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On December 13, 1978, SA [redacted] [redacted] Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), telephonically contacted [redacted] [redacted] Legal Department, Washington Post Newspaper, concerning the interview of CHARLES KRAUSE, who had been a witness to the killing of RYAN at Jonestown, Guyana.

[redacted] stated KRAUSE was in Georgetown, Guyana, and that he [redacted] did not know when KRAUSE would return to the United States. [redacted] was advised that the FBI wished to interview KRAUSE about his knowledge of the facts that he (KRAUSE) could relate concerning the death of RYAN. [redacted] intimated that KRAUSE, because of his status as a "reporter" would not be obliged to discuss this matter with the FBI. At this point, it was explained to [redacted] by SA [redacted] that KRAUSE was a witness to a murder of a U.S. Congressman and that this crime falls under the Congressional Assassination Statute, in which case the FBI has the primary responsibility and right to interview any and all witnesses to the crime. (u)

It is noted that several other prior attempts to contact KRAUSE telephonically by SA [redacted] had resulted in no response from KRAUSE. [redacted] concluded the conversation by saying he would inform KRAUSE of the FBI's desire to interview him. It is noted that KRAUSE, two weeks after the Jonestown massacre, had written a book in paperback form, concerning the massacre which was already on the newstand at the time SA [redacted] had his conversation with [redacted]. (u)

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by SA [redacted] jmr Date dictated 12/19/78

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