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RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 1, 1978. (u)

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, CARSON,

CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED ON DECEMBER 1, 1978, REGARDING

CAPTIONED MATTER AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (u)

[Redacted]

ADVISED HE FIRST MET REVEREND JIM JONES, (u)

PASTOR OF PEOPLES TEMPLE, IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,

APPROXIMATELY 24 YEARS AGO WHEN JONES ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

FOR FIGHTING RACIAL INJUSTICE. JONES GAINED NOTORIETY AND

SUBSEQUENTLY IN 1965, MOVED HIS CONGREGATION TO UKIAH,

CALIFORNIA, AND FORMED COMMUNE, NURSING HOME, ETC. AS

JONES GAINED POPULARITY, HE BRANCHED OUT TO SAN FRANCISCO

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WHERE HE GAINED MORE POPULARITY AND NEW ATTENTION. [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT THIS IS WHEN JONES' PHILOSOPHY CHANGED ERRATICALLY.

[REDACTED] STATES THAT IT IS HIS OPINION THAT JONES BECAME BOTH POWER AND MONEY HUNGRY WHEN HE RELOCATED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA. [REDACTED] STATES THAT JONES, AT THAT TIME, ASKED MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE TO CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY 20-30 PERCENT OF THEIR EARNINGS. (FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, THEY WERE REQUIRED TO FURNISH SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS AND OTHER FIXED INCOME.) (u)

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[REDACTED] JOINED PEOPLES TEMPLE IN JANUARY 1976 AT THE LOS ANGELES PEOPLES TEMPLE ON ALVARADO AND HOOVER AND TERMINATED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN OCTOBER 1976. [REDACTED]

CITES REASON HE QUIT PEOPLES TEMPLE WAS BECAUSE OF JONES' PARANOIA IN THAT HE BELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO KILL HIM AND HIS DEMANDS UPON THE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE EITHER A PORTION OR THEIR TOTAL INCOME TO PEOPLES TEMPLE. (u)

JONES PURCHASED LAND IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA, IN 1974 AND TOLD MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE THAT HE WAS PURCHASING 27,000 ACRES OF LAND SO THAT THEY COULD RELOCATE THERE TO (u)

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BETTER LIFE. JONES REQUESTED MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE TO CONTRIBUTE ALL INCOME TO HIM SO THAT HE COULD PURCHASE LAND FOR THEM FOR RELOCATION. (u)

JONES, IN 1976, ESTABLISHED SCREENING PROCESS, BOTH IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO TEMPLES, OF ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, INQUIRING INTO AREAS OF THE PERSONS'S POSITION IN LIFE, INCOME, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, BELIEFS IN SOCIALISM AND RACISM. (u)

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD TWO AUNTS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FEMALE NEGRO, AND HYACINTA THRASH, WHO ALSO WERE MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE AND RELOCATED TO JONESTOWN, GUYANA, WITH JONES. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS AMONGST THOSE WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE; HOWEVER, THRASH WAS AMONGST SURVIVORS. (u)

[REDACTED] STATES THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED ANY CACHING OR WEAPONS BY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS, NO KNOWLEDGE OF "HITTING SQUAD", NO ACQUISITION AND SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS BY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS, AND HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONSPIRACY TO KILL CONGRESSMAN LEO RYAN OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL. (u)

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