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1. ~~Wills~~ Wills:

He got a call from Peter Holder, the deputy ambassador, and it was about a release Wills made to the Labor Party (socialist oriented) paper in London. Wills claimed Assassins were after his life and the British MFG were after him also. Mann tried to find out if there was any mention of the government of Guyana. Holder sd no. He told Holder to tell Kit (Massimotto) to release a statement saying that Wills was in London as far as they knew undergoing medical treatment at the Guyana government's expense. He sd for Holder to call the British Ambassador and give a copy of the article and a copy of the Guyana Embassy's response. He sd to let the British make a response to Wills' statement and for Holder to say no more.

It told him it couldn't help but overhear the conversation and asked what Wills sd. He told me what it'd already heard. I asked why he was doing it. He sd he is half cracked. He sd he has always known that and that his behavior is erratic and always was.

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He sd when Wells was Ambassador to Zambia he wrote back that his stomach condition was due to the strong stand that he had made against the South African government and that South Africa was trying to kidnap him which is why he needed surgery in his stomach. ~~He~~^{Wells} was always writing home that "we did this and accomplished that" and when Sonny Romphal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the time, asked who the "we" were, it was found out that he was identifying with the Revolutionary Patriotic Front. Mann sd that was the worst thing a government cd do was to take sides when there were so many different factions fighting for liberation.

Mann sd he was a compulsive liar. "You don't know how many people he lied to." I asked if he meant in the government or to foreign governments. He sd, "Never mind." He sd Berkeley Haskin, Winnie Haskin's husband and Greg Haskin's father, summed it up. He sd, I know Wells on 3 levels: as a personal friend, as a surfer, and through the Georgetown Cricket Club. — and he is a liar

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on all 3 levels." Mann sd, "you remember when he told Rudy Collins some lie about you and for a while I believed it." He asked me again, "You remember, don't you?" I sd, "yes." He sd "it was something about a conversation ~~on~~ about Wills that you overheard or something like that. I sd I didn't even know what you were talking about because I had never heard anything. He sd Wills is cracked. He sd that as brilliance goes, he doesn't hold much to the ~~genius~~ genius theory, but Wills was a genius but he was too erratic and a liar. He sd, "Wills could have made good money as a lawyer here if he'd gone back into practice because he was a good lawyer, but not he. I understood he is in New York looking for a job."

I told him I was concerned about what effect Wills wd have on Guyana and the government. He sd, "Don't worry, honey, we don't get all excited like the Peoples Temple. These things happen and we just ignore them." I asked why the Prime Minister made Wills Foreign Minister. He sd, "I've asked the P.M. that myself."

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He sd "I've heard all sorts of things. I heard Wills has said it was the best ambassador he had."

He kept reiterating that Wills had cracked and that he always has been half-mad and that now he is completely cracked.

Harold told him the press was smearing Guyana because of the referendum. He sd, "Where?" I sd I didn't know the names of all the newspapers, there was one in a San Diego paper... He cut me off and sd, "The San Diego Sun is of no importance and one thing I know is that the media in the U.S. has no integrity at all, and are bald face liars." He sd, "From reports I've gotten, they won't even check sources of their reports about Peoples Temple and when they've been told they can check with people to prove that what was said were lies, they won't do it and print what they want." He sd "I have no respect for the press in the U.S." He sd, "You don't find that in England so much, they usually check their sources carefully to avoid libel suits." I sd "That is

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Why I couldn't understand you telling us to invite the National Enquirer which is a no-account scandal-mongering piece of trash. No established media would hold any credibility in anything they write. Even Rick McCony told us to not bother with them because of their trashy reputation." He sd, "I didn't mean to invite them. What I meant was that you should invite some newspaper to come and see that lies are being written about you." I sd, "A famous author is coming the middle of this month to do a story." (At this point he was walking out the door. Our most dramatic discussions are always held between the time he steps into the shower and walks out the door.)

2. George King, Minister of Trade -

He sd King is going to be prosecuted for accepting bribes from businessmen. Luckhoo told him so, and he sd that the commission of enquiry Luckhoo heads has witnesses who are going to be arraigned. Mann is concerned that Neil Cheong is going to be called to the witness stand for giving bribes.

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He Mann sd, Frank Noel (works for
Austae) is also going to be prosecuted as
are several others. When I asked, "Who
else," he sd he didn't know. That was
a cut-off because I know he knows.

Willis Bacon, former General Mgr of
the Aurora National Cooperative Bank left the
country while under investigation for
larceny and embezzlement. To keep him here
before they had enough evidence to charge
him, they put a \$54,000 income tax charge
on him which would have to be paid if he
were to leave the country. He drew a check
for that amount on a different bank, paid
the tax, got on a plane, and left the country.

3 A couple of days ago when I went thru
the agonizing 3 hours of waiting while he
went to the Prime Minister's thinking he was
going to be asked to join the Cabinet in Aurora,
he made the comment that he would either
be asked to take Ministry of Finance because
Hope was hopeless, or Economic Development
and Horte would move to Finance. (Willis one
time sd Mann was trying to find a job for
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Hope in the U.S. and that they were tight. (7)

4 Rex McKay is going to the U.S. on some diplomatic appointment or temporary assignment. McKay is a lawyer and politician. He is a good friend of Chancellor Hayes and was asked to sit for two months on the "bench" of the High Court as a judge before Laskin was asked. McKay is a darling of the Prime Minister and was asked to do the prosecution on the Arnold Rampersaud trial 3 times. McKay came up from the grassroots of poverty. He is half-black and half-East Indian. His wife was white Norwegian and left him because he beat her. He is Mann's closest friend.

5 Mann is always saying he knows the P.M. good. He knows when he wants something or is up to something by the tone of his voice. He and his son-in-law Bursham since Mann was a little boy and Bursham used to come over to his house. He and they are old family friends.

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