

USSR # 23/4/78 (Debbie, Mike, Sharon)
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 -he said regarding Burnham and Jagan coming to some sort of agreement, that as far as he knows there has been no meeting of them since 9/76 when there was a big program given by the USSR with the PM and Jagan there/ he said that since then there have been no meetings but said he doesn't know ev erything
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