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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Honorable
William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

*Rec 11/22/78 by
liaison*

ATTN: Criminal Investigations Division

FROM : Karl D. Ackerman
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security
Office of Security

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SUBJECT : Assassination of Congressman Leo Ryan

The FBI report of investigation transmitted in your message DTG 211752, November 1978 contained information concerning the assassination of Congressman Leo Ryan and interviews with members of the People's Temple group which had recently returned from Guyana. Contained in the report was an allegation made by James COBB that the head of the People's Temple, James JONES, had compromised a U.S. Embassy official, [redacted]

The compromise allegedly took place as a result of a sexual relationship between People's Temple member Paula ADAMS and our employee. Tape recordings of the liaison are alleged to have been made.

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[redacted] is presently assigned to the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. and was interviewed concerning the allegations by members of the Department's Office of Security. He executed a sworn statement denying the allegations and our initial analysis of the statement confirms his denial. We intend, however, to follow-up in this investigation with an interview of Paula ADAMS, the woman whom COBB identified as having compromised [redacted]. Miss ADAMS is presently in custody in Georgetown, Guyana. The result of our investigation in this matter will be made available to the FBI upon request.

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In addition to the allegations against the U.S. official, the initial FBI report contained an allegation that a number of Guyanese officials had also been compromised by James JONES through sex or financial means. The Department of State considers this information to have serious foreign policy ramifications and its exposure could jeopardize our efforts to bring the People's Temple incident to an orderly conclusion. It is the opinion of the Department's Latin American Bureau that any reference to the possible compromise of Guyanese officials should be made in a classified mode in order to protect ongoing U.S. interests in Guyana and that the original report of this information should be upgraded to Confidential.

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