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THERE ARE CLOSE TO 800 DEAD FROM THE JONESTOWN CALAMITY,

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST COUNT. EMBASSY GEORGETOWN REPORTED

AT 1100 EST THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 485 BODIES THAT HAVE

ALREADY BEEN TAKEN FROM THE SETTLEMENT, AND ANOTHER 20 THAT

HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT, THERE REMAINED AT LEAST

270 OTHER BODIES. ALL BODIES STILL IN GUYANA WILL BE

BROUGHT TO DOVER AFB. TWO C-141'S DEPARTED FROM GEORGE
TOWN TODAY WITH A TOTAL OF 152 BODIES. THEY ARE DUE TO

ARRIVE IN DOVER AT 1930 AND 2050 EST. THIS WILL BRING THE

TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES AT DOVER TO 422.

THE SEARCH FOR MEMBERS OF THE SETTLEMENT WHO MIGHT HAVE FLED CONTINUES, ALTHOUGH WE NOW ESTIMATE THAT THE POSSIBLE NUMBER IS QUITE SMALL, PERHAPS NONE. SINCE TUESDAY THE GUYANESE DEFENSE FORCE HAS BEEN USING A BATTALION-SIZE FORCE (300 TO 400 MEN) TO CONDUCT GROUND SEARCHES ALONG JUNGLE TRAILS IN THE REGION. ALL TRAILS OUT OF JAMESTOWN HAVE BEEN SEARCHED AND THE INHABITANTS ALONG THEM HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED. US AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SINCE TUESDAY RECONNOITERING THE AREA SURROUNDING JONESTOWN, USING BULL HORNS TO CALL ANY PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO MIGHT BE IN

THE BUSH. TODAY TWO US OFFICERS RECONNOITERED THE TRAILS
LEADING TO VENEZUELA BY HELICOPTER AND ANOTHER OFFICER
LED A PATROL THROUGH THE JUNGLE ON A ROUTE BEARING 325
DEGREES FROM JONESTOWN, THUS FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERED
ESCAPE PLAN OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE.

THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT INFORMED EMBASSY GEORGETOWN THAT
IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PT MEMBERS IN GEORGETOWN
TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 48
HOURS. WE STILL AWAIT THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO OUR
REQUEST THAT THEY REVERSE THEIR DECISION NOT TO ALLOW AN

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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PTOLOMY REID MADE A BRIEF, FACTUAL STATEMENT TO PARLIMENT TODAY ON THE MURDER OF ONGRESS-MAN RYAN AND THE JONESTOWN OCCURANCE. SHORTLY BEFORE HE SPOKE, OUR EMBASSY ADVISED HIM OF THE LATEST COUNT.

REID EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO LEASE THE TRACT TO THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE BECAUSE OF THE GROUP'S APPARENT INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

REID ALSO SAID THAT CHARGES OF MURDER WOULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE PRIME SUSPECT IN THE DEATH OF SHARON AMOS AND HER CHILDREN, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL. PARLIAMENT WILL DEBATE THE JONESTOWN OCCURANCE AT A LATER DATE. CHRISTOPHER

4M. DEPT OF JUSTICE IS ASKED US TO INFORM YOU AT IT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SECURING FOLLOWING EVIDENCE PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES:

- A) SAMPLE OF KOOL AIDE,
- B) SAMPLE OF DRUGS,
- C) RECORDS OR INVENTORIES OF DRUGS,
- D) OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF DRUGS,
- E) RECORDS OR INVENTORIES OF FIREARMS,
- F) OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF FIREARMS, AND
- G) OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF AREA OF TRAGEDY AND OF

OTHER SUBJECTS THAT MIGHT BE OF INVESTIGATIVE VALUE. CHRISTOPHE