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1. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY BEGAN FRIDAY (JAN 19) IN THE CASE OF THE MURDERS OF LINDA SHARON HARRIS (AKA SHARON AMOS) ET AL. ONLY PERSON WHO TESTIFIED WAS POLICE DETECTIVE ASST. SUPERINTENDENT LAM, WHO WAS PRESENT ON BOTH NOV 19 AND NOV 23 WHEN BEIKMAN MADE STATEMENTS TO THE POLICE CONCERNING THE MURDERS. SENIOR COUNSEL MCKAY OBJECTED TO INTRODUCTION OF THE SECOND STATEMENT AS EVIDENCE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT GIVEN FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. VIR DIRE HEARING THEN BEGAN ON ADMISSIBILITY OF THE STATEMENT.

2. INQUIRY IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME JAN 22.

3. COMMENT: TECHNICALLY, THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY CONDUCTED BY MAGISTRATE CHRISTIAN UNTIL DEC 19 (REF A) UNDER WHICH BEIKMAN ALONE WAS CHARGED HAS BEEN SUSPENDED RATHER THAN CANCELLED. AT FRIDAY'S SESSION, MCKAY NOTED THAT THE ORIGINAL INQUIRY CANNOT BE ADJOURNED SINE DIE, AND OBJECTED TO PROSECUTING COUNSEL'S REQUEST THAT THE INQUIRY BE RESUMED ON DEC 29, 1979. MAGISTRATE PERSAUD THEN SAID THAT A DATE

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WITHIN A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME COULD BE SET BUT DID NOT
FIX A DATE. UNDER GUYANESE LAW, IF BEIKMAN IS ACQUITTED OF
THE JOINT CHARGES HE FACES WITH JONES, OR IF THE CASE DOES
NOT GO TO TRIAL, BEIKMAN COULD STILL BE TRIED ALONE ON THE
SAME CHARGES, THROUGH RESUMPTION OF THE ORIGINAL INQUIRY.

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