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Honourable Clement Rohee
Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Dear Minister,

DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER SNIJDERS


On the occasion of a Cocktail Reception arranged in honour of Major General Joseph Singh, H.E. Mr. Errol Snijders, in his capacity as Minister of Defence broke with his tradition, approached me and indicated his decision to discuss an important matter. It turned out that he wanted to discuss Guyana's drilling operations in the Corentyne (See the Embassy's Facsimile dated April 28, 2000).

Minister Snijders further mentioned that the matter had assumed greater importance and concern as a number of the political parties were using it as a campaign issue. Consequently, clarity on the matter will soon be sought.

Notwithstanding, the Minister was at pains to convince me that he didn't want the issue to, among others, to adversely affect the good relationship which exists between Guyana and Suriname. However, given the Suriname attitude for camouflage, that might have been an attempt to deceive. However, he indicated that he would soon be summoning me to discuss the matter in more concrete terms. That is not likely until after May 11 as he will be proceeding on vacation from today.

It may be apposite to advise that he mentioned that Mr. Henk Ali-Mohamed will shortly be travelling to New York and will take the opportunity for a stop-over in Guyana for discussions on the matter. If additional details become available from other sources I'll inform you in due course.

Best regards.


Karshanjee Rajjun
Ambassador

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