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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

signed on 3/10/58

FROM BRITISH GUIANA (Sir P. Renison)

Cypher (O.T.P.)

D. 8th April, 1958.
R. 8th " " 22.05 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
SECRET
No. 107.

Your secret telegram No. 312 of the
27th September, 1957.

Oil.

Negotiations with SOCOL have been concluded and oil
exploitation licence will be issued to the Ruahine Oil Company
(British Guiana) Ltd. on the 15th April. Licence covers an area
approximately 16,000 square miles of coast and continental shelf of
the Colony. In defining the North Western and South Eastern
boundaries area for the purpose of the licence, we have used the
lines described in paragraph 5 of your secret telegram No. 212 of
the 27th June, 1957. No mention is made anywhere in description
that these lines represent lateral boundaries of our territorial seas,
there being continental shelf with Venezuela and Surinam respectively.
As requested by you, provision has also been made in the licence for
the revision of the boundaries area in the light of the results of
negotiations with the Governments of adjoining territories, and a
declaration has been included denying the responsibility of this
Government for any loss which the Company may incur by reason of
their activities in areas of the continental shelf claimed by other
territories.

2. Copy of licence issued to Company will be forwarded
to you.

3. Above information also provides answer to last
paragraph of Scarlett's secret letter WIS 220/440/01 of the
20th September, 1957, to Jakeway, regarding the Surinam boundary.