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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Moore

FROM : J. O. Ingram

SUBJECT: RYMUR

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- DATE: 12/4/78
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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At the instruction of Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram, at 9:30 A.M., on 12/3/78, Supervisor [redacted] telephonically contacted Robert Olgesby, at Georgetown, Guyana, and discussed with Olgesby a newspaper article entitled "How The Press Took Over Guyana," written by Lawrence Stern and Richard Harwood, which appeared in the Sunday, December 3, 1978, edition of the Washington Post. (u)

In part, the above article dealt with incidents of criminal assaults against citizens on the streets of Georgetown, Guyana. The article stated, "Within the first 24 hours of the great press descent, several reporters had encountered a quaint welcome on the streets of the city. These are described as 'choke-and-rob,' in which the new visitor has his arm grabbed suddenly from behind or his windpipe given a sharp blow while he is separated from his watch or wallet. Eventually the Guyanese government issued warnings to the press as part of its formal indoctrination to the country. Reporters found themselves taking cabs for half a block between their hotels and their destinations to avoid these costly encounters. One FBI agent, accosted by a choke-and robber, shot him on the spot, not fatally." (u)

SA Olgesby was questioned regarding the above newspaper account and he advised that the matter was a false rumor completely without basis which apparently was generated by the media personnel. He stated that the rumor initially came to light approximately one week ago when he, Mr. Olgesby, was the only FBI Agent in Guyana. In fact, at the time the rumor alleges the incident took place Olgesby was on a trip to Jonestown. (u)

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Olgesby advised that neither he nor any of the Agents in Guyana are armed. In addition, Olgesby advised he contacted the Georgetown police authorities attempting to determine the basis for the above rumor. The result of this contact was that the Georgetown authorities were unable to identify any incident which could be considered the factual basis from which this rumor emanated. (u)

Regarding the physical security of FBI personnel currently in Georgetown, Mr. Olgesby advised that he is currently staying at the Pegasus Hotel, and that the other four Agents are residing at the home of [redacted] in Georgetown. Both the hotel and the residence have security guard personnel on a 24 hour basis. In addition, the Bureau personnel have been afforded office space in the American Consulate [redacted]

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As a final comment on the Washington Post article, Mr. Olgesby advised that there is indeed a certain amount of street crime in Georgetown however, he considers the Washington Post account a gross exaggeration of the situation. (u)

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