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REFERENCE MIAMI TELETYPE TO ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 30, 1978. (u)

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ON DECEMBER 1, 1978, MICHAEL F. BYRNE, STAFF WRITER FOR

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL NEWS GROUP (IMNG), ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND,

HOME ADDRESS - [REDACTED] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA,

ADVISED THAT DOCTOR [REDACTED] M.D., PRACTICING IN

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, CONTACTED IMNG DURING JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, 1978, IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLES

TEMPLE (PT) IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA, VIA HAM RADIO OPERATOR,

[REDACTED] F POTOMAC, MARYLAND. [REDACTED] AS A STAFF

WRITER, WAS ASSIGNED TO DO A MEDICAL STORY CONCERNING JONESTOWN.

BYRNE, THROUGH [REDACTED] HAM OPERATOR, POTOMAC, MARYLAND,

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CONTACTED JONESTOWN SOMETIME DURING FEBRUARY, 1978, AND
CONVERSED WITH PATTY (LNU), A TEENAGER AND PT MEMBER. PATTY
(LNU) DESCRIBED ACTIVITY IN JONESTOWN AS BEING EXTREMELY IDEAL
AND VOICED NO COMPLAINTS. BYRNE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE
APPROXIMATELY 1200 MEMBERS AT JONESTOWN AT THE TIME AND THE
MAIN CONCERN VOICED BY PATTY (LNU) WAS THAT THERE APPEARED TO
BE SOME LACK OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AMONG PT MEMBERS, THUS THE
CONTACT THROUGH HAM OPERATORS TO MEDICAL DOCTORS. BYRNE
REQUESTED THAT HE VISIT JONESTOWN AND THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED
WITH NO PARTICULAR REASON GIVEN. (u)

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER BYRNE REQUESTED A BROCHURE FROM THE
PT IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED
THE PT AND CONVERSED WITH (FNU) BROWN. BYRNE REQUESTED THAT HE
WRITE A STORY REGARDING THE PT AND ALSO PROVIDE PHOTO COVERAGE
OF THE PT IN JONESTOWN WHICH NEVER DID EVOLVE. (u)

BYRNE LATER CONTACTED THE GUYANA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
D. C., FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO JONESTOWN, HOWEVER,
AGAIN THIS VISIT NEVER DID EVOLVE. (u)

BYRNE WROTE A STORY ON JONESTOWN REGARDING THEIR CONTACT
WITH THE MEDICAL DOCTORS VIA HAM OPERATORS FOR THE NATIONAL

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ENQUIRER AT LANTANA, FLORIDA, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED SOMETIME DURING THE SPRING OF 1978. A [REDACTED] FOR NATIONAL ENQUIRER, TOLD BYRNE THAT HE HAD SENT TWO REPORTERS TO JONESTOWN, TIME UNKNOWN, AND THEY REPORTED THAT CONDITIONS WERE UNFAVORABLE. (u)

BYRNE HAD ONLY THE ONE CONVERSATION WITH A PT MEMBER IN JONESTOWN, STATED ABOVE, AND COULD OFFER NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING CONDITIONS JUST PRIOR TO THE JONESTOWN MASSACRE. (u)

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BALTIMORE, AT ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DR. [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS TELEPHONE (RADIO) CONVERSATION WITH MEMBERS OF PT IN JONESTOWN. (u)

MIAMI, AT LANTANA, FLORIDA: WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NATIONAL ENQUIRER, REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS IN JONESTOWN. (u)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (u)

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