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RE NEW ORLEANS TELCAL TO FBIHQ COMMAND CENTER, NOV. 29, 1978. (U)

NEW ORLEANS HAS INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

JANN ELIZABETH GURVICH, WHITE FEMALE, DOB, NOV. 5, 1953, WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS IN THE JONESTOWN, GUYANA MASS SUICIDE. [REDACTED] IS ALSO

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FOLLOWING THE

EARLY NEWS REPORTS OF THE MASS SUICIDE. (U)

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[REDACTED] WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER FOR THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT THE JONESTOWN, GUYANA COMMUNE. SHE HAD BEEN IN GUYANA SINCE AUGUST, 1977 AND PRIOR TO THAT TIME SHE RESIDED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT HER LAST ADDRESS WAS ON GARY AVENUE, WHICH APPARENTLY WAS AN ADDRESS FOR THE PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO CONFIRM THIS SPECIFIC ADDRESS. HE ALSO FURNISHED THE ADDRESS 1433 HURST AVENUE, BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA, AS BEING A FORMER RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADDITIONALLY HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS AS NUMBERS AT WHICH [REDACTED] COULD BE CONTACTED, HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED] OFFICE PHONE [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE THINKS [REDACTED] MADE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND CHARGED THEM TO HIS BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED] HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE SPECIFIC CALLS NOR THE DATES, HOWEVER, WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION AND FURNISH IT TO THE NEW ORLEANS FBI. (u)

WHEN [REDACTED] TRAVELED TO GUYANA, HIS FIRST POINT OF ARRIVAL WAS IN GEORGETOWN. THERE HE MET WITH [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) AN NBC AFFILIATED REPORTER AND [REDACTED] THE CAMERA MAN WITH [REDACTED] TOGETHER THEY MET WITH MARK LANE AN ATTORNEY WHO IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE BUREAU AS A RESULT OF HIS PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE JFK (u)

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ASSASSINATION, WHO WAS IN GUYANA DOING SOME LEGAL WORK FOR THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. LANE RELATED TO THEM DETAILS OF THE EVENTS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN IN GUYANA ON SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 1978. LANE TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS AT THE JONESTOWN COMMUNE WITH ATTORNEY CHARLES GARY WHO REPRESENTS THE PEOPLES TEMPLE WHILE CONGRESSMAN WAS VISITING THAT COMMUNE. CONGRESSMAN RYAN HAD JUST CONCLUDED ADDRESSING THE ENTIRE CAMP AND WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS ASSAULTED BY A NEGRO MALE WHOSE NAME RECALLED BY [REDACTED] WAS DON SYKES. SYKES GRABBED THE CONGRESSMAN AROUND THE WAIST AND HELD A KNIFE TO HIS THROAT. SYKES STATED TO THE CONGRESSMAN, "I AM GOING TO KILL YOU YOU MF". THE CONGRESSMAN'S REACTION TO THIS ACCORDING TO THE WAY [REDACTED] RELATED THE STORY FROM LANE INDICATED THAT THE CONGRESSMAN THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE BECAUSE OF THE WARM RECEPTION HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM THE LARGE CONTINGENCY OF PEOPLE IN JONESTOWN. THIS ASSAULT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED IN FULL VIEW OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE AT THE COMMUNE. SYKES THEN TIGHTENED HIS GRIP ON THE CONGRESSMAN AND PRESSED THE KNIFE CLOSER TO HIS THROAT. AT THIS TIME, LANE AND CHARLES GARY GRABBED DON SYKES' ARM AND A SCUFFLE ENSUED IN WHICH DON SYKES CUT A THUMB. THEY WERE APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN DISARMING SYKES. AT THIS TIME, LARRY LAYTON ANNOUNCED

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THAT HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN. THERE WAS APPREHENSION AMONG THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE FORMERLY MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE WHO WERE GOING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN BECAUSE LAYTON WAS VERY CLOSE TO JIM JONES THE LEADER OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE AND CONSIDERED TO BE A HARD CORE MEMBER OF THAT GROUP. LAYTON IS ALLEGED TO HAVE WALKED OVER AND EMBRACED JIM JONES IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GOODBYE GESTURE. CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND HIS GROUP INCLUDING LAYTON THEN LEFT THE JONESTOWN AREA BY WAY OF A LAND VEHICLE. JIM JONES SUPPOSEDLY TOLD MARK LANE, "THEY ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE THIS IS THE END OF ALL OF US INCLUDING YOU". LANE TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE TRIED TO TALK JIM JONES OUT OF DOING ANYTHING OF A FOOLISH NATURE. APPARENTLY LANE'S PLEADINGS WERE TO NO AVAIL. THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE EVENTS WHICH FOLLOWED CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND HIS GROUP LEAVING THE CAMP AND JONESTOWN WERE NOT KNOWN TO LANE (u)

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[REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN THE COMMUNE AT JONESTOWN, HE ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED] BUT WAS UNABLE TO. HE THEN ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION HE COULD CONCERNING [REDACTED] AROUND THE CAMP. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN CABIN NUMBER 46 HE FOUND A ROSTER OF PERSONS IN THE COMMUNE LISTED BY JOB POSITION. ATTACHED TO THIS ROSTER, WAS AN AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED BY LISA P. LAYTON, (u)

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A RELATIVE OF LARRY LAYTON (SUPRA). [REDACTED] MADE THE ORIGINAL OF THIS AFFIDAVIT AVAILABLE TO BUREAU AGENTS. THE AFFIDAVIT RELATES HOW LISA LAYTON, GAVE HER DAUGHTER, DEBORAH LAYTON BLAKEY \$4800 IN U.S. CURRENCY UPON HER ENTRY IN GUYANA. SHE ENTRUSTED THIS MONEY TO HER DAUGHTER TO BE PLACED IN A BANK ACCOUNT IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA IN HER, LISA LAYTON'S NAME. THE AFFIDAVIT GOES ON TO STATE THAT SHE EVENTUALLY DISCOVERED THROUGH MARIA KATSARIS, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN JIM JONES' PARAMOUR AS WELL AS THE TREASURER OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNE THAT THE BANK ACCOUNT HAD NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AS SHE PROVIDED FOR. THE AFFIDAVIT CONCLUDES THAT DEBORAH LAYTON BLAKEY MUST HAVE KEPT THE MONEY FOR HER OWN USE (u)

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN THE JONESTOWN COMMUNE HE HEARD FROM SEVERAL UNRECALLED INDIVIDUALS THAT THE MAIL GOING INTO AND COMING OUT OF THE JONESTOWN COMMUNE WAS CENSORED BY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS IN THE GEORGETOWN TEMPLE. (u)

HE ALSO HEARD THAT FOLLOWING THE CONGRESSMAN'S DEATH, MARIA KATSARIS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] MARK LANE RELATED INFORMATION TO HIM THAT THE EVENING FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN HE, LANE, OBSERVED MEN CARRYING WHAT HE DESCRIBED TO BE THREE FOOTLOCKERS INTO THE JUNGLE. THESE FOOTLOCKERS ALLEGEDLY

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CONTAINED \$3 MILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY. (u)

[REDACTED] RECEIVED A LETTER FROM [REDACTED] TWO DAYS AGO, DATED NOV. 12, 1978, AND POSTMARKED NOV. 18, 1978 FROM GEORGETOWN, GUYANA. THIS LETTER WAS CHARACTERIZED BY [REDACTED] TO BE VERY NORMAL AND SIMILAR TO THE OTHER LETTERS [REDACTED] SENT HIM. THERE WAS NO MENTION MADE IN THIS LETTER CONCERNING THE ANTICIPATED VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN RYAN. IN THE LETTER [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] CONTACT HER FORMER OPTOMETRIST [REDACTED] AND ARRANGE FOR A NEW PAIR OF GLASSES TO BE MADE AND MAILED TO HER. SHE REQUESTED THAT THE GLASSES BE MAILED TO JEAN BROWN, P.O. BOX 15156, C/O G. CHAIKIN, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94115. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED IN THE LETTER THAT THIS WAS TO AVOID DUTY BEING PAID ON THE GLASSES IF THEY WERE MAILED DIRECTLY TO HER. (u)

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WHEN [REDACTED] TRAVELED FROM GEORGETOWN TO JONESTOWN, HE WAS IN THE COMPANY OF TIM JONES, SON OF JIM JONES (SUPRA) WHO WAS CONSIDERED ALSO TO BE A HARD CORE MEMBER OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. DURING THEIR TRAVEL TIM JONES NEVER MADE ANY STATEMENTS TO [REDACTED] RELATING TO ANYTHING OF A VIOLENT NATURE INVOLVING THE PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNE. [REDACTED] HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION WHICH RELATED TO ANY VIOLENCE OR RECEIVING OF FIREARMS OR FIREARMS TRAINING IN GUYANA BY THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. (u)

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[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] HAS EVER BEEN FINGER-PRINTED IN THIS COUNTRY BEFORE. HE DID STATE THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE TEMPLE UPON ARRIVAL IN GUYANA WERE FINGERPRINTED BY THE GUYANESE OFFICIALS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS ALREADY OBTAINED DENTAL RECORDS ON [REDACTED] AND FORWARDED THEM TO THE AIR FORCE BASE IN DOVER, DELAWARE. IT IS NOTED THAT [REDACTED] (u)

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS. WILL INSURE THAT ANY INTERVIEW WITH MARK LANE COVER MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE. (u)

SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN TOLL RECORDS FOR THE ABOVE LISTED RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR [REDACTED] AS WELL AS ANY TOLL RECORDS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICE TELEPHONES WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. SAN FRANCISCO WILL ALSO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RELATING TO THE ADDRESS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] AT WHICH HE WAS TO MAIL HER NEW GLASSES. SAN FRANCISCO WILL INSURE ANY INTERVIEWS WITH ATTORNEY CHARLES GARY COVERS INFORMATION MENTIONED IN INSTANT TELETYPE. SAN FRANCISCO WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE AFFILIATION OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AT NBC AND SET APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE CONVERSATION WITH MARK LANE. (u)

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NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPIES OF ANY LONG DISTANCE TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO THE BUSINESS TELEPHONE OF [REDACTED] OR HIS RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY [REDACTED] TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. NEW ORLEANS WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY JANN GURVICH'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES IN CALIFORNIA PRIOR TO HER LEAVING FOR GUYANA. NEW ORLEANS WILL FORWARD APPROPRIATE FD-302S TO SAN FRANCISCO, MEMPHIS AS WELL AS THE BUREAU AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION COLLECTED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (u)

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