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FROM : Amembassy GEORGETOWN DATE: January 19, 1968

SUBJECT : Administration of Continental Shelves

REF : Dept CA-4562 of December 29, 1967

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION

- Enclosed is a copy of the U.K. Order in Council 1954 No. 1372 on the British Guiana Alteration of Boundaries of October 19, 1954, extending British Guiana's boundaries to "include the area of the continental shelf being the seabed and its subsoil which lies beneath the high seas contiguous to the territorial waters of British Guiana."
- There is no administration of the continental shelf as such, although the Commissioner of Lands and Mines of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources is responsible for mineral exploration. Exploration concessions have been awarded Shell and Continental Oil offshore along most of the country. Test drilling has been done some 50 miles offshore in about 200 feet of water in concession areas.
- Descriptions of the oil concession areas are given in the following issues of the Official Gazette of Guyana, which are on file in the Department.
September 4, 1965 - pages 494 and 495
May 21, 1966 - pages 616 and 617
June 4, 1966 - page 36

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Enclosure 1.

STATUTORY INSTRUCTIONS, 1954

PART I

Colonies, Protectorates and Trust
Territories

1954 No. 1372

The B.G. (Alteration of Boundaries)

Order in Council 1954

At the Court of Buckingham Palace - 19/x/54

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1. This Order may be cited as the B.G.
(Alternation of Boundaries) Order in Council
1954.
2. The boundaries of the Colony of British
Guiana are hereby extended to include the
area of the continental shelf being the seabed
and its subsoil which lies beneath the high seas
contiguous to the territorial waters of British
Guiana.
3. Nothing in the Order shall be deemed to
affect the character as high seas of any waters
above the said area of the continental shelf.

Sgd. W. G. Agnew

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