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TEXT: 1. [redacted]

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[redacted] A MEETING WAS HELD ON  
24 AUGUST 1984 AT WPJ HEADQUARTERS IN KINGSTON TO DISCUSS  
WPJ PLANS TO INSTIGATE A STRIKE WITHIN THE JAMAICAN  
PRISON SYSTEM. THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED APPROXIMATELY  
ONE HOUR, WAS ATTENDED BY WPJ GENERAL SECRETARY TREVOR  
((MUNROE)), WPJ ACTIVIST AND UNITED ALLIED  
WORKER'S UNION VICE PRESIDENT LAMBERT ((BROWN)),  
WPJ ACTIVIST AND SOCIAL ACTION CENTER ORGANIZER HORACE  
((LEVY)), SEVERAL WPJ GUNMEN FROM THE ARNETTE GARDENS  
SECTION OF SOUTH ST. ANDREW IN KINGSTON, AND SYDNEY  
((GUTZMORE)), CHIEF DELEGATE OF THE KINGSTON GENERAL  
PENITENTIARY FOR THE JAMAICAN UNION OF PUBLIC OFFICERS  
AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (JUPOPE).

2. [redacted] THE MEETING  
HAD BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS WPJ EFFORTS TO FOMENT LABOR  
UNREST AMONG PUBLIC WORKERS IN THE PRISON SYSTEM, IN  
ORDER TO INITIATE A STRIKE AMONG PRISON GUARDS WHICH  
WOULD COMPLEMENT LABOR STRIKES IN OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES  
AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. [redacted]

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GUTZMORE TOLD MUNROE THAT IF HE WERE PROVIDED WITH A CAR  
AND SEVERAL ASSISTANTS, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE A  
STRIKE AMONG PRISON WORKERS AT THE KINGSTON GENERAL  
PENITENTIARY, THE ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH DISTRICT PRISON  
IN SPANISH TOWN, AND AT OTHER PENAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT  
THE ISLAND. THE STRIKE, GUTZMORE SAID, COULD BE COORDINATED  
WITH OTHER PLANNED LABOR STRIKES WITHIN THE PUBLIC SECTOR  
TO PROTEST DETERIORATING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND GENERAL  
POLITICAL DISSATISFACTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PRIME MINISTER ((SEAGA)). [redacted]

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AFTER SOME DISCUSSION MUNROE AGREED TO PROVIDE GUTZMORE  
WITH A CAR AND FOUR ARMED WPJ SUPPORTERS FROM ARNETTE  
GARDENS TO ASSIST HIM IN ORGANIZING THE STRIKE.

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3. [redacted] FOLLOWING THIS  
DECISION, THE GROUP DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF SECURING  
THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL WPJ SUPPORTERS FROM PRISON. [redacted]

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[redacted] GUTZMORE HAD AGREED TO FACILITATE  
THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL WPJ MEMBERS FROM THE KINGSTON  
GENERAL PENITENTIARY, WHERE HE WORKED. ACCORDING TO THE  
STAFF MEMBER, MUNROE PROMISED TO PROVIDE GUTZMORE WITH  
THE NAMES OF THOSE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED. LAMBERT  
BROWN ADDED THAT MILTON ((WILLACY)), A PROBATION OFFICER  
WITHIN THE PENAL SYSTEM, WOULD ASSIST IN ANY EFFORTS TO  
SECURE THE EARLY RELEASE OF WPJ PERSONNEL FROM PRISON.

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] M.D. ((MARCH)),  
A PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, AND  
COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS JUSTINE ((JARRETTE)) MET WITH  
THE LEADERSHIP OF JUPOPE TO DISCUSS GUTZMORE'S WPJ RELATED  
ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PRISON SYSTEM. UNION OFFICIALS  
AGREED THAT GUTZMORE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED  
FROM THE KINGSTON GENERAL PENITENTIARY, IN ORDER TO LIMIT  
HIS CONTACT WITH PRISON WORKERS. FURTHERMORE, UNION  
OFFICIALS AGREED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITHIN  
THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SHOULD TAKE PERSONNEL ACTION  
AGAINST GUTZMORE BY FORCING HIS REMOVAL FROM THE CORRECTIONAL  
SYSTEM THEREBY CURBING WPJ INFLUENCE WITHIN PRISON  
FACILITIES.)

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