

Ernest Alvarez
18 Church Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alvarez, how do you feel about the
White Paper?

ALVAREZ: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alvarez, the Joint Select Committee
would like to thank you for coming here
before it.

Dudley Gonzalez
54 Canal Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dudley Gonzalez, how do you feel about
the White Paper?

GONZALEZ: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dudley Gonzalez, the Joint Select
Committee would like to thank you for
coming forward.

Porfilio Bernadez
5 Melinda Road

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Porfilio Bernardez, how do you feel
about the White Paper?

BERNARDEZ: I support it whole heartedly.

CHAIRMAN: Well this committee wants to thank you
for that.

Josephine Lambey
78 Sawai Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Miss Lambey, how you feel about the
White Paper?

LAMBHEY: I fully support it.

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Lambey, this Committee wants to thank you for coming before it.

Cyrila Nuñez
20 Canal Street

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Nuñez how do you feel about the White Paper?

NUNÉZ: I support it fully.

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Nuñez, this committee wants to thank you.

J. Ganns Flowers
2 Sabal Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Flowers, how do you feel about the White Paper?

FLOWERS: I support the White Paper and I shall follow George Price until I die.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Peter Paul Nuñez
8 Saltwood Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Please tell me what is your feelings about the White Paper?

NUNÉZ: I support it a hundred percent.

CHAIRMAN: This committee wants to thank you very much.

Phyllis Lewis
1195 Benguche Area

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: How do you feel about the White Paper?

LEWIS: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the Committee thank you very much.

Cristina Palacio
1260 Lakeland

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Please tell us how you feel about the
White Paper?

PALACIO: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

Edna Miguel
495 Havana Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Edna Miguel how do you feel about the
White Paper?

MIGUEL: I support it along with all my family.

CHAIRMAN: This Committee would like to thank you
and your family for the support.

Antonio Martinez
79 Canal Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Martinez, how do you feel about the
White Paper?

MARTINEZ: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: This committee would like to extend
its thanks to you.

Isaac Williams
7 Southern Foreshore

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: What are your views on the White Paper?

WILLIAMS: I would just like to say "go along".

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Isaac, this committee would like to
thank you.

William Rivas
49 Cedar Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: How do you feel about the White Paper?

RIVAS: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rivas, the Committee would like to thank you.

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Celestina Lewis
1070 Benguche Area

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Tell us your feelings about the White Paper?

LEWIS: I support it and I will follow George Price until I die.

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Celestina Lewis, we would like to thank you very much.

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H. Stanley
93 Commerce Street

(On behalf of the Opposition in the Dangriga Town Board)

CHAIRMAN: Please tell us your views.

STANLEY: I wish to convey the respect of my supporters. Personally, the one thing I would like to mention that the age of Members of the Assembly and Senate be not less than 25 before can be qualified.

CHAIRMAN: We have that and this committee thank you for coming here and thanks to the people you represent.

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Selvin Gomez
7 Rice Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gomez, how do you feel about the White Paper?

GOMEZ: I support it right through, Sir.

CHAIRMAN: Then it is my duty to tell you that this
Committee wish to thank you.

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Felicia Nuñez
5 Southern Foreshore

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Please tell us what you think about the
White Paper.

NUÑEZ: It is a very good paper and I support it.

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Felicia Nuñez, it is my duty to thank
you on behalf of this Committee.

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Michael Witty
51 Pier Road

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Michael Witty what do you think about
the White Paper?

WITTY: I support it a hundred percent.

CHAIRMAN: Witty, it is my duty to thank you, on
behalf of the Joint Select Committee.

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Alfred Francisco
741 Sabal Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Francisco, what do you think about the
White Paper?

FRANCISCO: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: This Committee wish to thank you.

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John Mariano
206 Yampa Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mariano, what do you think about the
White Paper?

MARIANO: I support it a hundred percent.

CHAIRMAN:

This Committee would like to thank you
for your support.

Catarino J. Elijio
52 Pine Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Elijio what do you think about the
White Paper?

ELIJIO:

I support it a hundred percent for a free
Independence of Belize, sovereign and
united.

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Elijio this committee thank you very
much.

Margarito Blanco
487 Banak Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Blanco what do you think about the
White Paper?

BLANCO:

Forward with it.

CHAIRMAN:

This committee would like to thank you
Mr. Blanco.

Caroline Castillo
27 Banak Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN:

Ms. Caroline Castillo, what do you think
of the White Paper?

CASTILLO:

I support it.

CHAIRMAN:

Ms. Castillo, this Committee would like
to thank you.

William Swazo
1369 Lakeland

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. William Swazo, what do you think about the White Paper?

SWAZO: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: This Committee would like to thank you for taking time out to come and give your views.

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Elvin Leslie
735 Bluefield

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Leslie, what do you think about the White Paper?

LESLIE: I support it.

CHAIRMAN: This Joint Select Committee would like to thank you for coming before it.

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Clinton Hernandez
Belize Fruit Products

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clinton Hernandez, what do you think about the White Paper?

HERNANDEZ: I support the White Paper.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clinton this Committee thank you for coming before it.

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Daniella Ramos
8 Zericote Street

(Citizen)

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Daniella Ramos, what do you think about the White Paper?

RAMOS: I support everything in it.

CHAIRMAN: This Committee would like to thank you for coming before it.

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Dr. Kanagasi Nagendran
(Dentist)

CHAIRMAN:

Dr. Have you read the White Paper?

DR. NAGENDRAN:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN:

What do you think about it?

DR. NAGENDRAN:

I think it is the best thing.

CHAIRMAN:

Dr. This committee would like to thank
you for coming.

Having worked until after the hour of
six the Committee stands adjourn until
Saturday Morning in Belize City.

Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

MEMO DUNDUN

Dangriga
14th February, 1961

From: CITIZENS OF DANGRIGA
 To: THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE - NATIONAL
 ASSEMBLY OF BELIZE

Subject: PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION OF BELIZE (WHITE PAPER)

We the undersigned Citizens of Dangriga have noted that some significant questions need to be dealt with prior to raising the matter of Independence for Belize. These questions are enumerated below for the consideration of the Committee and necessary action by the National Assembly:

- (1) Recognizing that Britain must solve her dispute with Guatemala peacefully before raising the question of Independence for Belize;
- (2) Recognizing further that the people of Belize be given an opportunity to express their wish through an impartially organized and impartially supervised referendum on the question of Independence for Belize;
- (3) Seeing that a reform is necessary whereby the electoral system and radio Belize be controlled by a fair and impartial body;
- (4) Knowing that Belize should be prepared for a meaningful participation in her own defence by land, sea and air;
- (5) Knowing further that Belize should be assisted in establishing adequate defence arrangements for post-independence Belize.

We declare that the above-mentioned priorities be referred to another Joint Select Committee comprising six members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate to be appointed after an agreement between the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition to achieve a representation on the Joint Select Committee proportional to the support each party showed in the last General Election.

We further declare that the Joint Select Committee proceed thereafter to consider the White Paper on the constitution for the independent Belize.

We therefore direct the Joint Select Committee to canvas the opinions of the Belizean people before presenting its final report to the National Assembly.

We therefore remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Cecilia Aranda
 Audrey Sabio
 Cecilia Palacio
 A. Partis
 Antoinette Ogilvie

Cecilia Partis
 Pastora Nunez
 Metel Lambert
 Cassel Lambert
 Elaine Lambert

Pearl Lambert
 A. Lewis
 Basilia Gonzales
 Jarrel
 Emily Baltazar

Victoria Lambow
Blouner Sabal
Sylvia Pena
Madia Sabal
Thomas Sampson
Orlando Castillo
John Waight
Elva Bruhier
Therese Yearwood
Agnes Gutierrez
Christopher Leslie
Ortalo Siego
Faustina Koches
Cepenia Santos
Margaret Peters
Chris Lopez
Thomasita Moreira
D. Anderson
Pearl Anderson
Andrea Nunez
Nathaw Apolinie
Anthony Morales
Lavern Martinez
Rose Lewis
Thelma Francisco
Ann Lewis
James Pascual
Earl Lewis
Joseph Siego
Vicenta Gorgen
Virginia Valasquez
F. Martinez
F. Bernudez
A. Bernudez
D. Morales
Caroline Leslie
Manuella Bob
Maria Gordon
Patricia McWab
David Flores
Victor Martinez
Mark Gawlan
B. Nicholas
Marie Myte
Georgia Castro
Margaret Casmiro
Marie Nunez
P.M. Fitzold
G. Swaso
Jacinto Flores
Dorla Taylor
Patilda Miranda
G. Bernaco
C.M. Palacio
Elyed Blusher
L. Raza
Mont Ellis
Max Castillo
A. Alberto
I. Becral
Frances Zuniga
Delphine Marin
Peter Sabal

Raona Lambert
Blanche Siego
E. Anderson
Marcolina Martinez
Reat Castillo
Amanda Waight
Roy Waight (Jr)
Margorie Brushier
Dave Castillo
Delone Martin
Conid Lorenzo
Therese Augustine
Sylvia Flores
E. Anderson
G. Pech
Luis Junior
Ofela Moreira
S. Anderson
Cornelious Velasquez
Joseph Sampson
Joseph Miranda
Fred Martinez
Florriane Lewis
Soloman Marin
Hernaldo Marin
Eleanor Nunez
John Pascual
Thomas Sabal
Albert Cancio
Ernest Augustine
Lawrence Valasquez
Minotea Martinez
F. Bernudez
F. Bernudez
F. Bernudez
George Jackson
Louise Leslie
Petrona Ribison
Darrel Gordon
Helen Cayetano
Cyril Sabal
Ernest Nunez
Julia Pena
Larry Castillo
Regina Nicasio
Paula Fernandez
William Lejato
A. Cayetano Sr.
B. Bernudez
C. Swaso
A. Bernudez
D. Taylor
L. Bernudez
G. Kino
Fabian Flores
George Swaso
Agnes Valentino
Ray Sabbay
F. Lavril
A. Leslie
Oliver Longworth
Alpheus Kelly
Euliano Torres
Frank Arana

Petrona Alvarez
Ellorine Berano
Herold Nunez
Martin Sampson
Theodore Castillo
Harold Waight
Theodore Long
Odessa Brushier
Lucill Wry
Margaret Diego
Dinsdale Sampson
Jean Arzu
Elizabeth Castillo
Therese Arnold
Mrs. A. Delaya
Barbara Moreira
C. Moreira
Jane Velasquez
Alithice Nunez
Yvonne Casimiro
Jose R. Nunez
Sherlene Martinez
George Lewis
Ephania Martinez
Alberta Aranda
Linda Hariso
Silveria Nunez
Johny Zuniga
Jerome Siego
Alonzo Valasquez
G.H. Lewis
J. Bernudez
A. Bernudez
A. Bernudez
G. Jackson
Arthur Brushier
Carmello Godoy
Ernest Martinez
Clara Zuniga
Clarence Oland
Wilma Dixon
Charles Sabal
Eliotora Pescum
George Castro
Petrona Sevano
Dorothy Nunez
Rswald Leslie
V. Sabal
S. Flores
E. Taylor
Yoidora Nicholas
A. Jiginio
V. Bregab
Luke Palacio
Peter Lewis
Cecil Susano
Lisa Lozano
C. Lopez
E. Salen
E. Williams
Santos Sabal
George Cayetano
Margaret Gourmo

Lydia Blanco
Mary Bernardez
Antonio Mendez
I. Martinez
J. Ramos
J. Castillo
E. Castillo
M. Martinez
M. Lopez
E. Cadogan
Rufina Nunez
A. Aranda
Agnes Valentine
Rose Augustine
Erica Valentine
Lyode Nunez
Annette Nunez
Magaret Castillo
Leroy Ramos
Corine Casimiro
M.A. Aranda
David Castillo
Dorothy Ventura
O Jim Nunez
Herbert Casimiro
Stansmore Castillo
Murphy Alvarez
Louise Thomas

Leonie Magdaleno
Max Castillo
Bobby Mendez
F. Martinez
J. Mendez
H. Castillo
E. Bermudez
H. Martinez
M.A. Lopez
Vangie Lopez
M. Casimiro
L. Nunez
Denise Arana
Claud Raspberry
Josephine Maximo
Noel Nuez
Albert Nuez
Dita Elijio
Frank Mendez
Patrick Ogaldez
Magorie Barrios
Sylvia Nunez
Mackie Miranda
Earl Reynaud
Austin Casimiro
Melrose Lewis
Kiton Lino

Monica Moreira
Chritena Mendez
Jane Thomas
R. Martin z
M. Swasey
E. Castillo
M. Lourix
Evelyn Barker
Thomasa Caliz
Josephine Flores
F. Aranda
W. Aranda
Sylvia Valentine
Vicenta Maximo
Rafford Elijio
Daniel Castillo
Shannon Castillo
Frances Ramos
Gregory Flores
Jones Ogaldez
Leonard Lewis
Verginia Casimiro
Vicent Nunez
Victor Aranda
Ann Marie Casimiro
Ramond Palacio
George Thomas

Appendix E-2

Alta Vista Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize,
Court House - Dangriga,
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be informed that we the inhabitants of the Village of Alta Vista have read carefully the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and state emphatically, that we the majority residents support fully the terms recommended for our Constitution. We have noted however, that the symbols of Independence (i.e.) Our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag have all were not be included and therefore suggest and request that these be enshrined therein. (Our New Belize Constitution).
Thanks.

Faithfully Yours

Sandra Donald
Divisional Representatives R.C.
Alta Vista on behalf of the
people of Alta Vista

Pomona Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga,
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

This is inform you that we the Villagers of Pomona, Stann Creek Valley have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state emphatically that we the Villagers give our whole-hearted support to the terms set out therein for our Belize Constitution.

We have observed however, that our symbols of Independence have not been included, meaning our National Belizean Prayer, our National Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flags and request that there be enshrined in our new Belize Constitution. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours

Elsie Ferguson - Councillor
Christline Middleton - Councillor

Middlesex Village
Stann Creek Valley
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper,
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be informed that we the Villagers of the Middlesex Village in the Stann Creek Valley have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state that we support the proposals suggested for our Belize Constitution.

We have noted however, that the symbols of Independence have been over-looked, meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore request that these be embodied in our New Belize Constitution.
Thanks.

Pedro Vasquez
Divisional Representative
on behalf of the People
of Middlesex

Sittee River Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the majority villagers of the Village of Sittee River have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in no uncertain way, that we the majority villagers support fully the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution. However we have observed that the symbols of Independence (i.e.). The Belizean Prayer, our Belizean National Anthem and our Belizean Flag have all been over-looked and therefore request that these be included in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks

Sincerely Yours

Calvert Reynolds
Divisional Representative
Sittee River Village

San Roman
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize,
House of Representatives, Belmopan
Cayo District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the Villagers of the Village of San Roman have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state that we give full support to the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution. However, we have observed that the symbols of Independence meaning, our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag have all been left out and therefore request that there be included in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
I remain
Sincerely Yours

Edilberto Canti
Chairman - San Roman Village
Council on behalf of the
Villagers of San Roman

Santa Rosa Village
Stann Creek District
13th February 1981

The Select Committee,
White Paper,
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
House of Representatives, Belmopan
Cayo District

Dear Sirs,

We submit that we the Villagers of the Village of Santa Rosa have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in every way possible that we the Villagers of the Village of Santa Rosa hereby give full support to the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution. We have observed however, that the symbols of independence meaning, our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and Belizean Flag is not included in the proposals and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks

Faithfully Yours

Camela Chiac
for Indalisto Chiac
Chairman, Santa Rosa
Village Council on
behalf of Citizens of
Santa Rosa.

Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway
Hummingbird Community
Dangriga Valley
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Term of a Constitution
For Independence Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the villagers of Hummingbird Community have read the Government White Paper on the proposed term of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state that we support the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution. We have notice however, that our symbols of Independence have not been included meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore we request that these symbols be included in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks,
I Remain
Yours faithfully

Felicito Calam
Chairman Village Council
on behalf of the People,
Hummingbird Community

Hope Creek Village
Stann Creek District
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For the Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

This is to advise that we the members of the People's United Party of the Village of Hope Creek have read and studied the proposed terms of a Constitution for the Independent Belize and to state that we (all Party members of Hope Creek) fully support the terms as recommended for our Belize Constitution. We have noted however, that our Belizean symbols of Independence are not included meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks,
I remain
Faithfully yours

Evangeline Sutherland (Mrs.)
Party Secretary, Hope Creek

21 Miles
Middlesex Area
Stann Creek Valley
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the Villagers of the 21 Miles, Middlesex Area, Stann Creek Valley have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of an Independent Belize and to state categorically that we support in fully the proposal suggested for our Belize Constitution.

We have observed however, that the symbols of Independence have not been included meaning, our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
Sincerely Yours

Simon Bry Jr.
On behalf of the People
of 21 Miles (Middlesex Area)

17 Miles Community
Stann Creek Valley
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the Villagers of the 17 Miles Community of the Stann Creek Valley have read and studied the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for the Independent Belize and to state that all the Villagers do support in full the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution, We have noted however that our symbols of Independence have been excluded meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore request that these be included therein our New Belize Constitution. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours

Theodore Ramirez
Divisional Representative
on behalf of the People
of 17 Miles Community,
Stann Creek Valley

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Valley Community
Stann Creek Valley
Stann Creek District
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

This is simply to inform you that we the members of the People's United Party of the Valley Community of the Stann Creek Valley have read carefully the Government Constitution for an Independent Belize and state emphatically that we support wholeheartedly the proposals contained therein for our Belize Constitution. We have noted however that our symbols of Independence are not embodied meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
Yours Sincerely

Charles Weblek - Chairman
Catalina Reyes - Committee
Member

Silk Grass
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Dangriga, Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the majority villagers of the village of Silk Grass have read the Government White Paper and the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize, and to state categorically that we the majority villagers of this village support fully the terms suggested on our Belize Constitution. Nevertheless we have observed that the symbols of Independence meaning, the Belizean Prayer, the Belizean Flag and the Belizean Anthem have been left out, and therefore we the Belizeans of Silk Grass (Majority) wish that these be included in our new Belizean Constitution.

Thanks
Respectfully Yours

Walter Castillo, J.P.
Chairman Village Council
Silk Grass

Sarawee Village
Stann Creek District
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the Villagers of the Village of Sarawee have read the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state that we the majority of the Villagers are in full support of the terms recommended therein for our Belize Constitution. We have noted however that the Belizean Prayer, the Belizean Anthem and the Belizean Flag have not been included and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution as symbols of our Independence.

Thanks
I remain
Yours Truly

Estella Lagan Mrs.
Councillor, Village Council
Sarawee on behalf of the
Sarawee Village Council
and People of Sarawee.

Georgetown
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the villagers of Georgetown, have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of the constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in no uncertain way that we fully support the proposals submitted for our Belize Constitution. We have observed, however, that the symbols of Independence meaning, a Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem, and Belizean flag are not embodied, and therefore request these be included in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
I remain
Yours Truly

E. Gognar
Chairman
on behalf of the People
of Georgetown

Maya Centoe Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

We wish to inform your Committee that we the Villagers of Maya Centoe have read and discussed the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a constitution for an Independent Belize and to state emphatically that all citizens of my Village (Maya Centoe) give their full support to proposals as recommended therein for our New Belize Constitution. We noted however, that the symbols of Independence were not included meaning, no mention was made of our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
I remain
Faithfully Yours

Eulogio Sho
Chairman, Village Council
Maya Centoe on behalf
of all the residents of
Maya Centoe.

Sittee Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1931

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Dangriga Court House
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the majority Villagers of the Village of Sittee have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in no uncertain way, that we the majority villagers support fully the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution.

However, we have observed that the symbols of Independence meaning that the Belizean Prayer, Our Belizean National Anthem and our Belizean Flag have been left out and therefore we request that these symbols be included in our New Constitution. Thanks

Sincerely Yours

Isaac Kelly
Chairman Village Council
on behalf of the people
of Sittee River

Jopkins Village
Stann Creek District

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

We advise that we the majority Villagers of the Village of Jopkins have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state categorically that we the majority villagers support fully the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution.

We have noted however that the symbols of Independence meaning the Belizean Prayer, our National Anthem and our National Flag, have not been included and therefore request that these symbols be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution. Thanks.

I remain respectfully
Yours

Francis W. Zuniga
Vice Chairman,
Village Council on
behalf Majority of
Jopkins People.

Hopkins Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
Court House Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sir,

We advise that we the members of the P.U.P. branch of the Village of Hopkins have read the Government White Paper on the Proposed terms of a constitution for an Independent Belize and to state categorically that we the members of the P.U.P. support fully the proposals recommended for our Belize Constitution.

We have noted nevertheless that the symbols of Independence meaning our Belizean Flag, our Belizean Prayer and our Belizean Anthem, were not included and therefore request be enshrined in our New Constitution.

Thanks
I remain yours Sincerely

Rudolph Coleman
Asst. Secretary
People's United Party
Branch, Hopkins

Seine Bight Village
Stann Creek District
13th February 1931

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House, Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be informed that we the villagers of the village of Seine Bight have carefully read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state categorically that we endorse fully the proposals recommended for our Belizean Constitution.

We have however, observed that the symbols of Independence meaning our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Anthem and our Belizean Flag have not been included and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belizean Constitution. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours

Paul Rodriguez, J.P.
on behalf of the Village
Council and people of
Seine Bight.

Maya Mopan Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Court House Dangriga
Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that we the villagers of Maya Mopan have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in no uncertain terms, that we fully support the proposals submitted for our Belize Constitution. We have observed, however that the symbols of Independence meaning, our Belizean Prayer, our Belizean Flag and our Belizean Anthem are not embodied and therefore request that these be included in our New Belize Constitution.

Thanks
I remain
Yours Truly

Emetenia Chun (Mrs.)
for Chairman, Village Council
(Mr. Felipe Chun)
Maya Mopan on behalf of the
people of Maya Mopan

896 Southern Foreshore
Dangriga, Belize C.A.
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
c/o The propose Constitution
For the Independent Belize
Belmopan, Belize
National Assembly

Dear Committee Members,

As a staunch member of the People's United Party,
Dangriga Branch. On behalf of the undermentioned person of
my household of the above mentioned address. We support
the Propose Constitution of the Independent Belize and also
would like the following request to be included

- (a) The Belizean National Anthem
- (b) The Belizean National Prayer
- and (c) The Belizean National Flag, the blue and white.

I therefore commend the Belizean Government for
the very special effort they have put in preparing such so
sacred Document Leading Belize to safe and secure Independent
with all its territorial intact. Thanks.

While I beg to remain
Yours Faithfully

Shogib Hasbun
Maria Hasbun

Pomona, Stann Creek Valley,
Stann Creek District,
18th February 1981.

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed Terms of a Constitution,
For an Independent Belize
Court House - Dangriga,
Stann Creek District.

Dear Sir,

Please be informed that we the Members of the Stann Creek Rural People's United Party (Head Quarters) of the Stann Creek Rural Branch have read carefully the Government White Paper on the Proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state that we (all the Members) fully support the terms recommended in the White Paper for our Belize Constitution. We have noted however that the Belizean Symbols of Independence are not included meaning our Belizean National Prayer, Our Belizean National Anthem and our Belizean National Flag and therefore request that these symbols be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution. Thanks

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Elmo Caliz - Secretary
People's United Party Branch
Stann Creek Rural Constituency.

Mullins River Village
Stann Creek District
19th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
For an Independent Belize
House of Representatives
Belmopan, Caye District

Dear Sirs,

Please be informed that we the majority Villagers of the Village of Mullins River have read carefully the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an independent Belize and to state categorically that we support fully the terms recommended for our Belize Constitution. We have noted nevertheless that our Belizean symbols of Independence have not been included in the proposals meaning our Belizean National Prayer, our Belizean Flag and our Belizean National Anthem and therefore request that these be enshrined in our New Belize Constitution as symbols of our Belizean Independence.

Thanks.

I remain
Faithfully yours

on behalf of the Mullins
River Village Council and
People of Mullins River.

1210 Gans Avenue

Fully support the White Paper and Independence .

Question: National Anthem, Prayer and Flag

I am unable to come. I am sick.

Miss Sonia Gordon

Laya Centre Village
Stann Creek District
9th February 1931

To Whom It May Concern,

At the Village Council's Meeting on Monday
February 9th, 1931, the White Paper consisting the proposed
constitution of the Independent Belize was revised by villagers
with the Village Council Chairman as leader.

The result of the revision was that none of the
members of the meeting disagreed with any of the topics.

Yours Faithfully

Eulogie Cho
Chairman

Seine Bight
17th February 1931

Dear Sir,

The District Representative had distributed copies of the White Paper during his recent visit for our study and comments.

I have checked in the village and have discovered that the people are in complete agreement with the proposed terms of the Constitution excepting that a few men would prefer that the appointment of a Minister to replace another even temporarily should be on the advice of the Prime Minister. This refers to Page 11, No. 27.

Yours respectively,

Stanley E. Flores
Chairman
Seine Bight Village Council

Letter: To The Joint Select Committee of
The National Assembly

Regarding the Proposed terms
of a Constitution for an
Independent Belize.

Dear Sir,

Instilled within me and within your hearts is an acknowledgment sometimes not spoken. There is a mandatory relationship between the powerful and the influential and the socially prominent and wealthy, on the one hand, and the weak the insecure, and the poor on the other hand. This is an relationship not always completely understood. I don't completely understand it myself. But I know that in a free society we do see very clearly that one cannot accept great blessings bestowed on him by God without feeling an inner urge and drive to share - those blessings with others of our friends and neighbours who are not quite so fortunate as we.

The main thing I want to do this morning, 10th February 1981, in about an hour is to get to know how you feel about our country.

I've talked a lot and I've listened a lot, and there are two question basically, that I hear everywhere. I do not say it is good, I do not say it is bad. I say it is the way it is, no matter whether someone is out of work or rich, farmer, or business men, black or white, It doesn't matter. These are two basic questions that we're going to have to face. The first one is: Can our Government systematically as we know it continue to exist?

Can it be efficient, economical purposeful? Can the Premier of Belize once again work in harmony with the house of representatives and the house of Senate, to meet the needs of our nation today?

A vast majority of the people in this country think the answer is no, I think the answer is yes.

The other question is this - a little more personal but perhaps even more important. Can our Government in Belize which we all love be decent? It is possible for it to be honest and truthful and fair and idealistic compassionate filled with love? Is it possible for our government to be what the Belizean people are or what we would like it to be, can it once again be a source of pride instead of apology?

A lot of people think the answer is no, I think the answer is yes.

We've come a long way; we've got a long way; to go in this country. We ought to constantly be searching for a way to make our nation more decent and more fair.

Our country is strong in international affairs and we ought to once again assert our leadership, because we lost it. But that leadership ought not to be based on military might or political pressure or economic power but on the basic of fact that this country in its foreign affairs is honest and truthful and fair and predictable.

(Ubafa Sun Jarifuna)

Jopkins Village
Stann Creek District
18th February 1981

The Select Committee
White Paper
Proposed terms of a Constitution
for an Independent Belize
Dangriga, Stann Creek District

Dear Sirs,

We advise that we the members of the Jopkins Football Team of the Village of Jopkins have read the Government White Paper on the proposed terms of a Constitution for an Independent Belize and to state in no uncertain way, that we support fully the terms suggested for our Belize Constitution. We have observed, however, that the symbols of Independence: (i.e.) The Belizean National Anthem, our National Flag and our National Prayer are left out and request that this be included in our New Constitution.

Thanks

Sincerely Yours

Fredrick Nunez - Captain
Alton Nunez - Member
Dale Casinero - Member