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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 11/24/78

FROM : J. O. Ingram

SUBJECT: RYMUR

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Herndon
- 1 - Mr. Kent
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 1 - Mr. Shaffer

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 DATE 12/28/92 BY 9803 DCM/ukm

Conrad Banner, Deputy Assistant Director, Identification Division, in charge of the FBI Disaster Squad at Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, advised Deputy Assistant Director Ingram telephonically on 11/24/78 that an Air Force employee examining the body of Reverend Jim Jones discovered a note. Banner stated this note was observed by him and was a handwritten note addressed to Jones "Dad" and more or less indicating he was tired of this world. Banner stated that an Air Force representative furnished this letter to [redacted] State Department liaison who immediately had letter handcarried to State Department. I informed Banner the FBI should have seized this document as evidence. Banner indicated that everything is in motion to effect all other data found, but he had no idea that the State Department representative would immediately depart with the letter. I informed Banner we would handle this through the U. S. Department of Justice and the State Department to obtain the letter. (U)

This matter was brought to the attention of Mike Abbell, Departmental Attorney, who immediately contacted John Bushnell, Deputy Secretary of State, and Bushnell advised this note would be promptly made available to the FBI upon receipt this date. (U)

Supervisor [redacted], the FBI's representative at the Pentagon Task Force, contacted Ingram and advised that the letter was being delivered to him for immediate transportation to the FBI. I instructed [redacted] to promptly deliver this letter to Bell Herndon at the Laboratory, who had been alerted. Mr. Herndon had document examiners standing by to process the letter. (U)

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Memo to Mr. Moore  
RE: RYMUR

[redacted] Laboratory, advised that the letter must be aerated over the weekend before any examination could be done in view of the fact the letter was "wet and at the putrid state." It was agreed that the handwritten letter would be compared with the handwriting of Reverend Jones, and an examination for latents of Jones would also be conducted. This letter to be preserved for future evidence. It is noted [redacted] delivered this letter in a sealed envelope to Mr. [redacted]. *fu/*

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Attached is a Bureau typed version at this stage, of the letter and a Xerox copy of the actual letter found on Jones' body. *(u)*

APPROVED: *WMS*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: *J. B. Jones*  
LABORATORY: *m/gd*  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
PUB. S. A. G. I. T.

Handwritten note on portion of lined notebook paper  
bearing following text:

Dad

Dad

I see no way  
out - I agree

with your decision -  
I fear only that  
without you the  
world may not make it  
to communism - Fish

(FISH OR TISH?)

For my part - I  
am more than  
tired of this  
wretched, merciless  
planet & the hell  
it holds for so  
many masses of  
beautiful people -  
Thank you for the only life I've known

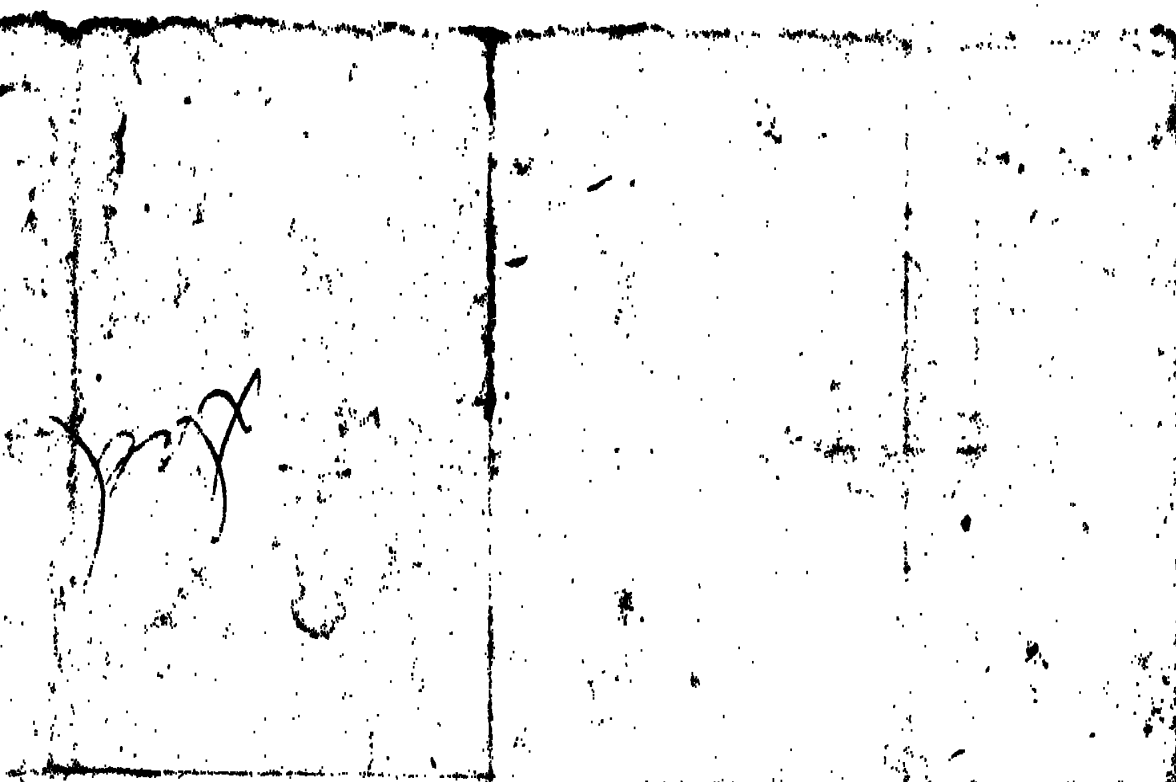
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For my part I  
am more than  
winded, tired,  
winded, tired,  
played at the ball  
it holds for so  
many names of  
beautiful people -  
I have yet to be the only life I've known

Dad:  
I see no way  
out - I agree  
with your decision -  
I fear only that  
without you the  
world may not make it  
to communion - I'm