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WILLS 13/4/78 (Debbie, Mike, Sharon)

- regarding the situation now in this country, I asked about the demonstration against the government and what he thinks about it
- he said it was composed of some PPP, and some QUILANA (this is a group that used to be PNC and turned against PNC)
- regarding his suggestion on what to do for the country, he said he'd get rid of some of the ministers like Kennard and King/ he said King is a discredit to socialism and we asked why he wanted to get rid of Kennard. He said that the reason he'd get rid of Kennard is that agriculture is essential and they need someone other than Kennard to rally the country in this area/ Kennard isn't that type of person (He's not enthusiastic and has no charisma in this area)
- also he'd have some young activists for the country

RE IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE SAME KIND OF THING COULD HAPPEN THAT HAPPENED BEFORE WHEN PM WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY:

- it is possible but not probably, Reid is heading the govt. and also Mingo is making speeches for Hoyt and it's not likely that with them in position it would happen

RE: our participation in the PNC (mobilising) and their "seeming interest in us"

- he said he always told us that we were needed by them
- asked on what level it is
- we said that Robert Williams had asked us to participate in these May Day meetings at the Ministry of National devt. (Debbie and me) and he said at first that Dr. Reid had to say yes if we were involved/ then he said that Robert is green (new) and tho he is on a very high level we should tell Mingo that we've been asked to participate and have Reid & clear it
- we also told him about Charles Lawrence (our local PNC head) who encourages our participation and Oscar Duke in our PNC (He said that Oscar is Reid's new permanent secretary, Winnie Agard is on leave)
- Re Duke, he said Duke is over enthusiastic, his judgment is a bit of a problem but he is a good man to lead people generally

REGARDING THE REVOLT AGAINST THE GOVT

- he said it is a conservative bread and butter revolt

RE COALITION GOVT BETWEEN JAGAN AND PM

- he said that Jagan and the PM have a pathological hatred against each other/ they couldn't work together it's gone too far
- he said that Jagan did have a plan at one time for a coalition govt. like the Minister of one dept would be PNC and the Perm. Sect PPP and vice versa but they (the PPP) wanted the foreign Minister to be PPP (for closer ties to USSR)
- Wills at one time was for a coalition (but later I'm sure when he found out he'd be ousted, he was very much against it -- when he talked to us before about it) - the PM is the one that turned it down
- PM would only do it if he could keep power and shelf Jagan later

XXXX IMF

- he said that PT wouldn't be affected by the IMF
- said he didn't know if IMF was approved/ said IMF has several phases/ the first phase was given some time ago/ that's where there is no ties and they freely give
- the second phase would be this present phase if it was approved/ it would be for \$80 million
- PM and Wills were once against the IMF because of the problems connected with it/ but the PM is realistic and realized that people won't do without consumer goods
- the purpose of the IMF is to ~~take~~ take care of the problem Guyana is having with the balance of payments (consume more than they export) and they need the money to buy goods for the people
- Wills said the realistic thing to do is to take the money and then carefully "orchestrate"

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the situation between USSR and US ~~so you don't get manipulated~~

RE THE LIKLIHOOD OF USSR HELPING

-he doesn't think USSR will help much

-he said the ~~RXXX~~ IMF started back in 1950's when the European countries needed help/it was a loan/ money was borrowed from the larger countries to "help" the ~~xxxx~~ European nations. He said later it was extended to developing nations but it is a measure to control thru the US tho it was done the way it was with the World Bank involved and other countries like Canada so that it could appear to not be tied to the US. He said that what often happens is a country has a coup and a dictator is put in and then all of a sudden the IMF contribues money without being asked

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