONDARY CAPACITY AND
APPEARED GENERALLY TO HAVE

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ACTED UNDER DURESS AND IN RESPONSE TO THE
ORDERS OF THEIR RANCHER EMPLOYERS NEVERTHELESS
WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF THE ATTACK OF
LETHEM THE VENEZUELAN PRESS AND RADIO WERE
REPORTING AN AMERINDIAN UPRISING IN THE
RUPUNUNI AND SUGGESTING THAT IT AROSE BOUT OF
THE WISH OF THESE GUYANESE CITIZENS TO +

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COME UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF VENEZUELA IN
ADDITION VALERIE HART XACHINESE AND NOT AN
AMERINDIAN AS SHE CLAIMED TO BE IN
VENEZUELA X THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE HARTE
BROTHERS AND A CANDIDATE OF THE UNITED FORCE
AT THE RECENT ELECTION WAS TAKEN TO
VENEZUELA BY THE AIRCRAFT

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THAT BROUGHT THE ARMED GANG IN VENEZUELA
 MRS VALRIE HARTE HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH
 FACILITIES FOR BROADCASTING APPEALS FOR
 ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF WHAT SHE
 DESCRIBES AS AN UPRISING OF THE INDIGENOUS
 POPULATION THESE APPEALS HAVE BEEN BEAMED TO
 THE UNITED STATES BUT CALL FOR ASSISTANCE
 HAVE BEEN MADE FROM

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ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES THE PATTERN OF THIS
 VENEZUELAN INVOLVEMENT IS EASY TO DISCERN
 GOING RIGHT BACK TO THE TALLYHARDAT
 INCIDENT AND THE KABAKABURI MEETING THE
 VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SOUGHT TO
 MANUPULATE THE GUYANESE AMERINDIAN COMMUNITY
 TO PROMOTE THEIR SPURIOUS CLAIM TO THE
 ESSEQUIBO REGION OF GUYANA THIS WAS FOLLOWED

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RECENTLY BY THE ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO
 ESTABLISH AND FINANCE A GUYANA AMERINDIAN
 PARTY AND IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO PROMOTE
 AN AMERINDIAN MOVEMENT FAVOURABLE TO
 VENEZUELAS TERRITORIAL AND IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS
 AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 IN NEWYORK LAST OCTOBER GUYANA WARNED OF THE
 MASSIVE EFFORT BEING

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* MADE BY VENEZUELA * TO SUBVERT THE
LOYALTY OF GUYANAS INDIGENOUS AMERINDIAN
PEOPLE * WE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS AN
EFFORT THAT HAD NO LACK OF FINANCIAL
RESOURCES AND WHICH FUNCTION THROUGH
HANDPICKED AND TRAINED AGENTS WORKING UNDER
THE DIRECTION OF THE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES
FROM BASES SITUATED ON THE

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VENEZUELAN SIDE OF OUR BORDER INTO THE
 CAMPAIGN OF SUBVERSION THE VENEZUELAN
 AUTHORITIES HAVE RECUITED THIS GROUP OF
 RUNPUNUNI RANCHERS WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY
 RESENTED THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENTRAL
 GOVERNMENT MORE ESPECIALLY SINCE INDEPENDENCE
 WHEN THAT AUTHORITY PASSED FROM BRITISH TO
 GUYANESE HANDS THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT
 GENERAL ELECTION

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WHICH HAVE CONFIRMED THE PROCESS OF
DECOLONIALISATION WAS APPARENTLY THE SIGNAL
FOR INSURRECTION AMONG THESE PEOPLE WHO
HAVE INDUCED IN THEMSELVES A CONVICTION
THAT THE GRASS LANDS OF THE RUPUNUNI
SAVANNAHS ARE THEIRS AND THEIRS ALONE TO
THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHERS ESPECIALLY THE
COASTAL PEOPLE INCLUDING THE AMERINDIAN
PEOPLE

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AND ESPECIALLY TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE
 AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA NOT
 SURPRISINGLY THEY HAVE FOUND COMMON CAUSE
 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA WHO HAVE
 ONCE MORE AND AGAIN WITH A TRADITIONAL
 CLUMSINESS AND INDIFFERENCE TO GUYANESE
 OPINION EMBARKED ON OVERT INTERFERENCE IN
 GUYANAS INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH THE OBJECT

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OF ADVANCING THEIR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS IT IS NOT PERHAPS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE AT THE MOMENT THAT VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVES WERE SITTING DOWN WITH THEIR GUYANESE COUNTERPARTS AT A MEETING OF THE MIXED COMMISSION IN CARACAS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR VENEZUELAN ARMY PERSONNEL WERE TRAINING AND EQUIPPING SABOTEURS AND TERRORISTS AND LAUNCHING

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THEM ON A CAMPAIGN OF INSURRECTION IN
GUYANA NOR IS IT PERHAPS WITHOUT
SIGNIFICANCE THAT THEY CHOSE FOR THE
SCENE OF THIS CAMPAIGN A PART OF GUYANA
WHICH HAS A FRONTIER HLY WITH VENEZUELA
BUT WITH THE FRIENDLY STATE OF BRAZIL
I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THESE EVENTS WILL
LEAD .

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US OR WHAT OTHER EXCESSES OF ARMED
 INTERFERENCE VENEZUELA MAY BE POISED TO
 EMBARK UPON THIS MAY WELL BE THE BEGINNING
 OF A SERIES OF SIMILAR INCURSIONS LAUNCHED
 BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND WE MUST
 THEREFORE EXPECT FURTHER ACTS OF AGGRESSION
 AND INTIMIDATION FROM THE NEW IMPERIALISM
 ON OUR WESTERN

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DOORSTEP BUT WE MUST BE READY AS A

NATION TO MEET ALL EVENTUALITIES AND WE

MUST PREPARE OURSELVES FOR FURTHER ATTACKS

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