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Date 11/30/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-4286)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (89-79)(P)

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DATE 10/1/92 BY 1046 DCM/MLH

ReTPtel to Bureau, 11/21/78. (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an FD 302 with [redacted] ham radio operator, Clearwater, Florida. Enclosed for San Francisco is original of above FD 302.

ENCLOSURE

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[redacted]
Clearwater, Florida, home telephone number [redacted]
was contacted at his residence. Mr. [redacted] was
advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and
of the purpose of the interview. (u)

Mr. [redacted] advised that he is a ham radio
operator and, as such, is the Assistant Net Manager
for frequency 21.415. He advised that part of his
responsibilities is to handle Net discipline and police
the airways so that the proper FCC rules and regulations
are observed. Frequency 21.415 is a frequency primarily
used to assist missionaries in overseas work. Within
the last years, Mr. [redacted] has been listening to and
making patch phone calls and turning station WB6MID/8R3
over to places in the Continental United States.
WB6MID/8R3 is a ham radio station out of Jonestown,
Guyana. The call sign WB6MID is registered to an Albert
Touchette of 3747 Road B, Redwood Valley, California. (u)

Mr. [redacted] stated that the station operates
with operators known only to him as Sara, Bea and Jim.
Principally, Sara operates the station and has been in
violation of FCC regulations by operating illegally,
cutting in for emergencies when there are no emergencies
and transmitting coded messages. The coded messages
were using the names of flowers, small animals and birds
in the code. Mr. [redacted] said he believed [redacted]
[redacted] of NBC News in Chicago, Illinois, knows of a man
who is a ham operator in the Chattanooga, Tennessee,
area who has broken the code. Mr. [redacted] stated that
the Peoples Temple apparently has stations in unknown (u)

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Interviewed on 11/21/78 at Clearwater, Fla. File # TAMPA (A) 89-79

by SA [redacted] fwh Date dictated 11/22/78

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locations in Texas, California, and also Chattanooga, Tennessee. He stated that an operator in California, with whom he has been in contact, may have more knowledge of transmissions by the group. He stated this man is a [redacted] of [redacted] Freemont, California. (u)

Mr. [redacted] stated he did not know the last names or identities of Sara, Jim or Bea and also stated that he did not make any patch calls for Sara to a Harry in California, telephone number 922-9597, on October 12, 1978, and apparently this must have been some other ham operator in another area. (u)

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Mr. [redacted] said approximately one month ago Sara contacted him on frequency 21.415 for him to transfer her to California. He stated that at that time he told her that he would no longer handle the Peoples Temple transmissions because of the aforementioned illegalities and the fact that they were transmitting coded messages. Sara then told him that these were false allegations, and he was being slanderous towards her and the organization, and they would sue him, and that [redacted] would be contacted by their attorney, Mark Lane. Approximately two or three days later, Mr. [redacted] was telephonically contacted by Mark Lane. Upon initial contact, Lane told Mr. [redacted] that he wanted to know more about the Peoples Temple. He did not mention or identify himself as being an attorney for the Peoples Temple and only wanted the information to write a book. Mr. [redacted] said he then confronted him with the fact that he was the attorney for the Peoples Temple, and it was his understanding that Lane was going to file a civil suit against him regarding the Peoples Temple. Lane told Mr. [redacted] that he was not going to file suit against him, and that he was only interested in information regarding the Peoples Temple for a book that he was writing. Mr. [redacted] said he told Lane of all of the FCC regulations that the Peoples Temple had broken, and he has not heard from Lane, Sara or the Peoples Temple since that time. (u)

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Mr. [redacted] advised that in the event he received any further contact from the Peoples Temple or any individuals associated with the organization, he would immediately notify the FBI. (u)