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Ajayi, J. F. A. 1969.

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Devisse, J. 1972.

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*A History of the Guyanese Working People, 1881-1905*, Johns Hopkins University Press

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