

NOT Need to Know?

00 DIED, 600 MISSING;
VERTS TO "EVERYONE"?

San Francisco Chronicle

DAY 4

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Jonestown Mystery Grows — 0 of the Cult Still Missing

3: SF Chronicle (above); LA Times (below)

Guyana Jungle Searched for Cult Survivors

Troops and Police Hunt
Without Success for
500 Adults, Children

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Nearly 200 police and soldiers searched without success Tuesday for hundreds of survivors of the Jonestown horror in jungles and swamps where experts say it is easy for people to get lost and die of hunger.

ber 22, 1978: Now "200 police and
" were searching for "500 adults,
" whom the CIA/U.S. Embassy already
ere dead.

U.S. Begins Airlift of 400 Cultists' Bodies

Dead to Go to Delaware; Sect Member
Charged With Slaying Ryan, 4 Others

ember 23, 1978: Airlift begins
0 bodies. No one seems to know
happened to the other 500.

San Francisco Examiner

DAY 7

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t rises to 900

DAY 6

Mystery Over Cult Survivor Total Grows

Los Angeles, Calif.
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GEORGETOWN, Guyana—The bodies of Jim Jones and 80 of the 408 fanatical followers he led to bizarre deaths in the Guyana jungle were flown to the United States Thursday, leaving behind a growing mystery as to the number of possible survivors of

the horror.

A big C-141 cargo plane loaded with the latest shipment of bodies lifted off from the capital's international airport at midafternoon bound for Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

November 24 1978: ". . . a growing [non-]mystery as to the number of possible survivors. . ."

Day 1: CIA reports deaths from on site.

Day 2: Declaration of 300 dead. U.S. Embassy claims they are "unable to confirm."

Day 3: Now 400 died and "hundreds flee death ritual." Even though the CIA was on site and "hundreds fleeing" could not have been missed.

Day 4: 400 now proclaimed "missing." 200 troops/police search for "500 adults, children" already known to be dead. Whatever is happening AT Jonestown no one knows.

Day 5: Airlift begins of "400 cultists' bodies." No mention of the other 500.

Day 6: The mystery of "the missing" continues.

Day 7: Suddenly, the death count is 900!!

What took a week before telling the truth? And why? What was confiscated from Jonestown during that time?

This also kept relatives away. It kept the event cloaked in uncertainty and secrecy. It **BARRED ENTRY AND PRECLUDED INVESTIGATION.**