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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 12/4/78

FROM : J. O. Ingram *JOI*

SUBJECT: RYMUR

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DAILY SUMMARY (u)

Identification of Bodies at Dover, Delaware. (u)

At this time 492 bodies have been identified by the Disaster Squad out of 911 total bodies received at Dover, Delaware. The Identification Division has identified Ronald James as being among the dead at Dover Delaware. James was one of the eight individuals for whom we have arrest warrants. This now confirms a total of six of these eight individuals as being dead. The only remaining individual whose status remains unknown are Thomas Kice and Wesley Bridenbach. (u)

Autopsies. (u)

The Department has requested that forensic autopsies be conducted of a random sampling of four or five bodies at Dover, Delaware, to include the Reverend Jim Jones, Maria Katsaris (reportedly the mistress of Jones) and Dr. Larry Schacht (reportedly the individual who prepared the cyanide vat). Legal problems have been encountered in that the FBI Memorandum of Agreement with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology covers autopsies that are to be performed only upon individuals covered by the Presidential Assassination Statute and the Congressional Assassination Statute. However, the Air Force General Counsel, Stuart H. Reichart, Room 4E998, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20330, telephone number 697-0941, has advised that the military will perform the autopsies requested by the DOJ upon receipt of verbal confirmation from the FBI that waivers have been signed by the next of kin allowing military authorities to perform the autopsies. This verbal confirmation, however, must be confirmed in writing to Mr. Reichart. As of this date, Susan Jones, the oldest legally adopted child of Reverend Jim Jones has refused to allow that an autopsy be conducted upon

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Jones' body. The family of Maria Katsaris has indicated a willingness to sign the waiver and it is expected that this waiver will be signed in the immediate future. The family of Dr. Larry Schacht as of this date has refused to sign such a waiver. Further investigation is underway at this time to locate the next of kin of four other individuals whose bodies have been selected at random in an effort to seek a waiver as above.

Investigation Regarding Ex-Peoples Temple (PT) Member Terri Buford

(u) It is alleged that Terri Buford was formerly the custodian of many records of the PT Church and at this time still retains a copy of the PT "hit list" and also financial records of the PT. Attorney Mark Lane has indicated that he is the attorney of record for Terri Buford and that he will not make Buford available for interview unless she is granted immunity. A Subpoena Duces Tecum has been issued in the Northern District of California (NDC), and is currently outstanding for Terri Buford. Lane has agreed to interview of himself by the United States Attorney (USA) for the NDC in Memphis concerning information Buford has in her possession. The USA, however, agreed that he would make an on-the-spot determination of immunity for Buford at this meeting with Lane. The FBI has interposed an objection indicating it was premature to offer immunity to Buford with a number of witnesses still in Guyana. The USA, NDC, has agreed and cancelled his scheduled meeting with Lane. In this regard a subpoena has been issued for the telephone toll records of Lane in an effort to locate Buford for service of the subpoena. (u)

Status of Survivors in Guyana. (u)

A complete list of all survivors of the Guyana massacre has now been compiled and the list totals 80 individuals. Two individuals (Larry Layton and Charles Beikman) are in custody in Guyana. One individual is hospitalized in Guyana. Fourteen individuals are being detained by the Government of Guyana at the Lamaha Gardens as material witnesses in the Amos murder case. Sixteen individuals are being detained by the Government of Guyana at the Park Hotel as material witnesses to unspecified aspects of the Guyana investigation. Twenty-four individuals have been declared by the Government of Guyana as free to leave the country pending clarification. (u)

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of a Pan American Airlines question of an American armed security officer on board. The remaining individuals have already departed Guyana and have been interviewed in the United States. (u)

On this date the State Department advised that three individuals would depart Guyana on Tuesday, 12/5/78, via Royal Dutch Airlines and arrive via Flight 971 at Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The Miami Office has been instructed to handle interviews of these individuals in coordination with Secret Service upon arrival of the aircraft. The individuals expected to arrive are: 1. Jonny Franklin, Sr., 2. Robert B. Paul, 3. Richard Clark.

No further pertinent information is available at this time regarding these individuals. (u)

Interviews of Individuals Returning to the United States (u)

The following individuals have furnished positive information to interviewing Agents upon their return to the United States on 12/2-3/78. (u)

[redacted] DOB [redacted], identified 19 security personnel known as "Angels." Identified 27 members of PT Planning Commission, most of whom are presently in San Francisco. [redacted] advised Reverend Jimmy Jones held regular "White Nights" also called "Alphas" where populace of Jonestown were assembled and asked by Reverend Jones if they were willing to die at "White Night" all members of security force armed with shotguns, rifles, and pistols. Reverend Jones maintained discipline at Jonestown through public humiliation, beatings, and drug sedation. Two nights prior to Congressman Ryan's arrival "White Night" held, and Reverend Jones said if Ryan came to commune he would not leave. [redacted] understood this to mean that Ryan would be killed, and suicides begin. Reverend Jones often threatened that "Angels" would hunt and kill any defectors. [redacted] voluntarily staying at New York to continue debriefing by BUagents. (u)

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Edith Parks, 20 year member of PT, interviewed and was a witness to assassination of Congressman Ryan, observed Layton and others kill Ryan and party. Provided name Stanley Geig as driver of tractor which carried gunmen to airport. Parks survived by remaining between other aircraft (u)

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Parks saw a tractor and wagon approach with Stanley Geig driving. Men lying down in the back began shooting. She recognized a FNU Dennis as a shooter, and a blonde boy, whose name she could not recall, was shooting. Parks denied any prior knowledge of assassination of Congressman Ryan. (u)

[redacted] children have identified Jim Jones, Jr. as being in charge of hut number 14 (weapons hut) as having seen a number of "bang type" weapons at that hut. Children also provided information that they are aware of beatings and coercion of PT members by armed security guards. Interview of children indicate a conflict as to the time of the [redacted] escape from Jonestown. (u)

Additional information of lesser investigative value was developed from other individuals interviewed. Stanley Geig is not known to be among the survivors, however, is not confirmed dead at this time. (u)

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Attached teletype from our Sacramento Office concerns the interview of [redacted], Fresno, California, on 11/28/78 and 12/1/78, concerning his knowledge of a meeting of the planning commission of the Peoples Temple, Los Angeles, California, in the latter half of 1975. (u)

[redacted] stated that Jones and about 40 other members were present and during the meeting a hand-written note was passed around for the various members to read which stated, "now we have the part to make an atomic bomb." A member of the meeting questioned Jones regarding the truth of this note and Jones stated, "yes, we now have the capability." (u)

From [redacted]'s recollection, the following members were considered to be present during the above meeting. (u)

Hugh Fortson, N/M, age-32; 5'9"; 195 lbs.
Rhonda Fortson, N/F, 20s; 5'4"; 100 lbs.
Kay Nelson, N/F, age-38; 5'0"
Florida Johnson, N/F, 38
Lori Effram, W/F, 34, slim build
Latisha LeRoy, W/F, 50s, heavy build (believed deceased)
Jean Brown, W/F, age-32; 5'5"; 130 lbs.
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[redacted] had no reason to doubt the truth about the statement about the bomb and the only other mention of such a weapon occurred during a conversation in Guyana between himself and Jones at which time Jones referred to the bomb as a "tool to insure his freedom." [redacted] believes Karen Layton and Mike Prokes may have been present in Guyana when Jones made this statement. [redacted] believes that Jones, because of his wealth and numerous contacts in the free world and communist countries, could have conceivably contained an elementary nuclear capability. However, he did note that Jones lied to his followers and possibly was simply trying to impress and intimidate them. (u)

The remainder of the teletype concerns an anonymous caller believed responsible for placing six calls to the Fresno, California, media and government agencies wherein the calls stated that the Moscone-Milk assassination were the work of Peoples Temple and that Mayor Bradley and Mayor Whitehurst of Fresno, California, were on a hit list to be assassinated next. (u)

Sacramento investigation identified [redacted], W/M, DOB [redacted], recently paroled from San Quentin prison, where he was serving a sentence for robbery and extortion. According to [redacted]'s sister, he is believed to have mental problems and a violent nature. (u)

Sacramento at Fresno is continuing to develop additional information regarding [redacted], however, there presently exists no indication that he is a member of the Peoples Temple. On 12/2/78, Sacramento Case Agent [redacted] was instructed to insure that local authorities, Mayor Bradshaw and Mayor Whitehurst of Fresno, California, were notified regarding the threat described in this teletype and that the FBI is not investigating the threat, however, we are trying to determine whether [redacted] is affiliated with the Peoples Temple. In addition, Sacramento was instructed to determine the date that [redacted] had a conversation with Jones in Guyana. (u)