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TO: The Honorable William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Criminal Investigations Division

FROM: Michael E. Coughlin, Chief
Special Assignments Staff
Office of Security

SUBJECT: Upgrading of Guyana Investigative Report

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In a recent letter from Director of Security, Mr. Karl Ackerman, Mr. Ackerman expressed the Department's position that message DTG 211752 contained Confidential information. The Department requests that message, or at least that portion referred to in Mr. Ackerman's letter, be upgraded to Confidential.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN - VICTIM; CONGRESSIONAL
ASSASSINATION STATUTE; FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION
ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, SEVEN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE (PT) WERE INTERVIEWED. SIX OF THESE PEOPLE
WERE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE "INNER CIRCLE"

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OF THE PT. THEY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (u)
REVEREND JAMES WARREN JONES, AKA JIM JONES, FOUNDER OF
THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,
FOUNDED THE CULT GROUP IN INDIANA IN THE LATE 1950S AND MOVED
WITH SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS TO THE UKIAH, CALIFORNIA, AREA IN
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APPROXIMATELY 1966, WHERE HE FOUNDED THE FIRST TEMPLE KNOWN
AS THE REDWOOD VALLEY TEMPLE ON EAST ROAD, REDWOOD VALLEY,
CALIFORNIA, NEAR UKIAH. SUBSEQUENT TEMPLES WERE ESTABLISHED
IN SAN FRANCISCO AT 1259 GEARY BOULEVARD, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOOVER AND ALVARADO IN LOS ANGELES. THE
ONLY TEMPLE NOW OPEN IS THE ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO. (u)

MEMBERS OF THE PT WERE COERCED INTO MAKING WRITTEN
STATEMENTS CONFESSING ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL ACTS SUCH AS VOWING
TO KILL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHICH WERE THEN PICKED UP AT OPEN
MEETINGS OF THE TEMPLE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.
THESE STATEMENTS WERE THEN DELIVERED TO THE PEVEREND JONES, WHO
USED THESE STATEMENTS TO INSURE THE MEMBERS INVOLVEMENT IN THE
PT MOVEMENT. (u)

THERE ARE REPORTED PROGRAMS FOR THE COLLECTION AND CACHEING
OF FIREARMS (HOWEVER, NONE OF THE INTERVIEWEES COULD GIVE
SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR ANY OF THE CACHES, NOR HAD THEY SEEN ANY).

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MEMBERS ENGAGED IN FIREARMS TRAINING AND WERE THREATENED WITH
ACTUAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE TO KEEP THEM IN LINE. (u)

JONES URGED THE CREATION OF A PLAN WHICH WOULD GO INTO
EFFECT IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST OR CAPTURE. THIS PLAN
REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED MEMBERS TO KIDNAP "PUBLIC OFFICIALS" AND
THEN HOLD THEM HOSTAGE UNTIL JONES' RELEASE. ALSO, IF ANYONE
ATTEMPTED TO EXPOSE THE PT OR PHYSICALLY INVADE IT, THE MEMBERS
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WERE INSTRUCTED TO KIDNAP PUBLIC OFFICIALS' CHILDREN, KILL THE
CHILDREN, KILL THEIR OWN CHILDREN, AND THEN COMMIT SUICIDE.
MURDER OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WAS ALSO COMDONED. IF A MEMBER
LEFT THE MEMBERSHIP, THEIR LIVES COULD ALSO BE IN DANGER. (u)

ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DEPUTY CHIEF CLEM D'ANICIS, SAN
FRANCISCO PD, SPENT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO
TEMPLE AND WAS ASKED IF HE DESIRED TO "LOOK AROUND", WHICH HE
DID. HE SAW WEAPONS, BUT THE "SEARCHER" WAS NOT A THOROUGH ONE.
LATER IN THE EVENING, NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
CHIEF OF POLICE (COP) CHARLES GAIN ENTERED THE TEMPLE FOR A
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND SAW NO WEAPONS. (u)

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1978, SAC MC KINNON AND ASAC LAWLER MET
WITH COP, SAN FRANCISCO, AND STAFF; DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOSEPH
FREITAS AND STAFF; AND SECRETARY SAC KENNETH IACOVONI AND (u)

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ANY CLUE OR ACCURATE INFORMATION TO DEVELOP PROBABLE CAUSE
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OF THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

NADYNE LAUREL HOUSTON, FEMALE WHITE, 60 YEARS, MEMBER OF
THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

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CONNIE LOIS THIELMANN, FEMALE WHITE, 23 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER,
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IN BALTIMORE'S TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1978.

[REDACTED] ADDS THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS HE SAW ON THE
TRAILER FROM WHERE THE SHOOTING CAME: (u)

BOB KICE, TOM KICE, JOE WILSON, ALBERT TOUCHETTE, EDDIE
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HE WITNESSED THE TWO KICES, WILSON, AND TOUCHETTE FIRE
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE GROUP HAS A FISHING VESSEL
IN GUYANA WHICH THEY USE TO SHIP GUNS. THE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION
OF THE VESSEL IS UNKNOWN. (u)

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IN 1973, JONES TOLD HIM THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO JONES,
HE WAS TO KILL JAMES COBB. (u)

[REDACTED] HAD CONVERSATIONS PRIOR TO THE KILLING
OF RYAN WITH THE SONS OF JIM JONES IN GEORGETOWN AND FELT
BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIONS AND STATEMENT "HUNDREDS OF LIVES ARE
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IN DANGER" THAT TROUBLE WOULD OCCUR. (u)

THE REMAINING INTERVIEWEES ALL HAD STAYED IN GEORGETOWN
AND COULD FURNISH ONLY HEARSAY INFORMATION. (u)

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH PT, HE IS
AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF GUYANA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED
BY JONES AND HIS ASSOCIATES THROUGH SEX AND/OR MONEY, AS WELL
AS [REDACTED] OFFICIAL IN GUYANA. ACCORDING
TO COBB, NO ONE WAS COMPROMISED BY PAULA ADAMS, UTILIZING SEX
AND SHE HAS RECORDED TAPES OF THEIR AFFAIRS TO BE USED TO
BLACKMAIL MC COY. (u)

SAN FRANCISCO IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY SPECIFIC
INFORMATION WHICH RELATES TO ANY DANGER TO ANY DIGNITARIES
ATTENDING RYAN'S FUNERAL. HOWEVER, THERE EXISTS A STATE OF
PARANOIA AMONGST THE DEFECTIONERS, WHO FEAR RETALIATION. ALSO,
THE EVENTS IN GUYANA INDICATE THE STATE OF MIND OF THE CURRENT

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MEMBERS OF THE PT. LOCAL POLICE WILL HAVE HEAVY SECURITY AT
THE FUNERAL. (u)

SACRAMENTO OFFICE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE DATA
RE JIM JONES FROM CALIFORNIA CII, STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
SACRAMENTO: (u)

JAMES WARREN JONES, WM, MAY 13, 1931, INDIANA, 5'10", 180
POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, CII NUMBER 5120912, LAPD NUMBER
1236453/J27C7337, CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER B423673,
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