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[redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following information  
for the confidential use of the FBI: (u)

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[redacted] stated that following events which  
occurred in California in 1976, involving [redacted]  
MARCELINE MAE JONES and her husband, JAMES WARREN JONES,

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[redacted] She stated the current events  
regarding JAMES WARREN JONES, [redacted] and MARCELINE MAE  
JONES, [redacted] and other members of the JONES family  
together with the tragic events that have taken place at  
Georgetown and Jonestown, Guyana, South America, [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] (u)

[redacted] stated MARCELINE MAE BALDWIN received  
a registered nurse certification from Reid Memorial Hospital,  
Richmond, Indiana. She received a U.S. Government grant to  
finance her nurse educational training. JAMES WARREN JONES  
was employed as an orderly at Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond,  
Indiana, during the time MARCELINE received her nurses training. (u)

MARCELINE MAE JONES, nee BALDWIN, born January 8,  
1927, Uniondale, Indiana, married June 12, 1949, at Trinity  
Methodist Church, Richmond, Indiana, the Reverend PAUL  
STEVENSON, Methodist minister, now residing Columbus,  
Indiana, was officiating minister, to JAMES WARREN JONES,  
born May 13, 1931, Lynn, Randolph County, Indiana. (u)

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Following the marriage, JAMES and MARCELINE JONES moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where both attended Indiana University as full-time students for a period of two years (u)

JAMES JONES transferred to Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1951. While a student at Butler University, he became interested in social gospel particularly with the United Methodist Church. To further his interest, he traveled to Chicago, Illinois, where he contacted unknown persons and received an assignment as an assistant pastor at the Sunset Methodist Church, Beech Grove, Marion County, Indiana, where he served for a period of one year. JONES received another church assignment in the Indianapolis area and promptly invited blacks into the church. JONES made door-to-door solicitation among black residences of the area to encourage church attendance. A number of blacks appeared at the church and were seated at the rear of the church by the church ushers. JONES instructed MARCELINE to usher the blacks to the pulpit area of the church which she did. Following the meeting, an emergency session was held by the church board who offered as an alternative to JONES to build a church for blacks where JONES could serve as a pastor. JONES declines saying the church he served in would be open to all people. (u)

JONES separated his tie with the Methodist Church and attempted to affiliate himself with the Assembly of God Church congregation, but due to segregation, he promptly left this church. (u)

JONES received an offer as pastor and chaplain at the University of Hawaii and traveled to Hawaii, but decided against taking the job because there were too many strings attached as JONES subsequently related to the

[redacted] When JONES was 22 years of age, he bought a Jewish temple located on 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, where he established the "Peoples Temple". (u)

JONES was appointed director of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights during the administration of Mayor CHARLES BOSWELL, Indianapolis, Indiana (u)

JONES became very ill and was admitted to the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana, during 1960 or early 1961. His doctor, name unknown, was a black. Upon appearing at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana (u)

JONES refused to accept a room or medical treatment until the Methodist Hospital integrated. (u)

In late 1961, JONES moved from Indianapolis with his family to Bella Horizonte, Brazil, South America, where they lived until 1963. (u)

[redacted] stated that during February 1962, [redacted] JAMES JONES at Bella Horizonte, Brazil, South America, She stated during 1963, JONES returned to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he continued efforts with the Peoples Temple, 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. (u)

[redacted] said the JONES family were subjected to harassment. She stated there were shots fired into the JONES home, bricks, rocks, and other items thrown through windows of the residence and harassing telephone calls received based upon JONES' effort toward integration and his liberal philosophy. (u)

JONES decided to sell the Peoples Temple, 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1964 and move to California because he believed California was the area most capable of accepting his philosophy of social reform. She stated the JONES family experienced harassment in California after establishing the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California. (u)

[redacted] stated that between 90 and 100 persons followed JONES from Indianapolis, Indiana, to San Francisco, California, where he established the Peoples Temple. [redacted]

[redacted] stated DALE and EDITH PARKS, from Columbus, Indiana, were among the people traveling from Indiana to California with JONES at the time he established the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California. [redacted]

[redacted] became friendly with DALE and EDITH PARKS through their visits with JONES and his family in California and have known them for about [redacted] (u)

[redacted] related confidentially that she had contact with [redacted]

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[REDACTED] stated that after settling in California, MARCELINE JONES obtained employment with the California State Department and was involved in a public health position investigating convalescent homes for licensing purposes in the State of California. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that during this time MARCELINE JONES had little time to be active with JAMES JONES in his work at the Peoples Temple, San Francisco, California. (u)

JONES also affiliated himself with three church groups in addition to the Peoples Temple for the purpose of performing social gospel activities other than at the Peoples Temple. (u)

[REDACTED] related that when MARCELINE had free time to operate the church-related activities, JAMES JONES would instruct MARCELINE to direct her activities at the Peoples Temple while he was involved at one of the other three church locations and not at the Peoples Temple. He would then instruct her to involve herself at one of the three churches when it was necessary to be present at the Peoples Temple. In this way, he was free to spend most of his time separate and away from MARCELINE JONES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that JONES was a very handsome man who possessed a dramatic charisma that enabled him to be attracted by women and he had a number of women deeply attracted to him. (u)

She stated TIM and GRACE STONE were among the members of the California congregation attending the Peoples Temple of San Francisco, California. She stated TIM STONE is an attorney. [REDACTED] stated GRACE STONE allegedly is a person possessed with suicidal tendencies and threatened suicide if JAMES JONES refused her attentions. Mrs. GRACE STONE subsequently gave birth to a baby boy fathered by JAMES JONES. [REDACTED] stated, again in confidence, that MARCELINE JONES told her that she was forced to sign a statement offered to her by JAMES JONES wherein he indicated she had given her consent to the (u)

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illicit sex relationship which existed between GRACE STONE and JAMES JONES for the purpose of preventing Mrs. STONE from committing suicide. [redacted] stated that MARCELINE JONES did not condone the illicit sex act and after learning of this, a strained relationship existed in the marriage between MARCELINE and JAMES JONES. [redacted] said the illegitimate child was given the name of JOHN JONES and she had occasion to engage him in conversation in Jonestown, Guyana, during October-November, 1978. She stated JOHN JONES would be five or six years of age and was undoubtedly among the persons who died at Jonestown, Guyana. (u)

[redacted] stated that after the birth of JOHN JONES, TIM STONE confronted JAMES JONES with the facts regarding this illegitimate child and threatened him with exposure in his efforts at the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California. She stated this occurred during 1976. (u)

[redacted] stated that during February, March, and April 1976, [redacted] had visited with JAMES and MARCELINE JONES in California. [redacted] related that in April 1976, JAMES JONES suddenly decided to go to Guyana, South America, apparently in an effort to avoid exposure as threatened by STONE. (u)

[redacted] related that JONES had confronted MARCELINE JONES during April 1976, telling her of his intentions to leave the United States to live in the settlement of the Peoples Temple established in Jonestown, Guyana, South America. (u)

[redacted] related that MARCELINE did not want to terminate her employment with the California State Department, but JONES forced her to do so when JONES told her of his intention to take the children with him to Guyana, South America, and desired her to take over control of the operations of the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California. (u)

[redacted] related that in 1973 or 1974, the Peoples Temple of San Francisco had to her belief, purchased land in Guyana, South America. She said she was later told probably by MARCELINE JONES, the land had not been purchased but was leased from the government of Guyana, South America. She stated JONES, during 1974, sent about 90 persons to (u)

Guyana, South America, from the Peoples Temple of San Francisco, California, for the purpose of clearing the land to establish an agricultural, educational, and religious settlement. She said that JONES had visited the settlement in Guyana on several occasions, but MARCELINE JONES had never visited the Jonestown settlement prior to 1976. (u)

[redacted] stated that as a result of the sudden decision made by JONES to move to Guyana, South America, and after MARCELINE JONES had learned of the illegitimate relationship between JAMES JONES and GRACE STONE resulting in the birth of JOHN JONES, a lasting strain was created in the marital relationship between JAMES and MARCELINE JONES. [redacted] said that, from this time forward there was much unhappiness in the life of MARCELINE JONES and she became a very lonely person. She stated that JAMES JONES' attentions were directed toward other women and church activities and it was not uncommon for [redacted]

[redacted] MARCELINE JONES expressing her loneliness and the necessity for her to talk [redacted] so she could carry on with the burdens confronting her. [redacted] stated in confidence that STEVEN JONES, the only natural child born to the union of JAMES and MARCELINE JONES, had on at least two occasions attempted suicide. MARCELINE JONES had encouraged psychiatric consultation and JAMES JONES and STEVEN JONES visited a psychiatrist in San Francisco, California. [redacted] stated that subsequent to the psychiatric consultations, JAMES JONES personally told her as a confidence, the psychiatrist had told him that MARCELINE JONES was the cause of STEVEN JONES' psychiatric problems and that if STEVEN JONES was to be saved, it would be necessary for him to keep MARCELINE JONES separate from the children. (u)

[redacted] stated that she did not confide this information to MARCELINE JONES for a period of two or three years and on an occasion, MARCELINE JONES told her of JAMES JONES effort to keep the children separate from her. At that time, [redacted] told MARCELINE JONES of the conversation she had held with JAMES JONES and told her she should confront the psychiatrist. MARCELINE JONES refused to seek the aid of the psychiatrist, whose name was never learned by [redacted] stating that to do so would bring reprisal by JAMES JONES upon her or the children. [redacted] related that MARCELINE JONES had not shared in the life of JAMES JONES since probably 1973 or 1974. She stated this (u)

unhappiness and the efforts surrounding the life of MARCELINE JONES were definitely contributing factors to the poor health of her husband as she had previously mentioned. (u)

[redacted] related that MARCELINE JONES went to live in Jonestown, Guyana, South America, during 1976, but returned to Richmond, Indiana, during January 1977, for a period of three weeks for the purpose of medical treatment at Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Indiana. She said MARCELINE JONES was experiencing respiratory problems. MARCELINE JONES received medical examinations from [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted], both Richmond, Indiana. [redacted] stated cancer cells were reportedly found in the lungs of MARCELINE JONES on the first two examinations made by the doctors, however, on the third examination, no cancer tissues were detected. MARCELINE JONES returned to Jonestown, Guyana, South America, but continued to send saliva back to Reid Memorial Hospital for testing. [redacted]

[redacted] stated the chest x-rays and medical records from Reid Memorial Hospital had been forwarded to the U.S. State Department on November 24, 1978, at Dover, Delaware.

[redacted] continued by saying that MARCELINE JONES left Richmond, Indiana, on February 1, 1977, to return to Guyana, South America. She stated that prior to her departure from Richmond, JAMES JONES had established contact with her through an overseas radio hookup, originating from the Peoples Temple, San Francisco, California, during which conversation he had instructed MARCELINE JONES to go to the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California, for business purposes. MARCELINE JONES did as instructed and was at the Peoples Temple for approximately one week during February 1977, prior to returning to Jonestown, Guyana, South America. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that during the time frame when MARCELINE JONES learned of the illegitimate sex activities involving JAMES JONES she made arrangements to leave JAMES JONES, taking with her their children. [redacted] stated an adopted daughter, SUZANNE, inadvertently disclosed this information to JAMES JONES, who at that time told MARCELINE JONES that if she ever left him, she would never see the children alive again. (u)

In confidence, [redacted] stated that SUZANNE is now married and employed by the U.S. Government as SUZANNE CARTNELL. She is employed by the Department of (u)



Health, Education, and Welfare in San Francisco, California. She is of Korean descent, is age 23 or 24, and is fearful of disclosure of this information because it will possibly jeopardize her employment with the U.S. Government. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that SUZANNE CARTNELL had formerly been associated with the Peoples Temple, San Francisco, California, but had severed relationship with the temple. [redacted] stated that STEVEN JONES had made mental adjustment to the situation at Guyana, South America, and on one occasion had told MARCELINE JONES that she was responsible for saving his life and he expressed to her his dislike of his father, JAMES JONES, and told her of the many efforts JAMES JONES had made to alienate the childrens' love for their mother. (u)

[redacted] stated that she had never been told by MARCELINE JONES of the specific threats or nature of the threats JAMES JONES made to her regarding the threats made toward the childrens' lives if she separated from him.

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[redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted] MARCELINE JONES had expressed a desire for them to visit Jonestown to see the beauty of the area with their own eyes. [redacted] stated JAMES JONES, via short-wave radio communication through a ham operator located in Florida, established contact with [redacted] and instructed them not to come to Guyana on October 4, 1978, as it was the intention of MARCELINE JONES to visit in the United States during October 1978. (u)

[redacted] stated that approximately two weeks following the receipt of the radio communication, MARCELINE JONES telephonically contacted them from New York City to report that she was in the United States, but had to go to the Peoples Temple in San Francisco, California, for approximately three weeks for business reasons prior to coming to Richmond, Indiana. (u)

MARCELINE JONES arrived in Richmond, Indiana, on Saturday, October 21, 1978, following her visit to the Peoples Temple, San Francisco, California. (u)

On October 21, 1978, while in Richmond, Indiana, MARCELINE JONES purchased a chrome colored Timex wristwatch, paying \$18.75 for the watch at a K-Mart Store. [redacted] stated that MARCELINE JONES was a frugal person and rarely made purchases of any items for herself, but would undoubtedly be in possession of the wristwatch. (u)

[redacted] stated they arrived in Jonestown, Guyana, South America, on October 30, 1978. She stated they left Jonestown on November 13, 1978, and left Georgetown, Guyana, South America, on November 15, 1978, arriving in Richmond, Indiana, about 12:30 AM on November 16, 1978. [redacted] stated that during the three weeks they visited Jonestown, Guyana, South America, they observed JAMES JONES only on three occasions. She stated MARCELINE JONES was in a cottage separate from JAMES JONES and that JAMES JONES was living with two paramores, one identified as MARIE (Last Name Unknown), who was responsible for money associated with the Jonestown settlement. The other paramore was identified as CAROLYN MOORE, who is the sibling of a Methodist minister, currently residing at Reno, Nevada. [redacted] stated that JONES was concerned [redacted] would become aware of the strained relationship between JAMES JONES and MARCELINE JONES. [redacted]

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[redacted] were aware of the marital problems for a number of years. She stated that on one occasion, she and her husband visited with JAMES JONES for approximately 15 minutes. She stated that JONES was obviously in very ill health and in her opinion, was near a mental collapse. She stated that during this visit JONES admitted to her that great pressures were being put upon him and he referred to TIM STONE and the illegitimate son, JOHN JONES, and stated that he believed he had been tricked by TIM STONE. She stated that during the conversation JAMES JONES had cried and stated that he knew his acts were wrong. She stated that due to the obviously poor health of JAMES JONES, the conversation was not lengthy, however, she observed that both of his hands were swollen to at least twice their normal size and she commented to him concerning this. She stated that she did not know the nature of the illness of JAMES JONES or if he may have been using drugs or narcotics. She stated the two other observations of (u)

JAMES JONES during the three weeks they visited at Jonestown were very brief and there was no exchange of conversation. (u)

[redacted] stated MARCELINE JONES wore a silver ring given to her by JAMES JONES and the band was decorated with a small design. MARCELINE JONES had pierced ears and occasionally wore dangle-style earrings. It was normal for MARCELINE JONES to wear contact lenses, however, she did have eyeglasses. [redacted] was unable to provide the identity of the source from which the lenses or eyeglasses had been purchased. [redacted] stated that dental records would be available through a dentist at Ukiah, California, where MARCELINE JONES had received treatment for an overbite which was considered harmful to her health and might possibly create a cancerous condition. The name of the dentist is unknown to [redacted] Dr. (First Name Unknown) [redacted] (phonetic), Ukiah, California, is the family doctor caring for MARCELINE JONES. MARCELINE JONES received a spinal operation at Moffit (phonetic) Hospital, San Francisco, California, for the correction of a slipped disc.

[redacted] stated that JAMES and MARCELINE JONES had previously lived at 1857 Geary Street, San Francisco, California, and prior to moving to Guyana, South America, had lived a short distance outside the small community of Ukiah, Redwood Valley, California. [redacted] related MARCELINE JONES had been arrested on one occasion by the Los Angeles Police Department and charged with interference of either a police officer or an ambulance driver who filed a complaint against one JOHNNY BROWN who was also arrested when efforts were being made to transport an elderly person who had suffered a heart attack and JOHNNY BROWN had interfered with the ambulance driver stating that he was abusive to the heart attack victim. [redacted] stated MARCELINE JONES has Social Security Account Number 306-24-2805, was previously employed at Reid Memorial Hospital and Richmond State Hospital, Richmond, Indiana, prior to moving to Indianapolis, Indiana. (u)

[redacted] stated to her best knowledge, JOHN JONES, age five or six, supra, and the following adopted children of JAMES and MARCELINE JONES were at Jonestown, Guyana, South America, and are believed to be among the deceased victims: (u)

LEW JONES--a Korean adopted son of JONES, age approximately 22, his wife TERRIE or (u)

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TERRY and their child CHI-OK, age approximately 1½. (u)

AGNES JONES, adopted by JONES when she was age 11 at Beech Grove, Marion County, Indiana. AGNES JONES has been married on two occasions and was with her third husband, RAY JONES, (not related) and four children identified as BILLY JONES, age 17, father unknown, is the first born of AGNES and is the issue of her first husband; STEPHANIE, age 16, and JIMBO JONES, age 14, are the issue of AGNES and her second husband, whose name is unknown; MICHAEL JONES, age 8, is the only natural child of AGNES and RAY JONES (u)

[redacted] said that STEVEN JONES, age 19, is the only natural child born to the union of JAMES and MARCELINE JONES. She is aware that STEVEN JONES is alive and has talked to him briefly by telephone from Georgetown, Guyana, South America. She said JIM JONES, a black, age 18, and TIM JONES, Caucasian, age 19, are both adopted sons of JAMES and MARCELINE JONES and were with STEVEN JONES in Georgetown, Guyana, when the murder/suicides took place in Jonestown, Guyana, South America. (u)

[redacted] stated to her best knowledge, the three young men are safe, but under house arrest by authorities in Guyana at the residence home located in Georgetown, Guyana, South America. She stated this residence is owned and maintained by the Peoples Temple of Jonestown, Guyana, South America. She said any person traveling to Jonestown, Guyana, is directed to stop at the Georgetown residence to facilitate transportation arrangements for them to travel on to Jonestown. She said any person leaving Jonestown, traveling for business or medical reasons to Georgetown, stay at this residence facility. [redacted] provided negatives of photographs taken by her during her recent visit to Jonestown, Guyana, South America. (u)

[redacted] related on the return trip to Richmond, Indiana, she recalled meeting a black women, NERDA (Last Name Unknown), who was serving a tour of duty at this Georgetown residence. [redacted] stated it was the practice of all persons living in the Jonestown colony to share duties at the Georgetown residence such as cooking, (u)

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cleaning, and so forth. During the return occupancy of the Georgetown residence, NERDA related to [redacted] in casual conversation, "It is wonderful to be able to walk around Jonestown without any fears. In San Francisco, California, I had so many fears." [redacted] stated that at no time during the nearly three weeks she [redacted] [redacted] visited Jonestown, Guyana, South America, did they observe any person in possession of a firearm. She stated that upon their arrival in Jonestown, [redacted] [redacted] MARCELINE JONES, who made the statement to them to the effect [redacted] I wanted you to visit Jonestown because it was so beautiful. She went on to state that many problems had arisen during the month she had visited the United States and she was deeply involved in counseling with members of the colony in an effort to return harmony to the community members. MARCELINE JONES spent very little time [redacted] stating that she was deeply involved in counseling. [redacted] stated that MARCELINE JONES had never at any time related to her any information to indicate evidence of a suicide pact or agreement that existed among members of the Peoples Temple either in California or in Jonestown, Guyana, South America. [redacted] said she had never been told by JAMES JONES, MARCELINE JONES, or any other person known to her to be associated in any way, by membership or otherwise, of the evidence of a mass suicide pact, any kind of agreement by members to participate in a murder pact against members of the group or any person involved in the service of the United State's government or any other government of the world. (u)

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She stated that in view of the events that had taken place in Jonestown, Guyana, South American, it is now obvious to her that some type of agreement was prearranged by persons unknown to her and she had no information to offer regarding the existence of such an agreement. (u)

[redacted] opined that MARCELINE JONES is a very strong person in her convictions and character and would have openly opposed and would have been against any suggestion to the idea of bodily harm being done to any person or to other members of the Jonestown colony. (u)

[redacted] further opined by saying, "She recalled a news media account reporting the events of the death of JAMES JONES, referring to the fact that JONES had shouted the words 'Mother, Mother', several times before a shot (u)

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was heard by the person who was relating this event." [redacted]  
[redacted] said JAMES JONES called MARCELINE JONES "Mother"  
when addressing her. (u)

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during their recent visit of October-November 1978, that  
JAMES JONES was relying more dependently upon her during  
his current illness and he desired her presence with him  
a considerable amount of time. [redacted] said that  
during the visit to Jonestown she had observed a small  
cemetary and was told only two persons were buried at the  
plot as only two persons had died since the settlement was  
founded. JAMES JONES' mother died and was buried at  
Jonestown, Guyana, during December 1977 or January 1978.  
His father died during 1949 or 1950 and was buried at a  
cemetary near Lynn, Randolph County, Indiana. (u)