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FBIHQ REVIEW OF REPORTED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT, ALLEGED DOCTOR OF JAMES JONES, PEOPLES
TEMPLE, AND ADMINSTRATOR OF POISON DURING THE MASS SUICIDE AT

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JONESTOWN, GUYANA, HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONABLE

20 AREAS: (u)

18 1. THE COMPLETE IDENTITY OF LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT. (u)

2. WHAT PART, IF ANY, OF SCHACHT'S EDUCATION WAS FINANCED
16 BY THE PEOPLES TEMPLE? (u)3. WHETHER SCHACHT WAS IN FACT A MEDICAL DOCTOR AND WHETHER
14 HE WAS LICENSED TO PRACTICE. (u)4. THE REASONS BEHIND SCHACHT'S JOINING THE PEOPLES
12 TEMPLE. (u)5. WHAT POSITION DID SCHACHT HAVE IN THE PEOPLES TEMPLE
10 AND WHETHER HE PARTICIPATED IN OR HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONTIN-
GENCY PLANS PERTAINING TO "MASS SUICIDE" AND/OR ASSOCIATES OF
8 U. S. OFFICIALS, SPECIFICALLY CONGRESSMAN RYAN. (u)6. WHAT SCHACHT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS SUICIDE WAS
6 INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF THE POISON, TYPE OF POISON USED,
IDENTITY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO
4 SCHACHT TO ADMINISTER THE POISON, METHOD USED AND BY WHOSE
DIRECTION. (u)7. THE IDENTITY OF ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF SCHACHT'S WITH
2 WHOM HE MAY HAVE CONFIDED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN
OR ANY LIKE REACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES. (u)

8. THE IDENTITY OF BECKY {LNU} WHO REPORTEDLY MARRIED
SCHACHT AT JONESTOWN, GUYANA, LOCATION OF HER RELATIVES AND
ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY KNOW. (u)

A REVIEW OF EXISTING FBIHQ FILES CONCERNING LAWRENCE EUGENE
SCHACHT, HIS RELATIVES, AND CLOSE ASSOCIATES REVEALS THAT HE WAS
REPORTEDLY BORN ON 10/2/48 IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. HIS FATHER IS
LISTED AS EZRA LEONARD SCHACHT, BORN IN STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT ON
6/6/19. HIS MOTHER IS LISTED AS [REDACTED] AKA

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORN IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON [REDACTED]. HE HAS ONE BROTHER,
[REDACTED] BORN IN HOUSTON, TEXAS [REDACTED] AND A
SISTER NAMED [REDACTED] BORN IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON
[REDACTED]. (u)

[REDACTED], ACCORDING TO BUREAU FILE
[REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY {CP} DATING FROM
1944 AND SERVED ON THE STATE BOARD OF THE CP OF TEXAS, AS WELL
AS SECRETARY OF TEXAS CP AND A MEMBER OF ITS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE. SHE WAS A SI SUBJECT OF THE HOUSTON OFFICE (u)

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AND REFUSED AT VARIOUS TIMES TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS (u)

20 SHE WAS KNOWN TO BE AFFILIATED WITH THE CP AS LATE AS 1972. (u)

18 ERZA LEONARD SCHACHT, ACCORDING TO BUREAU FILE 100-369419,

WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP DATING FROM 1946 AND WAS KNOWN TO BE

16 AFFILIATED WITH THE CP AS LATE AS 1967. HE HELD NO OFFICES IN

THE CP AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED WAS NOT AS

14 ENTHUSIASTIC AS HIS WIFE. IN 1968 HE TELEPHONICALLY COMPLAINED

TO THE HOUSTON OFFICE THAT SHOTGUN BLASTS WERE FIRED AT HIS

12 RESIDENCE. HE REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE AND WAS CONTACTED BY THE

HOUSTON DIVISION, AND HE DISPLAYED A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE. HE WAS

10 AN SI SUBJECT OF THE HOUSTON DIVISION AND REFUSED TO BE INTER-

VIEWED BY FBI AGENTS CONCERNING HIS CP AFFILIATION. (u)

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8 [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

WAS A MEMBER OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) AT

6 VARIOUS TIMES, AND ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS

INCLUDING THE CP, AND STUDENT NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

4 HE WAS CARRIED AS A KEY ACTIVIST OF THE HOUSTON DIVISION. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

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20 [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

18 WAS A MEMBER OF THE FORBES CLUB, NEW YORK COUNTY, CPUSA. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] WAS KNOWN TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
VARIOUS CP ACTIVITIES AS LATE AS 1972. (u)

14 [REDACTED] IS REPORTEDLY
AN ASSOCIATE OF LARRY SCHACHT, JOINED THE CP AT THE HOME OF
[REDACTED] IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN 1966. HE PARTICIPATED IN CP
12 ACTIVITIES IN HOUSTON, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK UNTIL HIS
RESIGNATION IN 1968. (u)

10 [REDACTED] IN HIS
APPLICATION FOR THE PEACE CORPS, LISTED AS REFERENCES LARRY [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] SCHACHT. [REDACTED] WAS ACTIVE IN SDS ACTIVITIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS. (u)

6 NO MAIN FILE WAS LOCATED CONCERNING LAWRENCE EUGENE
SCHACHT AND REFERENCES REVIEWED INDICATED A REPORT THAT LARRY
4 SCHACHT IN FEBRUARY, 1972, HAD A SERIOUS DRUG PROBLEM AND
MOVED TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WHERE THE PROBLEM CEASED. (u)
2 PREVIOUS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN 1966 THAT IT WAS BELIEVED
LARRY [REDACTED] SCHACHT WERE USING MARIJUANA AND LSD. (u)

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THE NAMES AND FIELD OFFICES LISTED BELOW REPRESENT THE
IDENTITIES AND LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED THROUGH MEDIA
INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS TO POSSESS INFORMATION
WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT IN RESOLVING THE QUESTIONS SET OUT
ABOVE. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION SET FORTH
BELOW UNLESS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE BASED ON PREVIOUS INVESTI-
GATION. INTERVIEW OF ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS NOT LISTED BELOW,
WHO MAY POSSESS PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING LAURENCE EUGENE
SCHACHT SHOULD ALSO BE CONDUCTED (u)

LEAD: (u)

DALLAS WILL, DURING THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY, INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REGARDING THE ABOVE AND DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INTER-
VIEWING [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE SAME INFORMATION. (u)

HOUSTON CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EZERA
LEONARD SCHACHT, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] ALSO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FORMER
ASSOCIATE [REDACTED] WHO RESIDED AT
[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN 1972; AND [REDACTED]
WHO IN 1970 RESIDED AT [REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND
WAS EMPLOYED IN 1971 AS OWNER OF [REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEXAS. (u)

20 LOS ANGELES (1) CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT THE
 18 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE CAMPUS, WHERE LAWRENCE EUGENE
 SCHACHT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE IN 1977. LOS
 16 ANGELES SHOULD NOTE THAT CLAIRE LEEDS WRAY, A SPOKESWOMAN FOR
 THAT SCHOOL, REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED SCHACHT'S ATTENDANCE AND
 14 GRADUATION; (u)
 (2) INTERVIEW STANLEY VAN DEN NOORT, DEAN OF MEDICAL SCHOOL,
 12 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE CAMPUS, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS
 AWARE OF SCHACHT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PEOPLES TEMPLE AND
 10 PLANS TO BECOME A MISSIONARY IN SOUTH AMERICA; (3) CONDUCT
 INVESTIGATION OF KNOWLEDGABLE MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FREEDOM
 8 CENTER (HFC), ENCINO, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF
 LARRY SCHACHT; AND (4) INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
 6 DAUGHTER OF [REDACTED] AND WIFE OF [REDACTED] WHO, ACCORDING TO
 SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE 11/27/78 WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF
 4 DETERMINING THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF
 ADMINISTERING A MASS SUICIDE. LOS ANGELES SHOULD NOTE IN THEIR
 2 TELETYPE 12/1/78 THAT [REDACTED] IS SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW IN
 VENTURA, CALIFORNIA. (u)

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MEMPHIS, DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED INTERVIEW
 20 OF PEOPLES TEMPLE ATTORNEY MARK LANE, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
 18 INQUIRY CONCERNING LAURENCE SCHACHT. (u)

MIAMI CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES OF THOSE GEORGETOWN
 16 SURVIVORS RETURNING THROUGH MIAMI. (u)

BROOKLYN QUEENS MRA WILL INTERVIEW SHARON ROSE COBB, AKA
 14 SHARON SWANNEY, W/F, DOB 5/31/48, WHO REPORTEDLY ASSISTED
 SCHACHT IN GUYANA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT COBB'S WHEREABOUTS
 12 HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HOWEVER, SHE WAS OBSERVED AT JONESTOWN,
 GUYANA, AND MAY RETURN AMONG THE OTHER SURVIVORS. ALSO INTER-
 10 VIEW [REDACTED], WHO REPORTEDLY WAS A TEACHER AT JONESTOWN,
 ESCAPED THE SUICIDE AND HAS REPORTED THAT SCHACHT PREPARED AND
 8 ADMINISTERED THE POISON. [REDACTED] IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN WITH THE
 OTHER SURVIVORS. (u)

PORTLAND RECONTACT [REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY POSSESSES A
 VAST AMOUNT OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PEOPLES TEMPLE AND
 4 RUTH KERNS REPORTEDLY ONE OF THREE LICENSED NURSES WHO ASSISTED
 JONES. (u)

SACRAMENTO THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF
 INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION DETERMINE AVAILABLE (u)

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IDENTIFIABLE DATA REGARDING LARRY SCHACHT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED
20 SCHACHT'S BODY WAS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THAT
18 BUREAU. (u)

SAN FRANCISCO (1) INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ASSISTANT DEAN,
16 SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL INTERN PROGRAM WHERE LAURENCE
SCHACHT INTERNEED IN 1977; (2) REFERENCE BROOKLYN QUEENS MRA
14 TELETYPE DATED 12/3/78 CONCERNING JULIUS AND [REDACTED] EVANS.
SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD INTERVIEW BOTH OF THESE SURVIVORS WHO WERE
12 REPORTEDLY NURSES IN JONESTOWN; (3) REINTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A NURSE ASSOCIATED WITH PEOPLES TEMPLE; (4) ATTEMPT
10 TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FORMER PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBER WHO IS
PRESENTLY AN OFFICIAL OF HFC, BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA AND
8 ALLEDGELY STATED THAT JONES SELECTED LAURENCE SCHACHT AS JONES'
DOCTOR; (5) CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT THE SAN
6 FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE SCHACHT INTERNEED IN 1977 AND
INTERVIEW DR. [REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY WAS SCHACHT'S
4 SUPERVISOR; (6) ATTEMPT THROUGH HFC, BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA, TO
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO WAS AWARE OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE
2 PAYING FOR LAURENCE SCHACHT'S EDUCATION AND WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL
WITH HIM; (7) REFERENCE COLUMBIA TELETYPE DATED 11/29/78 IN (u)

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WHICH IT WAS REPORTED THAT [REDACTED] HFC, BERKLEY,

20 CALIFORNIA, IS A COUSIN TO LAWRENCE SCHACHT; (8) CONSIDER

18 REINTERVIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED]

CONCERNING LAWRENCE SCHACHT; (9) INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO,

16 ACCORDING TO PORTLAND TELETYPE 11/22/78, WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF

THE PEOPLES TEMPLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE HIEARCHY AND CAN BE

14 LOCATED AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA; AND (10) ATTEMPT

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] HFC, BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA, WHO

12 ACCORDING TO PORTLAND WAS A VERY KNOWLEDGABLE DEFECTOR. (u)

ALL OFFICES REPORT RESULTS TO SAN FRANCISCO AND FBIHQ. w

10 ARMED AND DANGEROUS (u)

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TELETYPE SETS FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LAWRENCE
EUGENE SCHACHT AND IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
PEOPLES TEMPLE WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SCHACHT.
APPROPRIATE LEADS BEING SET FORTH. (u)