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RE TAMPA TELETYPE, NOVEMBER 21, 1978. (u)

TAMPA HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM TWO ADDITIONAL HAM
OPERATORS REGARDING CONTACTS AND/OR PHONE PATCHES FROM
PEOPLES' TEMPLE, GUYANA, CALL SIGN WB6MID/8R3, AS FOLLOWS: (u)

ON NOVEMBER 22, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRANDON, FLA., ADVISED HE OPERATES A HAM
STATION FROM HIS RESIDENCE, CALL SIGN [REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER 13,
1978, HE PUT OUT A GENERAL CALL FOR CONVERSATION, AND A REPLY
CAME FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS "DR. ALBERT
TOUCHETTE," CALL SIGN WB6MID/8R3. TOUCHETTE REQUESTED A
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"PHONE PATCH" TO A NUMBER IN CALIFORNIA, ADVISING THAT A GIRL NAMED "MARGARET" WOULD ACCEPT THE COLLECT CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHICH WOULD START THE CONNECTION. THE NUMBER WAS DISCARDED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CALL. THE CALL WAS COMPLETED, AND A "MARGARET" ACCEPTED CHARGES, THE EQUIPMENT WAS CONNECTED, AND [REDACTED] MONITORED AS FCC REQUIRES. (u)

[REDACTED] STATED "DR. TOUCHETTE" GAVE GENERAL HEALTH-TYPE INFORMATION, IN PURELY LAYMAN TERMS, ABOUT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. MARGARET RESPONDED WITH QUESTIONS AS TO CONDITION, HEALTH, ETC, OF OTHER NAMES. AT THE TIME OF THE CALL,

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[REDACTED] ATTACHED NO SIGNIFICANCE ON MANNER OF CALL, BELIEVING IT TO BE ORIGINATING FROM A MISSIONARY SETTLEMENT. SINCE EVENTS OF PAST FEW DAYS, BELIEVES IT COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN A CODE SYSTEM. (u)

AT END OF THE TRANSMISSION, WHICH WAS UNUSUALLY CLEAR AND STATIC-FREE, HE WAS ASKED FOR, AND GAVE, HIS PHONE NUMBER, BUT HAS NEVER HAD ANY FURTHER RADIO CONTACT WITH ANYONE IN OR CONNECTED WITH THE PEOPLES' TEMPLE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, HE RECEIVED THE CUSTOMARY CONFIRMATION POST CARD, REGARDING HIS CALL, IN LATE OCTOBER, 1968, REFLECTING TECHNICAL DATA IN (u)

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ADDITION TO A THANK-YOU NOTE. [REDACTED] FURNISHED XEROX COPIES WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED TO FBIHQ AND SAN FRANCISCO UNDER SEPARATE COVER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE EQUIPMENT USED BY TOUCHETTE IS THE TOP OF THE LINE AND VERY EXPENSIVE. (u)

[REDACTED] ALSO MADE AVAILABLE AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE AUGUST, 1978, EDITION OF "QST," THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE. THE ARTICLE REFLECTS THAT ON FEBRUARY 13 (PRESUMABLY 1978), DR. LARRY SCHACHT ASKED AL TOUCHETTE OF WB6MID/8R3 TO CALL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON AN OBSTETRIC CASE. THE FIRST TRANSMISSION WAS ANSWERED BY

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[REDACTED] ADDITIONAL CONTACTS LATER THAT NIGHT ESTABLISHED PHONE PATCHES OR MESSAGE RELAYS TO AND FROM SCHACHT AS FOLLOWS: (u).

[REDACTED] POTOMAC, MARYLAND, PATCHED IN DR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, PATCHED IN DR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u)
[REDACTED] WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, RELAYED FOR DR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u)
ON NOVEMBER 24, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEMINOLE, FLA., CALL SIGN W4PIH, ADVISED WHILE (u)

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WAITING FOR HAM LICENSE IN EARLY - MID DECEMBER, 1977, HE WAS ONLY MONITORING HIS RADIO, AND HE HEARD A MALE VOICE, LATER DETERMINED TO BE ALBERT TOUCHETTE, CALLING FROM GUYANA, TRYING TO GET A PHONE PATCH TO A PARTY ON THE WEST COAST, USA. SOMEONE MADE THE PATCH, AND THE CONVERSATION WAS OBVIOUSLY TOUCHETTE TRYING TO CAJOLE A FEMALE TO RETURN TO THE PEOPLES' TEMPLE. THE FEMALE APPARENTLY HAD BECOME TOTALLY DISENCHANTED AS SHE DID NOT WISH TO SPEAK TO TOUCHETTE. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WAS IN A DEPRESSED STATE OF MIND, AND, AFTER PHONE CONNECTION BROKEN, CONTINUED TO TALK TO THE OTHER OPERATOR, BUT COMMENTS WERE ADDRESSED TO ANYONE LISTENING. HE CONTINUALLY REFERRED TO "EVENTS OF THE PAST 48 HOURS" AND STATED HOW HE HAD NOT SLEPT FOR OVER 36 HOURS. HE REPEATEDLY COMMENTED THAT HE "COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOME PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY DO."

[REDACTED] STATED THIS KIND OF RAMBLING CONTINUED FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS, UNTIL 2 A. M., AND HE GOT THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT SOME EXTREMELY VIOLENT ACTIVITIES AND/OR DEATHS HAD OCCURRED. HIS INITIAL THOUGHT WAS A MISSIONARY GROUP ATTACKED BY NATIVES, BUT NOTHING EVER APPEARED IN THE PAPER, AND HE FORGOT THE INCIDENT. (u)

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[REDACTED] HAD ONE OTHER CONTACT IN FEBRUARY, 1978, WHEN HE SPOKE WITH SAME VOICE, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "AL" FROM WB6MID/8R3. THEY SIMPLY CONVERSED, EXCHANGED TECHNICAL DATA AND SIMPLE "CHITCHAT," [REDACTED] WAS TURNED OVER TO A MARGARET (LNU), A WHITE FEMALE, IN 20'S, VERY ARTICULATE. [REDACTED] ASKED FOR A CONFIRMATION CARD AND SIGNED OFF. HE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED A LETTERGRAM SAYING A CARD WOULD BE SENT LATER, AND ONE WAS SENT. [REDACTED] WILL CHECK HIS FILES FOR THE LETTER, POSTCARD AND ANY NOTES. COPIES OF ANY SUCH ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED THE FBI ON NOVEMBER 28, 1978, AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO FB IHQ AND SAN FRANCISCO. (u)

INFORMATION COPIES BEING FORWARDED TO BALTIMORE, NEW HAVEN AND PHILADELPHIA INASMUCH AS LEADS MAY BE SET FORTH FOR THOSE OFFICES. (u)

WFO. DETERMINE FROM FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS THE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ADVISE PERTINENT OFFICES IF INTERVIEWS DESIRED. (u)

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