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Dr. LESLIE MOOTOO, Pathologist, furnished the following information: (u)

At the request of the Guyana Government he traveled to Jonestown in Guyana where he observed the vast number of dead at the Jonestown settlement. He conducted medical examinations on a number of dead bodies. He examined 38 identified adults and one identified child. All of these persons showed positive signs of having taken cyanide poison. He also examined the bodies of Reverend JAMES JONES who died from a gunshot wound to the head. JONES had no cyanide poison in his body. He also examined the body of ANNIE MOORE who also suffered a massive gunshot wound to the head. Dr. MOOTOO while at Jonestown observed many syringes (well over 50 but too numerous to count) and numerous hypodermic needles both uncapped and capped. He tested one syringe which contained cyanide. He tested one of the hypodermic needles and it contained valium. He observed numerous vials and one of the vials tested contained cyanide and valium. He observed a large vat in what appeared to be the main area of Jonestown and that vat contained cyanide and other unidentified fluids. In examining the many dead bodies he observed what appeared to be recent skin punctures on some of the bodies about the upper arms, and his personal opinion is that they may have been made by needles. He is presently having tests conducted on this skin tissue to verify his observation. The results of these tests will be available at a later date. Dr. MOOTOO also observed bottles of chloralhydrate on the table in the same location as the vat containing cyanide and other fluids. His personal opinion is that the chloralhydrate was possibly used on the children. (u)

In addition to examining the 39 identified bodies plus the bodies of JONES and MOORE he also examined a small number of unidentified bodies. (u)

Dr. MOOTOO advised that his report was not completed but that when it was completed, it could be obtained through Assistant Commissioner of Police CECIL A. ROBERTS, Guyana National Police. (u)

Interviewed on 12/14/78 at Georgetown, Guyana File No. CAR 89-4

by ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR. and

SAs [redacted] EDO/mdh Date 12/15/78

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A search of the airstrip was conducted for the purposes of recovery of any additional fired ammunition components or other items not recovered by the Guyanese Police Department in their initial crime scene search. Present at the airstrip and participating in the search were Doctor Leslie Mootoo, Assistant Police Commissioner C.A. Roberts, [redacted] four U. S. Army helicopter pilots and two U. S. Army helicopter crew chiefs and numerous Guyanese natives. (u)

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Assistant Police Commissioner Roberts was requested to interview the Guyanese natives present to determine if any of them had taken, or knew of anyone who had taken, any fired shotshell casings or other possible items of evidence, from the airstrip. He advised that no one admitted to taking anything from the scene or knew of anything taken from the scene. (u)

During the search 12 items were discovered and pointed out to [redacted] who recovered them and made notations as to the location of the items. These items consisted of two bullet jackets, a bullet core, two .30-06 Springfield cartridge cases, five .22 caliber cartridge cases and two pieces of possible shotshell wad. These items were all recovered in the vicinity of a Guyana Airways Dehavilland, Twin Otter aircraft having registration number 8R-GEJ. (u)

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The above aircraft was examined for bullet and/or shot holes by SA [redacted] and all damage of that nature was photographed by SA [redacted]. The aircraft was open and the right engine was missing. Bullet and/or shot holes of exit were noted in the right side of the right engine cover, right side of fuselage, including through one window and the door. The cargo door, left side, was open and one shotgun type hole was noted through the right side of the fuselage at that point, but no holes were in the cargo door. Two bullet holes were found in the stairs, one a through hole, the other not. It was therefore concluded that a bullet remained in the door. One bullet entrance hole was found just behind the door, left side. (u)

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Assistant Commissioner Roberts advised that the bullet in the door would be removed by Guyana Airways mechanics and forwarded to the Police Department. (u)

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by SAS [redacted] Date dictated 12/12/78

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