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REPORT ON PEOPLES TEMPLE ASSETS ABROAD,  
AND SUMMARY OF USG RECOVERY EFFORTS WITH  
RESPECT THERETO, AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 1979

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ENCLOSURE

SUMMARY

We have reason to believe that the Peoples Temple may have assets in the following foreign countries, as indicated:

1. Guyana	\$4,000,000 <sup>*/</sup>	TAB A
2. Panama	\$7,335,792 <sup>*/</sup>	TAB B
3. Switzerland	\$ 800,000 <sup>*/</sup>	TAB C
4. Nassau, Bahamas	\$ 206,000	TAB D
5. Grenada, West Indies	76,000	TAB E
6. Venezuela	\$ 33,757	TAB F
7. Trinidad & Tobago	-----	TAB G
8. Curacao	-----	TAB H
9. Other	-----	TAB I
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TOTAL	\$12,451,549	

\*/ Estimate, partially confirmed

COUNTRY:

Guyana

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS:

\$3,160,850 (Plus cash, jewelry, checks, bank accounts, real and personal property in undetermined amount.)

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG:

Repatriation of bodies of deceased PT members; repatriation of survivors; AmEmb retained local counsel for legal advice; 12/20/78 msg. to AmEmb re: protection of USG interests vis a vis PT assets in Guyana and request for inventory of same; 12/22/78 AmEmb letters to all Guyanese banks in which PT allegedly had deposits; obtained copies of articles of incorporation for three (3) Guyanese PT corporations; studying whether USG should join GOG in lawsuit filed by GOG in Supreme Court of Guyana on 2/9/79.

ATTITUDE OF  
FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT:

Difficult to determine at this time. Polite, but generally noncommittal. It is entirely possible that the GOG claim will eat up all PT assets in Guyana, leaving nothing for USG or other claimants.

LOCAL COUNSEL:

At early date, AmEmb retained solicitor Gordon Gillette for legal advice.

LITIGATION  
INITIATED:

9 February 1979 GOG (AG) and Guyana Airways Corp. filed suit against PT and several individuals in Supreme Court of Guyana.

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS:

Uncertain, at best. The situation is complex and fraught with political overtones.

GUYANA

1. Cash found at Jonestown between 11/18/78 and 11/20/78 by Guyanese authorities:

\*/U.S. DOLLARS

a. <u>**/Guyana Currency</u>	
Notes: \$137,604.00	
Coins: 57.69	
<u>\$137,661.69 (G)</u>	52,947
b. <u>U.S. Currency</u>	
Notes: \$634,501.00	
366.47	
<u>\$634,867.47</u>	634,867
c. <u>Trinidad &amp; Tobago Currency</u>	
Notes: \$ 2.00	
Coins: 18.92	
<u>20.98 (\$G20.01)</u>	8

2. Cash confiscated by Guyanese authorities from Port Kaituma residents between 2/1/78 and 12/3/78:

a. <u>Guyana Currency</u>	4,576
Notes: \$11,898 (G)	
b. <u>U.S. Currency</u>	
Notes: \$US 296,500	296,500

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\*/ Rounded off to nearest dollar.

\*\*/ As of December 4, 1978 the official exchange rate was:  
approximately U.S. \$1 = G\$2.6  
G \$1 = U.S. \$38.46



SUSPECTED PT BANK ACCOUNTS IN GUYANA

1. Guyana National Cooperative Bank,  
Georgetown (GNCB)
  - a. External Savings Acct. No. COR 29489/10  
Balance said to be:  
US\$ 5,219.15  
G\$13,256.65
  - b. Fixed time deposit savings Acct. No. CO-90-319  
Balance said to be:  
US\$ 5,205.75  
G\$13,222.61
  - c. Savings Acct. No. 28549.  
Balance said to be:  
US\$ 5,092.89  
G\$12,935.93
  - d. Check Acct. No. 1230 (?)
2. Barclay's Bank, Georgetown
  - a. External Savings Acct. No. 9857/2,  
balance said to be:  
US\$ 711,043.70  
G\$1,806,057.03
  - b. Checking Acct. No. (?),  
balance said to be:  
US\$12,161.42  
G\$30,890
3. Bank of Guyana

Treasury Bill #148 in amount of \$1,000,000 (?)  
In name of PT.
4. Royal Bank of Canada, Georgetown

Details unknown.

COUNTRY: Panama

EXTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: \$7,335,792 (plus possible other bank accounts and assets--e.g., Albatross III--which may raise this figure somewhat, if confirmed.)

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG: DOJ Attorney (Jim Hergen) visited Panama 12/26/78 - 12/29/78; retained prominent local counsel; filed criminal "denunciation" with Attorney General's Office; discussed case with high GOP officials; succeeded in freezing accounts in SBC and UBS, Panama branches; presented to MOJ formal letter of request for criminal assistance signed by DAAG Keeney; obtained articles of incorporation for PT Panamanian companies; sought detailed legal advice from Panamanian counsel; obtained all shares (bearer) for San Pedro Corp.; enlisted good offices of GOP and AmEmb, Panama.

ATTITUDE OF  
FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: Cooperative and sympathetic. GOP would probably like to wash its hands of this matter, but must act in full accord with applicable laws, e.g., bank secrecy law.

LOCAL  
COUNSEL: Firm of Morgan y Morgan. Excellent reputation; highly regarded in Panama. \$100 per hour.

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: Criminal investigation commenced on basis of "denunciation" filed by DOJ. No civil lawsuit initiated to date.

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Generally favorable. Prompt, clean recovery by anyone will be probably be frustrated unless USG and Receiver can agree to work together in Panama.

PT BANK ACCOUNTS IN PANAMA

1. Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS)

- a. Acct. No. 222-00-042A, opened May 3, 1978  
in name of San Pedro.  
Current balance, \$350,000. (Confirmed.)
- b. Acct. No. 121-00-135A, in name of  
Ester Lillian Mueller (deceased)  
Current balance, \$1,255.97 (Confirmed.)
- c. Acct. No. 121-00-191A, in name of  
Annie J. McGowan (deceased).  
Current balance, \$4,941,536.51 (Confirmed)

2. Swiss Banking Corporation (SBC)

- a. Acct. No. 3357, suspected to be in the  
name of either Annie J. McGowan or  
[redacted], or both, balance said to be  
\$2,043,000 (Unconfirmed\*/) b6 Per Dept. of State
- b. Acct. No. 100-468-1, in name of [redacted]  
details unknown. (Per [redacted]) (Unconfirmed.)

3. Banco Union

Account said to be in the name of San Pedro.  
Details unknown. (Unconfirmed)

4. Banco Mercantile

Account said to be in name of Asociacion Evangelica  
de lqs Americas. Details unknown. (Unconfirmed.)

5. Banco Colombia (downtown branch)

Account said to be in the name of Asociacion E.D.  
Empressa Charitiva Internationale, S.A., No. 0900522-6  
Details unknown. (Unconfirmed.)

\*/ We expect to obtain confirmation in the near future.



COUNTRY: Switzerland

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: ? "Substantial, but less than \$1 million"

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG: Caused all suspected PT accounts to be blocked, pursuant to US/Swiss Criminal Assistance Treaty.

ATTITUDE  
OF FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: Unknown at this time. Swiss have apparently been cooperative in complying with our request under the treaty to freeze and identify PT assets, but we have not yet received any details.

LOCAL  
COUNSEL: None

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: None, other than our treaty request for criminal assistance.

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Generally favorable. As in Panama, however, recovery prospects will probably depend largely upon how closely we can work with the Receiver.

PT ACCOUNTS, ETC. IN SWITZERLAND

1. Union Bank of Switzerland, Zurich

- a. Safety-deposit box No. 146-65 HUK, in the name of Teresa Jean Buford. Contents unknown. (However, Buford's 9/21/78 letter to the bank refers to "documents, valuables and contents.")
- b. Acct. No. 220-117-60J, in name of San Pedro. (According to information obtained from UBS, Panama, this account was closed out; the Swiss authorities, however, have informally led us to believe that there may still exist some residual funds in this account.)

2. Swiss Banking Corporation

Details unknown.

COUNTRY: Nassau, Bahamas

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: \$206,396

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG: Formal diplomatic request to GOB o/a  
1/20/79 requesting all possible assistance  
of GOB in immobilizing and indentifying  
PT assets.

ATTITUDE  
OF FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: Unknown.

LOCAL  
COUNSEL: None

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: None

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Unknown

PT ASSETS IN BAHAMAS

1. Bank of Nova Scotia, Nassau
  - a. Account said to be in names of Jim W. Jones and wife, Marcelline. Balance said to be \$206,396.07. Other details unknown. (Unconfirmed.)
  - b. Savings Acct No. SDB413 said to be in name of P. Adams and  Details unknown.
  - c. Possible safe-deposit box #549. Details unknown.

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COUNTRY: Grenada, West Indies

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: \$76,000

ACTION  
TAKEN BY  
USG: Diplomatic request of 1/20/79 for assistance  
in immobilizing and identification.

ATTITUDE  
OF FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: Unknown.

LOCAL  
COUNSEL: None

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: None

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Unknown

PT ASSETS IN GRENADA

1. Grenada National Bank

- a. Acct. No. 495, in the name of the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ. Signatories said to be by Patti Cartwell and [redacted] Said to contain a balance of somewhere between \$60,000 and \$200,000.

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COUNTRY: Venezuela

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: ? Reports range from a low of \$33,757  
to a high of \$2 million

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG: 1/20/79 State msg. to AmEmb, Caracas,  
requesting that AmEmb present formal  
note to GOV seeking all possible  
assistance in identifying and immobili-  
zing PT assets there. On 2/9/79 GOV  
responded that it is "interested in the  
matter" and that the Foreign Minister has  
relayed our request to "other [GOV]  
agencies which might be competent."  
The GOV also promised us a follow-up  
report on the results of intra-governmental  
consultation which are to be held on this  
matter.

ATTITUDE  
OF FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: GOV appears to be willing to cooperate  
with USG within limits of law.

LOCAL  
COUNSEL: None

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: None

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Unknown

PT ACCOUNTS IN VENEZUELA

1. Banco Union, Caracas

- a. Acct. No. 01-58115-5, said to be in the name of San Pedro, signatories said to be T. Buford and C. Layton. Current balance said to be G\$85,745 (US\$33,757) as of 6/78. Believed to be a checking account. (Unconfirmed.)
- b. Acct. No. (?), said to be in the names of Maria Katsaris and  other details unknown. (Unconfirmed.)

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COUNTRY: Trinidad and Tobago (Port-of-Spain)

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: None

COMMENT: We had originally obtained information that the Temple had a \$60,000 account at Barclay's Bank. The account was allegedly in the name of Asociacion E.D. Charitivable Internationale Empresa, S.A. This account was allegedly to be used to purchase supplies, etc., for the PT Vessel "Albatross III". Helen Swinney and Richard Janero are said to have had access to this account. The Acct. No. was 154-156-488.

We have now confirmed through several independent sources (see e.g., F.B.I. Memo, dated 2/6/79) that the account was opened on 11/6/78 in the name of Helen Beatrice Swinney with an initial deposit of \$60,000. The account was closed out by Swinney on 12/8/78.

The F.B.I. has interviewed Swinney and has seen the account book. Withdrawals are indicated as follows:

1. November (?), 1978 - \$ 2,000
2. November 8, 1978 - \$15,000
3. November 10, 1978 - \$15,000
4. November 14, 1978 - 10,000
5. November 24, 1978 - \$17,800
6. December 8, 1978 - 200

Swinney was vague and elusive concerning how the funds were disposed of. She did indicate, however, that subsequent to the events of 11/18/78 she gave \$11,000 to her son-in-law, Charles Touchette, ostensibly for use in connection with the further operations of the "Albatross III"

Abraham Shipping Co., Ltd., The local agent for the Albatross III in Port of Spain, maintains an "agency account" for the Albatross III from which operating costs are disbursed. It is not an account owned by either the PT or its members, and cannot be drawn upon by them. Further details unavailable.



COUNTRY: Curacao, Netherlands Antilles

ESTIMATED  
PT ASSETS: ?

ACTIONS  
TAKEN BY  
USG: Diplomatic request of 1/20/79 for assistance  
in immobilizing and identification.

ATTITUDE OF  
FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENT: Unknown

LOCAL COUNSEL: None

LITIGATION  
INITIATED: None

RECOVERY  
PROSPECTS: Unknown

PT ASSETS IN CURACAO

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We have received unconfirmed reports from Buford and [redacted] (see also FBI msg. of 12/22/78) that there may exist in some as yet unidentified bank in Curaco an account in the names of Jim Jones, Carolyn Layton and Maria Katsaris.

OTHER COUNTRIES

There have been other, unconfirmed, reports that the Peoples Temple may have had bank accounts, etc., in the United Kingdom (London), Canada and Rumania. Except for having sent a diplomatic note to the U.K.M.O.F. o/a 1/20/79 we have not pursued these leads.