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TAGS: CASC, GY (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)

SUBJ: FBI INVESTIGATION IN GUYANA: DISPOSITION OF  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE PROPERTY IN GUYANA

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1. AMBASSADOR AND MR. FORTUNE OF LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE  
CALLED ON GOG FOREIGN MINISTER RASHLEIGH JACKSON THIS MORNING.  
AFTER INTRODUCING MR. FORTUNE, AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE  
WISHED TO RAISE CERTAIN ISSUES RELATED TO THE EVENTS AT  
JONESTOWN AND THEIR AFTERMATH. FORMIN EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS  
TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES, BUT INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT MEETING  
AMONG CONCERNED GOG MINISTERIES SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY  
8 (REFTEL PARA 2 (D)) HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND TENTATIVELY  
RESCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. FORMIN REGRETTED THAT AS A  
RESULT OF THIS POSTPONEMENT, GOG HAD YET TO TAKE DECISIONS

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2. AMBASSADOR THEN REPEATED USG DESIRE TO REMOVE EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GUYANESE POLICE TO THE U.S. TEMPORARILY. FORMIN STATED THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON.

3. AMBASSADOR NEXT RAISED THE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE INTERVIEWS BETWEEN LEGATT OGLESBY AND SURVIVORS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO ARE STILL IN GUYANA AND ARE NOT UNDER POLICE CUSTODY. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH INTERVIEWS AND

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NOTED THAT THEY <sup>SE</sup> WOULD BE VOLUNTARY CONTACTS BETWEEN US CITIZENS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. FORMIN RESPONDED THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW NO REASON FOR OBJECTING TO SUCH INTERVIEWS, BUT THAT HE WISHED TO CHECK WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE BEFORE RESPONDING FORMALLY. FORMIN PHONED AMBASSADOR SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE MEETING AND STATED THAT GOG HAD NO OBJECTION TO SUCH INTERVIEWS.

4. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO THE GENERAL QUESTION OF THE PRESERVATION AND DISPOSITION OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE PROPERTY IN GUYANA. FORMIN INDICATED THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING LATER TODAY. AT THE REQUEST OF THE AMBASSADOR, FORMIN ARRANGED AN APPOINTMENT FOR MR. FORTUNE WITH THE SOLICITOR GENERAL ON MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15 (THE FIRST TIME AT WHICH THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WAS AVAILABLE) SO THAT MR. FORTUNE COULD EXPLORE IN DETAIL LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE DISPOSITION OF TEMPLE PROPERTY.

5. AT HIS REQUEST, FORMIN WAS BRIEFED ON STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF JONESTOWN TRAGEDY. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, HIGH LEVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RECOUPMENT OF USG EXPENSES WAS STRESSED, AND INTENTION OF USG TO TAKE ALL AVAILABLE MEASURES TO PURSUE CLAIMS IT MAY HAVE AGAINST TEMPLE ASSETS IN GUYANA WAS REITERATED.

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