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AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AUTOPSIES ARE
TO BE CONDUCTED AT DOVER, DELAWARE, ON THE REMAINS OF THE REV.
JIM JONES, DR. LARRY SCHACHT, AND MARIA KATSARIS, AND A RANDOM
SAMPLING OF FOUR OTHER BODIES WHOSE IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN
SELECTED AS FOLLOWS: LEON PERRY, NEGRO MALE, BORN AUGUST 8,
1917, RESIDING 1201 ROAD M, OR POST OFFICE BOX 466, REDWOOD
VALLEY, CALIFORNIA; JERRY WILSON, NEGRO MALE, BORN FEBRUARY 14,
1961, 261 DIVISADRO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; CHARLES WILLIAM
MARSHALL, NEGRO MALE, BORN FEBRUARY 16, 1957, 453 RALSTON

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STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; SYLVESTER CLARENCE FAIR,
 20 NEGRO MALE, BORN MARCH 9, 1908, 408 SOUTH POINSETTA AVENUE,
 18 COMPTON, CALIFORNIA.

PRIOR TO CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES, WRITTEN PERMISSION MUST BE
 16 OBTAINED FROM THE NEXT OF KIN. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS
 REQUESTED THE FBI TO OBTAIN THIS PERMISSION. THE FOLLOWING IS
 14 A TEXT RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD PREPARE SEPARATELY ON PLAIN
 PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF ABOVE PERSONS FOR
 12 THEIR SIGNATURES: |

DATE

CITY, STATE |

I/WE REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE PHYSICIANS IN ATTENDANCE AT
 8 THE DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DOVER, DELAWARE, TO PERFORM A COMPLETE
 AUTOPSY ON THE REMAINS OF {INSERT NAME OF DECEASED}. I/WE
 6 UNDERSTAND THAT A COMPLETE AUTOPSY MAY INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF
 THE HEAD, EYES, SPINAL CORD, CHEST, ABDOMEN, AND EXTREMITIES.
 4 I/WE AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL AND RETENTION OR USE FOR DIAGNOSTIC,
 SCIENTIFIC, OR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES OF SUCH ORGANS, TISSUES,
 2 AND PARTS AS SUCH PHYSICIANS DEEM PROPER.

I/WE REPRESENT THAT I AM/WE ARE THE {INSERT RELATIONSHIP},

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LEGAL NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED AND ENTITLED BY LAW TO CONTROL
20 THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS.

SIGNED

WITNESSED {INSERT SIGNATURE OF FBI AGENT}

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16 FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT
14 SUSANNE JONES, DAUGHTER OF REV. JONES, CAN BE CONTACTED AT
12 TELEPHONE NUMBER 415-994-1096. SHE IS EMPLOYED BY HEW IN
10 SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE THE WHERE-
8 ABOUTS OF STEVEN KATSARIS, FATHER OF MARIA KATSARIS, AS HE HAS
6 AGREED TO CONTACT SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION THIS DATE. SAN
4 FRANCISCO ALSO CONTACT NEXT OF KIN OF PERRY, WILSON, AND
2 MARSHALL. LOS ANGELES CONTACT NEXT OF KIN OF FAIR AND HAVE A
COPY OF FORM EXECUTED. HOUSTON CONTACT PARENTS OF LARRY SCHACHT
WHO RESIDE IN HOUSTON, AS YOU ARE AWARE. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED
DESIRE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AUTOPSY OF THEIR SON'S
REMAINS. (u)

4 THEREAFTER SUTEL RESULTS OF THIS CONTACT FORWARDING THE
ORIGINAL EXECUTED FORM TO BALTIMORE DIVISION. UPON RECEIPT,
2 BALTIMORE SHOULD PROVIDE THESE FORMS TO DR. WILLIAM R. COWEN,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY, DOVER AIR

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20 FORCE BASE. DR. COWEN HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE IDENTITY OF THE
18 ABOVE PERSONS, AND HIS STAFF WILL PERFORM THE AUTOPSIES UPON
NOTICE OF CONSENT OF THE NEXT OF KIN. (u)

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NOTE: Above advises appropriate offices of Departmental request (see AAG Haymann's memorandum to Director dated 11/30/78) for autopsies on the Rev. Jones, Maria Katsaris, and Dr. Larry Schacht, as well as four other identified deceased victims of the Jonestown suicide/murders, which were chosen at random by writer. Receiving offices are instructed to contact the next of kin and obtain their signatures on a form to be prepared in the Field Offices. The text of this form was obtained from the Casualty Unit, Walter Reed Army Hospital at the suggestion of Dr. William R. Cowen, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The text of the form was coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division. Once the forms are executed, receiving offices to submit same to Baltimore for forwarding to Dover Air Force Base. Upon notice that consent was obtained, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology will conduct the autopsies requested by the Department of Justice.