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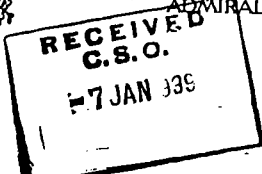
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HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT
ADMIRALTY, LONDON, S.W.1.

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IN REPLYING PLEASE ADDRESS—
THE HYDROGRAPHER
ADMIRALTY
LONDON, S.W.1.

QUOTING H 7208/38.



20th December, 1938.

Sir,

The following is a translation of a Hague Notice to Mariners No.250/3179.

"Guiana. Corentyn River - Beacon marking limit between Netherlands and British Territory.

Approx. position Springlands chimney: Lat. 5° 53'.8 N., Long. 57° 07'.8 W. A pyramid-shaped wooden beacon, 10 M. in height, has been placed on the left bank of the Corentyn, 6.05 miles 356° 5 from the Springlands factory chimney. The line drawn 010° from this beacon gives the limits between the Netherlands and British territorial waters in the mouth of the Corentyn."

2. I have to request that you will confirm that this beacon has been erected and that you will inform me whether there have been any negotiations between the Government of British Guiana and the Netherlands Government with regard to the dividing line between British and Netherlands territorial waters.

3. It appears from this notice that the Netherlands Government claim all the waters of the Corentyn River and even some waters in the approaches which appear to be indisputably British, and any information which you may have on this matter will be of interest.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. A. Edgell

Vice-Admiral,
Hydrographer.

The Colonial Secretary,
Georgetown,
British Guiana.