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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN), GY

SUBJECT: OFFER OF US ASSISTANCE TO GOG IN ITS CRIMINAL EXAMINATION
 OF EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND MASS

58 DEC 1978
 MURDER/SUICIDES AT JONESTOWN

REF: GEORGETOWN 3990

1. PRIME MINISTER SUMMONED THE AMBASSADOR TO HIS OFFICE AT 2:30 P/M. NOVEMBER 29 APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF MINISTER GREEN'S EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). PRIMIN PROCEEDED TO CONVEY SAME MESSAGE AS GREEN HAD GIVEN WITH ONE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE: PRIMIN WOULD LIKE THE TECHNICAL TEAM DOCUMENTED AS MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND NOT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

2. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, GOING ON TO DISCUSS THE ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN, AND THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY, ASKED THAT IF IN ADDITION TO THE THREE-MAN TEAM TO WHICH THE GOG HAS AGREED, THE U.S. COULD SEND A BALLISTIC EXPERT AND A PATHOLOGIST TO ASSIST THE GOG IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS OF THESE TWO MATTERS. AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO CONVEY

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THE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. THE PRIME MINISTER THEN WENT ON TO ASK IF THE USG INTENDED TO CARRY OUT A FULL AUTOPSY ON REVEREND JIM JONES. WHAT HE APPEARS TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IS WHETHER OR NOT JONES MAY HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM SOME FATAL DISEASE AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A FULL AUTOPSY ON JONES WAS EITHER POSSIBLE OR CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. AMBASSADOR PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO ENQUIRE

3. COMMENT: BURNHAM'S PREFERENCE THAT THE TECHNICAL TEAM BE DOCUMENTED EITHER AS MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND NOT THE FBI, IS BASED UPON HIS PERCEPTION OF LOCAL SENSITIVITIES. THAT IN FACT THE PERSONNEL MAY COME FROM THE BUREAU OBVIOUSLY CAUSES HIM NO IMPORTANT PROBLEM. HE PREFERS, HOWEVER, THAT THEY BE HANDLED AS "YOU HANDLE LEGAL ATTACHES IN EMBASSIES ABROAD."

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