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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 12/18/78

FROM : J. O. Ingram

SUBJECT: RYMUR

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Attached is a copy of a Los Angeles Times article dated 12/14/78 in which it is reported that attorneys for subpoenaed PT members alleged their clients were willing or eager to cooperate with captioned investigation, however, the FBI had acted improperly in the interrogation of the survivors when they returned to the United States from Guyana. Specifically, Tim Jones was allegedly interrogated for more than ten hours by teams of FBI Agents working in shifts who were attempting to break down his story. (u)

The fact situation is that on 12/6/78 17 PT survivors including Tim Jones arrived at JFK International Airport at approximately 7:20 p.m. They were initially cleared by Immigration and Naturalization Service and then by United States Customs. This process took approximately one and a half hours. All individuals were then examined by a Bureau secured and Bureau paid physician who examined each individual for approximately 20 minutes. Each individual was then interviewed by an investigative team which included a representative from the FBI and a representative from the United States Secret Service. No team interviewed more than one individual. The interviews were conducted in private in recreational vehicles and during the interview the interviewees were furnished with McDonalds hamburgers, french fries, and cokes which were paid for by the FBI (u)

Following interview the group of 17 was taken by either the FBI personally or by a bus secured by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to a motel where they were provided free lodging for the night, food, and transportation to their desired points of destination the following day. (u)

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Present during the entire procedure was the Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (Richard Brewster). (u)

With regard to the interview of Timothy Glenn Jones, he was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the FBI along with United States Secret Service Agent [redacted]. Jones immediately requested the services of an attorney and the interview was interrupted. Jones then stated that his sister would acquire an attorney for him and Jones' sister was brought to the recreational vehicle where he met with her in private for one hour. Thereafter Jones stated that he would continue with the interview without the services of an attorney, however, wanted to meet with both his brother and sister in private. This request was granted and this meeting in private lasted for two hours. All interviews were concluded by approximately 2:30 a.m. During this time the individuals were interviewed, cleared through Customs, checked by a physician, fed, and given opportunities to meet with relatives in private, and take care of immediate personal necessities. (u)

ASAC Terry Knowles, BQMRA advised that he supervised the interview process at JFK International Airport and that at no time were any "lies" told to any returning survivors, nor was anyone told that Charles Garry had been arrested. (u)

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16 Cult Survivors Refuse to Testify

Won't Tell of Guyana Slayings Until Lawyers Get FBI Reports

BY EVAN MAXWELL

Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—Sixteen survivors of the Peoples Temple Guyana colony refused to testify Wednesday before a grand jury probing the murder of Rep. Leo Ryan, thus stalling the federal probe into the assassination and other activities of the cult.

All 16 survivors of the tragedy—most of them young men who were in Guyana but not at the Jonestown colony when 813 persons died—were represented by attorneys who demanded copies of FBI reports about the case before allowing their clients to testify.

The attorneys all said their clients were willing or eager to cooperate with the investigation, but several claimed the FBI had acted improperly in the interrogation of the survivors when they returned to the United States from Guyana.

One of the attorneys, Peter Keane, said his client, Tim Jones, was interrogated for more than 10 hours by teams of FBI agents working in shifts who were attempting to break down his story.

Keane said the agents told Jones, adopted son of cult leader Jim Jones, that Peoples Temple attorney Charles Garry had been arrested, and "other lies in order to intimidate him."

Other attorneys characterized the treatment of survivors as "outrageous" and "unconscionable," particularly since many of them had lost relatives—in some cases whole families—in the mass suicides and murders that followed the deaths of Ryan and four others at an airstrip near the colony.

One survivor, Cleveland Newell, 23, of Los Angeles, told the court through his attorney that he had lost his mother, his wife, three brothers and a nephew in Jonestown. Another survivor, Michael Simon, also of Los Angeles, lost his mother, his wife, two children and two siblings, according to his attorney.

All the attorneys told the court that the mental states of their clients had prevented proper consultation in the five or six days since the survivors arrived back in the Bay Area.

U.S. Atty. G. William Hunter, who represented the government in the courtroom of Dist. Court Judge Robert F. Peckham Wednesday, denied that FBI agents had acted improperly in the interrogations.

In addition, Hunter took the unusual step of offering each of the survivors copies of the FBI reports. Those reports are seldom turned over to defendants or prospective defendants in criminal cases.

Hunter told Peckham that in addition to the investigation of the death of Ryan, who had flown to Jonestown to investigate reports of mistreatment of church members there, the government also is investigating possible firearms and currency smuggling charges stemming from the move of the Peoples Temple congregation to the jungles of Guyana.

About \$1 million in cash and 34 firearms, along with 100,000 rounds of ammunition, were found in the colony. Temple defectors and survivors have told investigators that currency was moved from San Francisco to Guyana in amounts less than the \$5,000 legal maximum, but no explanation has been offered for the movement of weapons, all of which are believed to have been purchased over the counter of Bay Area gun stores.

After listening to attorneys for the survivors for more than an hour Wednesday morning, Peckham agreed to put off further grand jury hearings until Dec. 27, at which time the panel is to begin hearing from witnesses.

Hunter initially sought to avoid the delay, announcing the "government's intention to proceed as soon as we can" on the probe. But Hunter acknowledged that he was giving his "implicit consent" to the continuance by agreeing to supply the FBI reports which will not be ready until next week.

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