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TO : MR. D. W. MOORE (89-0)

DATE: 11/19/78

FROM : MR. NORBERT H. RASCHER *NHR*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/13/92 BY 1048 DGM/MLA

SUBJECT: *Set*
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
REP. LEO RYAN (CALIF.) - VICTIM
POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION

On 11/19/78, at approximately 2:35 a.m., [redacted] Department of State, Washington, D. C., [redacted] advised that he received information that the Peoples Sect involved in the captioned incident has a mass suicide pact which may have been triggered by the shooting.

There are approximately 3000 members in the Los Angeles and San Francisco area and 1200 members in Guyana. [redacted] stated that unsubstantiated reports from Guyana indicate that members of the temple in Georgetown, Guyana are killing themselves. The San Francisco Police Department has the local temple under observation and it appears they are burning records. [redacted] stated he has no information concerning the situation in Los Angeles.

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[redacted] again called at approximately 3:00 a.m. and put through to us a caller by the name of [redacted] Portland, Oregon, who stated that he is familiar with this sect and is certain that the suicide pact is a reality. [redacted] stated that the pastor, JIM JONES, has a hypnotic hold on these people and that they will do anything JONES says -- from murder to all forms of sexual deviation. [redacted] advised that an opposition group known as the HUMAN FREEDOM CENTER, 3028 Regent St., Berkeley, California, was formed to pry members away from the Peoples Sect, whom [redacted] considers a cross between the Mansons and the "Moonies".

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[redacted] advised he had telephoned the San Francisco Police Department with this same information and would be available to swear to an affidavit concerning all aspects of this sect.

San Francisco and Los Angeles were telephonically advised by FBIHQ of the above. (u)



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