

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Moore *mpd*

FROM : J. O. Ingram *J*

SUBJECT: RYMUR

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 BY *1048 DKM/uda* DATE: 12/1/78

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Banner
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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 By teletype 11/30/78, Indianapolis FBI advised that [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, telephone [redacted], telephonically contacted the Indianapolis Office and advised that [redacted] Esther Mueller, DOB 3/28/02, had been with the Peoples Temple (PT) in Guyana and that he had last heard from her 10/1/77. [redacted] additionally advised *old*

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[redacted] Jim Jones had Esther Mueller sign some papers in Guyana which resulted in \$7 million going into a Swiss Bank Account in Mrs. Mueller's name. Lane stated that Mrs. Mueller was definitely among the deceased in the Jonestown incident

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 Lane claimed he had defected from the PT group and

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It is additionally noted that in Lane's account of the incidents at Guyana which he provided to the FBI, he alluded to the fact that Jones had selected an irrational, senile woman named Esther Mueller to handle the funds of the PT. The background data pertaining to Esther Mueller has been provided to Inspector-Deputy Assistant Director Conrad S. Banner to assist the identification team in positively identifying Esther Mueller as deceased. To date, this identification has not been effected. *(u)*

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Subsequent discussion with Mr. Mintz and Mike Abbell, U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) official, resulted in the decision that an investigation should be conducted to establish facts pertaining to possible violations of Federal law regarding

[Redacted]

[Redacted] the FBI could conduct investigation to protect the civil interests of the U. S. Government by identifying and locating the assets of the PT as the U. S. Government may file liens on those assets to recover expenses incurred by the U. S. Government in transportation of the PT corpses from Guyana to the U. S. (u)

SAC Indianapolis was advised to re-contact [Redacted] and obtain a signed statement from him setting forth the following facts:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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A letter of confirmation of the above action is being directed to Mike Abbell, DOJ. (u)

APPROVED: *WOU*  
Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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