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REFERNECE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO WASHINTON FIELD NOVEMBER 22, 1978. (U)

ON NOVEMBER 22, 1978, WASHINGTON FIELD FBI STATE

DEPARTMENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTED SUSAN HAUFE,

CHIEF, CORRESPONDENCE AND MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF PUBLIC

AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS),

WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), REGARDING ALL CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED BY USDS REGARDING JIM JONES AND THE PEOPLES

TEMPLE. ACCORDING TO HAUFE, THERE HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY

1,200 LETTERS REGARDING JONES THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED 9

AT THE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1978, THE MAJORITY

ARRIVING BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE. HAUFE STATED THAT

60 TO 70 PERCENT HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF JONES AND THE TEMPLE

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WITH 30 PERCENT CRITICISING HIS CULT AND METHODS. HOWEVER,.
ACCORDING TO HAUFE HER OFFICE ONLY RETAINED THESE LETTERS
FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD, AFTER WHICH THEY WERE FORWARDED
TO A STORAGE AREA IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT,
HELD FOR A THREE MONTH PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED.
HAUFE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE ONLY
20 OF THESE LETTERS REGARDING JONES BUT IN VIEW OF BUREAU
INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, STATED THAT SHE WOULD INITIATE
AN ADDITIONAL SEARCH ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 24, 1978.

ADDITIONALLY, STEPHEN A. DUBRENCHUK, CHIEF, SPECIAL
COUNSULAR SERVICES, USDS, WAS CONTACTED REGARDING ANY
CORRESPONDENCE HIS OFFICE MAY HAVE RECEIVED. THE FBI
REPRESENTATIVE VIEWED THREE FILES WITH EXTENSIVE CORRESPONDENCE
FROM THE PUBLIC, RELATIVES OF CULT MEMBERS, AND CONGRESSIONAL
REFERRALS. DOBRENCHUK STATED THAT CONGRESSMAN CLEMENT
ZABLOCKI, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
HAS ALREADY REQUESTED THAT ALL USDS CABLE TRAFFIC BE
SUBMITTED TO HIS COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION, AND THAT

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THIS REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO TAXE PRECEDENCE IN VIEW OF

THE FACT THAT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HIS OFFICE ARE ALREADY

INVOLVED IN ASSEMBLING DOCUMENTATION IN THIS AREA.

IT WAS EXPLAINED TO DOBRENCHUK THAT THE FBI WAS INVESTIGATING

THE DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN UNDER THE CONGRESSIONAL

ASSASSINATION STATUTE AND THAT CURRENTLY THE BUREAU WAS

INTERESTED IN EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE ALTHOUGH THE CABLE

TRAFFIC WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE INVESTIGATION. THE

PRIVACY ACT AND THIRD AGENCY RULE WERE ALSO DISCUSSED

AT LENGTH DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE, AND

IT WAS DECIDED THAT IF THE LEGAL DIVISIONS OF BOTH USDS

AND THE BUREAU REVIEW THE REQUEST APPROPRIATELY, THEN

DOBRENCHUK WOULD DISSEMINATE THE AFOREMENTIONED DATA.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU (U)

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE PIECES OF THE CORRESPONDENCE HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL REFERRALS THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH THE LEGAL DIVISION TO RESOLVE BUREAU ACCESSIBILITY &

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TO THESE DOCUMENTS (W)

LEAD. WASHINGTON FIELD. AT WASHINGTON, D. C. WILL.

MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH USDS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER. (W)

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