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6. [The status report on the Italian elections was briefly discussed. Approval was expressed on the manner in which this had been handled. Apparently, the political observers on Mr. Bundy's staff views coincided with those reported by the Rome Station.]

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7. [McCone reported on the proposed plan for the April 30-May 1 meeting on British Guiana. Mr. Bundy and Mr. Johnson expressed the view that it was important that the strike be continued. They were concerned that it might be settled prior to May 30 and CIA was instructed to look into this and jointly with M16 take such action as might be indicated as desirable to ensure the continuation of the strike. Mr. Bundy expressed the view that the \$10,000 a day figure in the CIA paper would be cheap if a continuation of the strike for a protracted period would ensure the fall of Jagan and the destruction of his political support.]

ACTION; McCone should discuss with Helms and, if desirable, to arrange for a discussion with Fulton by Cline or by McCone in Paris over this coming weekend.]

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[informed by Colonel Steakley's office and he was under the impression that I was informed. However, he was on leave and therefore did not know that I had not been informed.]

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9. [British Guiana situation was opened up for discussion and placed on the agenda for next week. Alexis Johnson reported on Mr. Burdette's position, substantially paralleling Helms', with the effect that he was disappointed in the British position, that he felt time had run in favor of Jagan, and they would like an appeal made to Macmillan. Bundy took exception. McCone stated that CIA felt much as Johnson reported and furthermore objected to the British plan to involve CIA in its own political actions which would be attributable both whether they succeeded or failed. It was agreed to place subject on agenda for next week.]

ACTION: Subject should be carefully reviewed by staff.

JAM:bd

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