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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 03362
FOR DAS BRAZILIN GROUP AND GUYANA WORKING GROUP FROM
AMEMBASSY FOX

U. C. 11852: GDS.

CLASS: INFO, CHRIS, TD

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY CBS.

AS YOU WERE PROBABLY INFORMED BY CBS REP, TEXTEL, GOTT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY HAD REFUSED TO GRANT USE OF ITS
FACILITIES TO US NEWSMEN FOR USING TRANSMISSION VIDEO TAPES.
INFO. OUR INQUIRIES REVEALED THIS DIRECTIVE CAME DIRECTLY
FROM GOVERNMENT. I CALLED HIGHEST OFFICIAL IN TEXTEL AND
POINTED OUT THIS DECISION AT VARIANCE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE
FOLLOWED IN MOST COUNTRIES. AT MY URGING HE AGREED
TO APPEAL DECISION TO CABINET OFFICIAL. I WAS JUST IN-
FORMED THAT GOTT HAS REVERSED ITSELF AND WILL PERMIT USE
OF TEXTEL FACILITIES. CBS NEWS REP HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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