

FBI Message Sheet

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From: San Antonio: Rigler

Synopsis: Lawyer for Jim Jones of Jonestown suicide
volunteers

Details: SA George Houston, FBI San Francisco, called
re: conversation with Timothy Stoen who was attorney
for Jim Jones. Stoen has volunteered to speak with FBI

negotiations specialists re: his dealings with Jones. Timothy Stoen, Attorney. Ukiah, Calif. 707-462-2032 or 707-468-8776

Recommendations, if any: consider telephone interview

{note - Stoen, Jones' lawyer, writes two page letter to FBI on March 30 w/ recommendations. Says he was Jones lawyer for seven years. His letter includes the following:}

``I hope you will not mind my giving you gratuitous advice, but I think it increasingly likely that you will have a mass suicide on your hands unless you change your tactics. My strong advice, therefore, is as follows.

1. SITUATION: Koresh, like Jones as of Nov. 18, 1978, appears to have reached the point of being 'too far gone,' to deal with rationally, and therefore you can deal rationally only with the followers.
2. STRATEGY: The only way you will reach the followers is to (a) invade their consciousness with the 'good' in the world outside their compound and (b) clearly provide them with an honorable alternative to 'dying with loyalty' to their leader.
3. TACTICS: Suggested tactics for doing this are as follows: a. Immediately withdraw all tanks, armor, uniformed personnel, and other signs of a military invasion (which simply feeds the Armageddon consciousness of the leader and plays into his hold over his followers). ...''

{letter goes on to lay out other recommendations, including bringing in loved ones, emphasizing staying alive, promise support, lay out simple steps for leaving. Concludes:}

``Time may be getting short.''/p