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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN LEO) GY

SUBJECT: PEOPLES TEMPLE; DISPOSITION OF REMAINS.

REF: STATE 294528

1. EMBASSY AGREES ENTIRELY WITH THE COURSE OF ACTION SET FORTH IN REFTEL. EYE WITNESS REPORTS BY ACTING DCM VICTOR DIKEOS AND CONSUL JOHN ADAMS HAD ALREADY CONFIRMED THAT THE SITUATION AT JONESTOWN IS ALREADY CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF THE POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD AND THE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS.

2. AMBASSADOR I REQUESTING URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER HAMILTON GREEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOG TASK FORCE. AT THIS MEETING AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE POINTS SET FORTH IN

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✓ PARA 1 REFTEL. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE BE ABLE TO ASSURE GOG THAT U.S. RESOURCES ALREADY IN COUNTRY AND THOSE DUE TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE LOCAL

INTERNMENT OPERATION. WE MUST NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE NOW INCAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE

OF THESE SOURCES ON 12/2/78

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LOCAL BURIAL OPTION WITH MINISTER GREEN, I REQUEST AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO ASSURE HIM ON THIS POINT WHICH IS CERTAIN TO ARISE.

3. ASSUMING GOG CONCURRENCE, WE WILL THEN MOVE AT ALL POSSIBLE SPEED TO ACCOMPLISH LOCAL INTERNMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAW AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DIS-

INTERNMENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE IN

INDIVIDUAL CASES IF THE NEXT OF KIN REQUESTED AND WOULD BE WILLING TO BEAR THE EXPENSE. IN ACCOMPLISHING LOCAL INTERNMENT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO IDENTIFY THE

REMAINS AND SUITABLE MARKERS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL GRAVES WILL BE SET IN PLACE. IT MUST BE NOTED,

HOWEVER, THAT SEVERAL OF THE BODIES HAVE DECOMPOSED

TO THE POINT WHERE IDENTIFICATION WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE. WE MUST BE PREPARED,

THEREFORE, FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT AS MANY AS 20-25 PERCENT OF THE BODIES MAY NEVER BE IDENTIFIED.

4. UNDOUBTEDLY THE LOCAL INTERNMENT OPTION WILL NOT

BE POPULAR IN SOME QUARTERS. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE ACUTE HEALTH PROBLEM THAT IS GROWING WITH EVERY PASSING HOUR, THAT OPTION SEEMS TO US TO BE INTIRELY DEFENSIBLE ON HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE

THAT GEORGETOWN IS STILL FLOODED WITH FOREIGN PRESS

IN SEARCH OF ANY STORY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DISASTER. WERE THEY TO HAVE AN IMPRESSION THAT

THE USG IS BACKING AWAYFROM ITS ORIGINAL COMMITMENT

TO BE DIRECTLY AND IMPORTANTLY INVOLVED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS, THEY WOULD BE QUICK TO FOCUS

ON THAT. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE ALREADY SOME NEXT OF KIN ARRIVING IN GEORGETOWN FROM THE U.S. BECAUSE

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OF THE INACCESSIBILITY OF JONESTOWN, THEY HAVE BEEN
PRESSING US TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE SITE AND
IN SOME CASES MAY BE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT
OF REMAINS TO THE U. S. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY BEYOND ANY
GUYANESE FUNERAL CAPABILITY. IT IS IMPORTANT
THEREFORE THAT THEY BE MADE AWARE THAT THE USG IS
MOVING PROMPTLY, WITH THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT, TO
ARRANGE LOCAL INTERMENT IN A DIGNIFIED MATTER.

5. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO MAKE COMMITMENT TO GOG

(PARA 2 ABOVE) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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