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TO RUESON/AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN IMMEDIATE 3963

RUEHZP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE 3072

RUESRS/AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE 3774

RUEHSP/AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN IMMEDIATE 0717

RUDTC/AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 4444

RUEHPO/AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO IMMEDIATE 4597

RUEHFB/ FBI WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0047

RUEBWJA/JUSTICE IMMEDIATE

RULPALJ/CINCSOUTHCOM QUARRY HTS CZ IMMEDIATE

RUCIMAA/CINCMAC SCOTT AFB ILL IMMEDIATE

RUCJAAA/US REDCOM/RCJ2 MACDILL AFB FLA IMMEDIATE

RUCLHTD/USCINCRD FT MCPHERSON GA IMMEDIATE

RUCLMIA/CRD 82ND AIRBORNE CORPS FT BRAGG NC IMMEDIATE

RUSNAAA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE IMMEDIATE ATTN: J-2

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SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING

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THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON GUYANA AT THE DEPARTMENT'S
NOON PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

AT THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 30, ONLY ONE
QUESTION ON GUYANA WAS ASKED. FOLLOWING IS TEXT:

Q: DOES THE NATURE OF THAT CULT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT
AMERICA AND SECONDLY WHAT CAN THE GOVERNMENT DO TO AVOID
FUTURE JONESTOWNS?

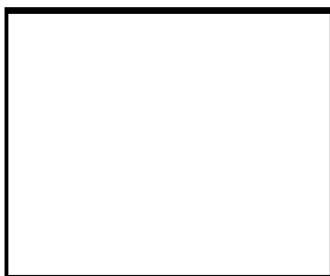
A: WELL I OBVIOUSLY DON'T THINK THAT THE JONESTOWN CULT
WAS TYPICAL IN ANY WAY OF AMERICA. I THINK THESE WERE
PEOPLE WHO BECAME OBSESSED WITH A PARTICULAR LEADER'S
PHILOSOPHY, THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY MISLED, A TRAGEDY
RESULTED, IT DID NOT TAKE PLACE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. IN
RETROSPECT ALL OF US CAN DEPLORE WHAT DID OCCUR. IT'S
UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF OUR COUNTRY TO
INVESTIGATE OR TO ISSUE LAWS AGAINST ANY GROUP NO MATTER
HOW MUCH THEY MIGHT DEPART FROM NORMAL CUSTOM WHICH IS
BASED ON RELIGIOUS BELIEF. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS WHEN
THERE IS SOME SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATION THAT THE ACTIVITIES
OF THOSE RELIGIOUS GROUPS DIRECTLY VIOLATE A FEDERAL LAW.
I MIGHT POINT OUT THAT CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND OTHER
CONGRESSMEN DID GO TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEVERAL WEEKS
OR MONTHS AGO TO GO INTO THE SO CALLED BRAINWASHING
ASPECTS OF A FEW RELIGIOUS CULTS AROUND THE COUNTRY.
MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE SO CALLED PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE THOUGHT BY THEM AT THAT TIME TO

BE INDULGING IN BRAINWASHING. IT WAS A RECENT, LATE
DEVELOPMENT THAT NO ONE SO FAR AS I KNOW WAS ABLE TO
ANTICIPATE OR TO ASSESS ADEQUATELY. SO I DON'T THINK THAT
WE OUGHT TO HAVE AN OVER REACTION BECAUSE OF THE JONES-
TOWN TRAGEDY BY INJECTING THE GOVERNMENT INTO TRYING TO
CONTROL PEOPLES' RELIGIOUS BELIEFS; AND I BELIEVE THAT
WE ALSO DON'T NEED TO DEPLORE ON A NATIONWIDE BASIS THE
FACT THAT THE JONESTOWN CULT, SO CALLED, WAS TYPICAL OF
AMERICA, BECAUSE IT IS NOT. END TEXT VANCE

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