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COUNTRY BRITISH GUIANA

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SUBJECT

DECISION OF BALRAM SINGH RAI TO LEAD AN ALTERNATIVE EAST INDIAN PARTY

- ...BATES
- ...BROWN
- ...BATOR
- ...BELL
- ...BROOK
- ...BROWN
- ...FORRES
- ...IN-42677SSUP
- ...JOHNSON
- ...KEENEY 1.5(c)
- ...KLEIN 3.4(b)(1)
- ...ROMER
- ...MOODY
- ...REEDY
- ...SAUNDE
- ...SMITH, W

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL:

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1. AS OF 3 AUGUST 1964 BALRAM SINGH RAI, INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE BRITISH GUIANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, HAD DECIDED TO START A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, PROBABLY TO BE CALLED THE JUSTICE PARTY, TO CONTEST THE ELECTIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY. RAI WILL HEAD A LIST OF FIVE OR SIX EAST INDIANS ON HIS PARTY'S TICKET. HE PLANS TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PARTY ON 9 AUGUST.

2. RAI DOES NOT WANT TO ASSUME THE DIRECTION OF THE GUYANA ALL-INDIAN LEAGUE (GAIL), BUT PREFERS TO START AN ENTIRELY NEW PARTY. HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FULL SUPPORT FROM GAIL AND WILL ASK FOR THAT SUPPORT. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT MOST GAIL LEADERS WILL JOIN RAI'S PARTY, AND DR. BALWANT SINGH, CHAIRMAN OF GAIL, MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE ON RAI'S LIST.)

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, CINCSO, CINCLANT.

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