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ON 1/16/79 JOAN PURSLEY AND [REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED, UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT JFKIA, QUEENS, N.Y., ABOARD PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 228. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED: (u)

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN IN PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH (PT) SINCE BIRTH. [REDACTED] ADMITTED BEING MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION OF PT AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND MEETINGS SHE ATTENDED CONCERNED WITH CONFRONTATION OR TEARING DOWN PEOPLE'S EGO. PLANNING COMMISSION CONCEPT NOT UTILIZED AT JONESTOWN, AND MEMBERS WERE CONFRONTED WITH ACCUZATIONS AGAINST THEM BY OTHER MEMBERS. PUNISHMENT WAS ORDERED BY JONES IN FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE UNIT, OR WORK DETAIL. [REDACTED] DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF BEATINGS AT JONESTOWN. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER ON BEATINGS, [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE MISSED A LOT OF NIGHTLY MEETINGS. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED SECURITY FORCE AT JONESTOWN. (u)

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AS TIM JONES (W/M), JIMMY JONES, BRUCE OLIVER, ERNETT GRIFFITH (HEAD OF SECURITY), JOHN COBB, JOE WILSON, AND CALVIN DOUGLAS. SECURITY ARMED WITH KNIVES. [REDACTED] ORIGINALLY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF FIREARMS AT JONESTOWN, BUT LATER STATED SHE HEARD OF ARMED PATROLS BEFORE SHE ARRIVED.

[REDACTED] HEARD OF "WHITE NIGHT" WERE PEOPLE ASKED TO DRINK COOL-ADE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE POISON. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED BEFORE [REDACTED] ARRIVED AT JONESTOWN. [REDACTED] THINKS REV. JONES TESTING MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE COMMITTED TO HIM. REV. JONES REMOVED FROM MOST OF REGULAR WORKERS AT JONESTOWN, AND SURROUNDED BY STAFF THAT WERE ADMINISTRATORS. STAFF MEMBERS TERRY BUFFORD, SANDY BRADSHAW JEAN BROWN (SAN FRANCISCO), SHARON AMOS, PAULA ADAMS. [REDACTED] ADMITTED NO KNOWLEDGE OF "HIT TEAM", OR TERM "ANGELS". REV. JONES CALLED HIS SECURITY "APOSTOLIC GUARDIANS". [REDACTED] HEARD OF BOX USED AS PUNISHMENT, BUT NEVER SAW IT USED. [REDACTED] ADVISED SPECIAL CARE UNIT USED OT KEEP MEMBERS ATTEMPTING ESCAPE DRUGGED AND SUBMISSIVE [REDACTED] ADMITTED RUSSIAN CLASSED BEING TAUGHT, AND REV. JONES SPOKE OF TAKING MEMBERS TO RUSSIA. TWO RUSSIANS

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VISITED JONESTOWN ONCE FROM EMBASSY, AND ONE SPOKE TO MEMBERS AT JONESTOWN. REV. JONES DID PREACH HATRED TOWARDS DEFECTORS AND AFTER TOLD MEMBERS NOT TO LEAVE OR SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM [REDACTED] WENT TO GEORGETOWN TO WORK ON PT CULTURAL EXHIBIT THREE WEEKS BEFORE 11/18/78. ONE WEEK BEFORE RYAN ARRIVED, PAULA ADAMS ARRIVED AT GEORGETOWN FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO RYAN'S VISIT [REDACTED] HEARD SHARON AMOS TALKING ABOUT RYAN'S VISIT ON PT RADIO. ON 11/18/78 GUYANESE PLAINCLOTHES POLICE ARRIVED AT PT GEORGETOWN HOUSE TO INVESTIGATE CALL OF SHOOTING AT HOUSE. POLICE WENT THROUGH HOUSE AND DEPARTED SATISFIED CALL UNFOUNDED. AMOS BODIES FOUND IN REAR OF HOUSE AND POLICE CALLED. BASKETBALL TEAM ORDERED BACK TO JONESTOWN THREE TIMES DURING WEEK PRIOR TO 11/18/78.

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[REDACTED] CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE WHY THEY DIDN'T RETURN. CONTACT POINT FOR [REDACTED] IN CARE OF [REDACTED] IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] CLAIMS RELATIONSHIP TO MAYA IJAMES, RELATIONSHIP TO IJAMES NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED AIRLINE TICKET FOR HER RETURN TO US PURCHASED BY HER BROTHER ALFRED STAHL, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. (u)

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JOAN PURSLEY, B/ [REDACTED], DOB 8/28/57 AT OAKLAND, CAL, ADVISED SHE JOINED PT AFTER DROPPING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL IN 12TH GRADE 1977. PURSLEY ARRIVED JONESTOWN LATE 1977. PURSLEY WAS INSTRUCTED TO MARRY [REDACTED] BY PT LEADERSHIP WHICH SHE DID OVER HER PERSONAL OBJECTIONS. PURSLEY WORKED IN FIELDS AT JONESTOWN AND HELPED TEACH THE SCHOOL RUN BY THOMAS GRUBBS. PURSLEY WAS VAGUE CONCERNING HER ACTIVITIES WITH PT AND TIME SPENT IN GUYANA. SHE ADVISED SHORTLY BEFORE CONGRESSMAN RYAN VISIT TO JONESTOWN SHE WAS ORDERED LEADS TO GEORGETOWN TO ESCORT GROUP OF ELDERLY PT MEMBERS GOING TO GEORGETOWN, FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT. (u)

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AT TIME OF RYAN'S DEATH PURSLEY CLAIMS SHE WAS ON A VESSEL OPERATED BY GUYANESE GOVERNMENT ENROUTE TO GEORGETOWN WITH THE OLDER PT MEMBERS. OPINION OF INTERVIEWING AGENT (BQSA) THAT PURSLEY WITHHELD INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HER RELATIONSHIP WITH SHARON AMOS. SHE ADVISED AMOS WAS THE TOP AID TO JIM JONES AND RAN THE PT OPERATION OUT OF GEORGETOWN. WHEN QUESTIONED FOR DETAILS RE AMOS SHE BECAME EMOTIONAL AND TOWARDS END OF INTERVIEW BEGAN TO FALL ASLEEP. OPINION OF INTERVIEWING SA THAT (u)

SLEEP AND EMOTIONAL REACTIONS WERE DEFENSE MECHANISMS TO
HAMPER INTERVIEW. (u)

POINT OF CONTACT GIVEN AS PHONE NUMBER FURNISHED BY
US EMBASSY GUYANA BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA NUMBER 841-5459.
PURSLEY STATED AIRLINE TICKET FOR HER RETURN TO US PURCHASED
BY HER MOTHER. (u)

NY CITY SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICIAL ADVISED PURSLEY
FURNISHED HIM CONTACT POINT CARE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u)
PURSLEY AND [REDACTED] BOARDED UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 21
ARRIVING SAN FRANCISCO 12:41PST, 1/16/79. THEIR BAGGAGE TO
ARRIVE SF, UAL, FLT 25, 2:47PM PST, 1/17/79. (u)

[REDACTED] FAA SECURITY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND
MICHAEL TOUCHETTE WILL ATTEMPT TO DEPART GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
IN THE NEAR FUTURE ABOARD UNKNOWN BWIA FLIGHT TO BARBADOS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BOTH BARNETT AND TOUCHETTE APPEARED
HOSTILE TO U.S. OFFICIALS IN PORT-AU-SPAIN, TRINIDAD.

(REFERENCE SF TEL TO DIRECTOR 12/26/78). WFO INSTRUCTED
TO PLACE INDIVIDUAL STOPS AT INS WASHINGTON D.C. ON ALL KNOWN
PT SURVIVORS IN GUYANA. INS CHIEF PAN AM TERMINAL JFK AIRPORT (u)

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NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT AS OF 1/15/79 THERE WERE STOPS

PLACED FOR [REDACTED] AND JOAN PURSLEY (u)

WFO AT WASHINGTON D.C. (u)

WILL PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE
STOPS ARE PLACED BY I.N.S. (u)

SAN FRANCISCO WILL CONSIDER FURNISHING SAN JUAN WITH
SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFO RE [REDACTED] AND MICHAEL TOUCHETTE
TO ENABLE SJ TO INTERVIEW AT BARBADOS. (u)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. (u)

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