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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS

PEOPLESTEMPLE ASSETS IN NASSAU

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1. DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS DETERMINED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LODGE WITH GON A FORMAL STATEMENT OF USG INTEREST IN ANY PEOPLES TEMPLE (PT) ASSETS IN NASSAU.

2. DEPARTMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIAL USG EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH JONESTOWN INCIDENT INCLUDING REPATRIATION AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF PT MEMBERS, USG HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN CONSERVATION AND EVENTUAL DISPOSITION OF PT ASSETS IN NASSAU. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS EXPLORING POSSIBLE LEGAL MEANS THROUGH WHICH USG MIGHT RECOVER EXPENSES INCURRED. IN CONNEC-

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TION WITH THIS EFFORT, USG MAY WISH TO FILE A CLAIM AGAINST PT ASSETS IN NASSAU. WHILE NO FINAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING WHETHER USG WILL ULTIMATELY ASSERT SUCH A CLAIM UNDER NASSAU LAW, DEPART-

MENT. BELIEVES THAT U.S. SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO PRESERVE
ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE UNDER NASSAU LAW. UNLESS
STRONG OBJECTIONS ARE PERCEIVED, EMBASSY IS ACCORDINGLY
INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

3M BEGIN TEXT. EXCELLENCY:

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE, SEVERAL HUNDRED UNITED
STATES CITIZENS, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE,
LOST THEIR LIVES UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES ON
NOVEMBER 18, 1978 IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA. THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPENDED A CONSIDERABLE
SUM IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENTS AT JONESTOWN
AND INTENDS TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF SUCH EXPENSES
FROM ASSETS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE.

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT THAT THERE MAY BE FUNDS IN YOUR COUNTRY
DERIVED FROM THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. MY GOVERNMENT
HAS INFORMATION THAT CERTAIN PEOPLES TEMPLE ASSETS
MAY HAVE BEEN FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED OR IMPROPERLY
DISTRIBUTED. SOME UNITED STATES CITIZENS MAY HAVE
AN INTEREST IN THE DISPOSITION OF PEOPLES TEMPLE
ASSETS. HOWEVER, MY GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS INFORMATION
THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY NOW ATTEMPT TO IMPROPERLY
OBTAIN THESE ASSETS. UNLESS THESE FUNDS ARE IMMOBILIZED
UNTIL THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERSHIP CAN BE DETERMINED, THE
PEOPLES TEMPLE ASSETS IN YOUR COUNTRY MAY BE IMPROPERLY
DISTRIBUTED.

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MY GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE PEOPLES TEMPLE FOR COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY INCLUDING REPATRIATING THE REMAINS AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA. TO THAT END, I WISH TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT SUCH A CLAIM IN NASSAU IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND PROCEDURES.

A CIVIL LAWSUIT ON THIS MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PEOPLES TEMPLE ITSELF HAS FILED DISSOLUTION PROCEEDINGS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS ALSO PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THE GOVERNMENT OF NASSAU CAN PROVIDE UNDER ITS LAW IN IDENTIFYING AND IMMOBILIZING ANY PEOPLES TEMPLE ASSETS IN NASSAU. MY GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE ASSETS.

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AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE
PEOPLES TEMPLE ASSOCIATES WITHIN NASSAU.

THERE IS SAID TO BE AN ACCOUNT AT THE BANK OF
NOVA SCOTIA IN THE NAMES OF JIM W. JONES AND
WIFE, MARCELLINE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY
206,396 US DOLLARS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.

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