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Re Butte teletypes to Bureau and San Francisco, 11/24/78, and 11/27/78. (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco is an FD-302 interview of FRANCIS EMMETT CARTER, aka Mike Carter, 206 West 42nd Street, Garden City, Idaho, on 11/24/78, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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FRANCIS EMMETT CARTER, also known as Mike Carter, 206 West 42nd Street, Garden City, Idaho, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. He was also advised that this interview concerned a possible conspiracy in violation of Congressional Assassination Statute (u)

CARTER furnished the following information (u)

CARTER advised that he has been a widower since 1964, and is a retired Administrative Officer for the Internal Revenue Service. When the family lived in Burlingame, California, [redacted]

[redacted] and was honorable discharged after three years service. After he was discharged, [redacted] hung around with various "rock" groups in California, smoking pot, drinking and just drifting around. Eventually [redacted] became acquainted with members of a self-styled evangelistic group in San Francisco, California, became interested in their program and eventually joined them. (u)

CARTER advised that he never knew this group to be associated with People's Temple and he did not at first consider it a religious or cult group, but rather thought of it as a community group. He later learned from letterheads used by his children it was a religion called Disciples of Christ. (u)

CARTER advised that he sold his home in Burlingame, California, in 1971, and rented an apartment in the same neighborhood so that his daughter, TERRY, could finish high school and his son, [redacted] could finish the eighth grade. He moved to Garden City, Idaho, in 1972, enrolled TERRY in Boise State College, Boise, Idaho; however, she decided that she did not want to move to Garden City and she stayed in California. Through [redacted] she became interested in the same evangelistic group. She moved to Ukiah, California, lived at the Happy Acres Ranch outside Ukiah and worked at jobs in the town of Ukiah. One time he asked TERRY how much it cost her to live at the Happy Acres Ranch, and she said they paid whatever they felt like. After high school, TERRY went to (u)

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San Francisco to join and work with the same group there. (u)

CARTER stated that [redacted] moved to Garden City, Idaho, with him [redacted]

[redacted] CARTER advised that this group headed by JIM JONES had six or eight buses in which they toured the United States. During the summer of 1973, they took a trip to Washington, D. C. and surrounding areas. [redacted] TERRY asked him if [redacted] could join the group for this trip. The cost of the trip for [redacted] was \$100.00. He consented to allow [redacted] to go on the trip. When they returned from the East Coast, [redacted] wanted to return to Ukiah, California, to live at the Happy Acres Ranch and attend high school in Ukiah. This group would frequently travel from Ukiah by way of bus to their churches in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. (u)

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CARTER advised that the group was not too well accepted in Ukiah, because some of their members were minorities. For this reason, the church built their own swimming pool behind the church for use of their members only. Because of the minority membership, the group received a great deal of adverse publicity from the news media. He feels that this is the reason the group, through their attorney MARK LANE, was attempting to fight back by filing civil suits against the press and the U. S. agencies. (u)

CARTER advised he visited his children at the Happy Acres Ranch on one occasion only, but he could not recall the date. He toured the compound and had lunch with a group of members. During lunch there was some kind of a remark concerning religion. He could not remember who made the remark or exactly what was said. He told them that he had his own immortal soul to save and as a Roman Catholic that is what he believed in. His children also have their own immortal souls to save and they should do it the best way they know how. His children were old enough to decide how they wanted to live and what religion they wanted to follow and practice. The compound of Happy Acres Ranch had some houses or cottages, which housed senior citizens and also the community took care of fourteen mentally retarded male patients. (u)

CARTER stated that just before Christmas, 1974, his daughter, TERRY, advised him she had a chance to go to

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Jonestown, Guyana. TERRY and CLAIR JANARO flew to Jonestown to take Christmas gifts to people already living in the church agricultural community. He knew they flew, but did not know whether it was a charter flight or a commercial flight. They stayed only a few days and then returned to Ukiah, California, where RICHARD and CLAIR JANARO are managers of the Happy Acres Ranch. (u)

CARTER advised that his daughter, TERRY JONES, went to Jonestown, Guyana, sometime early in 1977, probably March. Her son, CHAE O. K. JONES, was born in Jonestown on April 4, 1977. TERRY had flown to Guyana from the United States, but he did not know if the flight was commercial or charter. She flew from California to New York and then to Georgetown, Guyana, and then took some kind of a ship up the east coast of Guyana to Jonestown. He did not know who or how many went with TERRY JONES, and he did not know if her husband, LEW JONES, preceded her to Jonestown or followed her later. He knew nothing more about her trip. (u)

CARTER stated that [redacted] wife, GLORIA CARTER, was the next to fly to Jonestown, Guyana. He does not know when she went, but their son, MALCOLM CARTER, was born on August 10, 1977, at Georgetown, Guyana. [redacted] stayed in the United States. [redacted] had been working as a radio operator in California after graduating from high school, to enable him to be able to operate radio equipment in Jonestown. He was the next one to go to Jonestown. He could not remember the dates that [redacted] or [redacted] JOYCELYN, went to Jonestown, but he recalls that [redacted] GLORIA, gave birth to a son, MALCOLM, during August, 1977, and [redacted] wife gave birth to a daughter, KAYWANA, during September, 1977. [redacted] and [redacted] were not in South America at the time of the birth of their children. He recalled [redacted] went to South America late in 1977 and had asked him for \$300.00 to help pay his air fare from California to New York and then to Georgetown, Guyana, which he gave to [redacted] (u)

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CARTER explained that as far as he can understand the reason the group went to Jonestown was merely a matter of course. He understands that it was voluntary on the part of each individual. He never heard of anyone being forced to go to Jonestown and never heard of anyone being forced to stay after they got there. They wanted to participate in a community

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type agricultural life at a location away from the pressures of everyday life in the United States and particularly the aggravation the group suffered at Ukiah, California. The Government of Guyana had given the group 27,000 acres north of Georgetown, which they developed into their own community of Jonestown. (u)

CARTER advised that he understood from Reverend MOORE of Reno, Nevada, the only disciplinary action taken against anyone at Jonestown for infractions of regulations would be "peer pressure". By "peer pressure" he understood punishment was in the form of "silent treatment" or "avoidance" of individuals being punished. He never heard of any incident regarding dissenters or discontents. (u)

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CARTER said that he frequently corresponded with his children, perhaps on a monthly basis, and more often from his daughter, TERRY. He especially enjoyed receiving letters from [redacted] because [redacted] had an exceptional ability to express himself. All the letters he received from his children were general in nature and contained news about the family. Never did any of these letters contain anything of a political or philosophical nature. They never discussed any long-range plans of the community of Jonestown and definitely never mentioned anything to indicate a conspiracy of any kind or any physical mistreatment of members or anyone else. (u)

CARTER said his children probably would not have become involved with guns. [redacted] and was knowledgeable of guns, because of his active duty experience. TERRY and [redacted] to the best of his knowledge, had no experience with guns. He never knew any of the children to do any hunting or even show any interest in guns. (u)

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CARTER said it is just not the nature of or disposition of TERRY and [redacted] to ever become involved in a conspiracy or anything of that nature. On the other hand, [redacted] could more easily be so involved; however, if he did, it would be strictly an innocent involvement. (u)

CARTER explained that it would not be beyond [ ] to develop information of any nature, including the number and identities of any visiting groups, such as Representative LEO RYAN's group; however, if [ ] ever sensed or learned this information was going to be used to conspire or to plot murder he would immediately revolt and possibly defect. (u)

During October, 1978, [ ] traveled from Jonestown to San Francisco, California. [ ] arrived in Garden City, Idaho, on October 19, 1978, for a personal visit with his father. [ ] merely said he was a group coordinator and the nature of his visit to San Francisco was to deliver affidavits for a pending law suit against the news media and some U. S. Government agencies. CARTER said [ ] did not elaborate any further, and they did not discuss the Jonestown community or his activities any further. He and his son, [ ] are not real close in that they discuss their personal lives or activities. [ ] remained in Garden City [ ] and departed October 29, 1978, en route to San Francisco. He knew nothing further about [ ] itinerary. (u)

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While [ ] was in Garden City, he authorized [ ] to purchase \$800.00 worth of clothes on his charge account. [ ] was to take these clothes to members of the family in Jonestown. After careful consideration, he considered [ ] activities with this group to be rehabilitative. After [ ] was discharged [ ] he just drifted around San Francisco and Los Angeles and seemed to be going nowhere and had no goals in life. This movement gave [ ] a chance to work at his life and develop purpose and meaning for life. (u)

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CARTER said that CLAIR JANARO left New York and arrived Georgetown on the night of November 18, 1978. Before she left San Francisco, she purchased \$700.00 worth of clothes to take to group members in Jonestown, out of a check for \$1,000.00 he had forwarded to her. JANARO left the balance of \$300.00 with another group member in San Francisco. Mrs. JANARO called him from New York before her departure and explained these details to him. He told her to forget about the \$300.00 balance. (u)

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CARTER advised that he is very strong in his convictions that the group in Jonestown was an extremely happy group, but he is at a loss to understand what took place that resulted in the mass suicide-murder incident. He was so much pleased with his children's happiness he obtained a passport and planned to visit them for approximately three weeks during January, 1979. (u)

CARTER said that he is not aware of anyone else in Idaho or nearby, who in any way is connected with this group. To the best of his knowledge, this group is active in Ukiah, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. His only connection with this group is through his children, Reverend MOORE of Reno, Nevada, and Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD JANARO of Ukiah. He is not familiar with the structure of the People's Temple and, in fact, knows nothing about them and did not realize that his children and the Happy Acres Ranch were associated with the People's Temple. (u)

CARTER said as far as his children were concerned they were all married in San Francisco before they went to Jonestown. He met his son-in-law, LEW JONES, only once several years ago in Garden City, Idaho. LEW was born in Vietnam and was an adopted child by church leader JIM JONES. He knows nothing more about LEW JONES or when he went to Jonestown or what type of work he was doing there. LEW and TERRY's son, CHAE O. K. JONES, was born April 4, 1977, at Georgetown, Guyana. His daughter-in-law, GLORIA CARTER, married [redacted] in San Francisco; however, he never met GLORIA and knows nothing about her, her maiden name or where she is from. [redacted] and GLORIA's son, MALCOLM CARTER, was born August 10, 1977, at Georgetown, Guyana. (u)

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His daughter-in-law, JOYCELYN, married his son, [redacted] in San Francisco. He never met her, but believes she lived in Palo Alto, California. [redacted] and JOYCELYN's daughter, KAYWANA, was born on May 10, 1977, at Georgetown, Guyana. CARTER said that he never saw his grandsons or his granddaughter. (u)

CARTER furnished the following description of his children: (u)

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Name [Redacted]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Date of Birth [Redacted]  
Place of Birth [Redacted]  
Hair Brown  
Eyes Brown  
Education [Redacted]  
Military [Redacted] honorable discharge  
Arrests None

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Name [Redacted]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Date of Birth [Redacted]  
Place of Birth [Redacted]  
Hair [Redacted]  
Eyes [Redacted]  
Education [Redacted]  
Arrests None

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Name MARY THERESA CARTER JONES  
Race White  
Sex Female  
Date of Birth October 4, 1956  
Place of Birth Helena, Montana  
Hair Brown  
Education High school graduate  
Arrests None  
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The following description of FRANCIS EMMETT CARTER was obtained through interview and observation: (u)

Name	FRANCIS EMMETT CARTER
Alias	MIKE CARTER
Address	206 West 42nd Street Garden City, Idaho
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	January 16, 1904
Place of Birth	Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
Height	5'7"
Weight	185#
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Account #	557-20-4543
Occupation	Administrative Officer Internal Revenue Service (retired)
Education	LLB, Loyola University, Los Angeles, California
Marital Status	Widowed, August 11, 1964 (BETTY COBLENTZ CARTER)

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