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TO : DIRECTOR

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FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: DD/P (L) (1)#

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2003

GUAT 071 (IN 27887)

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ROUTINE

TO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

FOR WHITING FROM JMBLUG's

PLEASE TALK TO HOTLAND AND POSSIBLY LIVY MERCHANT. BRITISH
MINISTER YESTERDAY INFORMED THIS GOVT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT
NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE GOVT BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. IT IS
MY JUDGEMENT THAT JUNTA HEADED BY CALLIGERIS WILL SERVE OUT
REMAINDER OF ARBENZ TERM. THIS APPROACH BY BRITISH HAS INTRIATED
GOVT.

EMBASSY TODAY THIS OPFENDED THEIR NATIONAL PRIDE AND WOULD CERTAINLY STIMULATE QUESTION OF BELIZE. HE FURTHER SAID UNLESS BRITISH RECOGNIZE GOVT WITHIN ONE WEEK, WSBURNT JUNTA WILL BREAK RELATIONS. I THINK IMMEDIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT THIS TRAGIC STATE IS ADJUSTED. FRANKLY, I HAVE TOO MUCH TO DO WITHOUT HAVING TO PULL THEIR CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE IF THIS ONE EXPLODES.

END OF MESSAGE

*CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: TREATED AS RYBAT PBSUCCESS.

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