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RAYMOND D. GODSHALK, passenger on Pan American flight number 228, was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in the presence of SA [REDACTED], United States Secret Service and SA [REDACTED], United States Customs Service, and furnished the following information: (u)

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GODSHALK advised that he has been a member of the Peoples Temple Christian Church (PT) for ten years. He had left for Guyana from San Francisco on the latter part of September, 1978. However, he then was sent to Caracas, Venezuela, for one month in order to receive medical treatment and have tests conducted for skin lesions. He returned to Georgetown, Guyana, on November 17, 1978, and stayed with approximately 46 other PT members in Georgetown's main house, and had not been in Jonestown. GODSHALK's wife of 38 years, VIOLA, died in Guyana. He was able to leave Guyana because Guyanese officials allowed the senior members of the PT to leave the country first. (u)

GODSHALK further advised that he had no knowledge of any written oaths signed by church members to kill a congressman, government official, or a former President of the United States should the United States bring disgrace upon the PT. Moreover, he did not know the identities of any persons who killed or conspired to kill Congressman LEO J. RYAN and his party. He only learned of the incident via what he heard on the radio or via news accounts since he and others were held incommunicado by the Guyanese government. (u)

GODSHALK did advise that he heard in Guyana that DON SLY, known to him also as "UJARA", both in San Francisco and in Guyana, placed a knife to Congressman RYAN's throat. He assumes that SLY is dead. SLY, whom (u)

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GODSHALK knew for ten years, but had not seen for the last year, was described as a male white, 43 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches, 190 pounds, no moustache, sharp features, short brown hair, wore glasses, who had a violent temper. SLY previously resided in Willits, California, approximately 135 miles north of San Francisco, and was believed to have served in the United States Navy or Merchant Marine. He was separated from his wife, NEVA. SLY's duties in Guyana included dispatching buses and working as a mechanic on one of the sect's boats. SLY also was assigned to lifeguard duty in Redwood City, California. (u)

GODSHALK knew some members of the PT's Planning Commission, but the only name that came to his mind during the interview was LARRY LAYTON. These members, according to GODSHALK, kept to themselves, and he assumed most were now dead. (u)

GODSHALK had no knowledge of the acquisition, licensing, or shipment of weapons by PT members. However, he was aware that three or four members did have permits to carry weapons. He did have knowledge of a Security Unit, which was comprised of young males who were seen to patrol the premises, but whom he never saw armed. One was named JOE WILSON. (u)

The PT basketball team was not known to him as a "hit team". GODSHALK advised that the team's members were obnoxious teenagers and recalled the following by name: (u)

STEVEN JONES
Male, 6 feet 3-4 inches, dark hair,
moustache.
Reverend JONES' natural son, presently
under arrest in Georgetown, Guyana.

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JIM JONES, JR.
Male, 6 feet 4 inches, 19-20 years old.
Reverend JONES' adopted son, presently
under house arrest in Guyana.

TIM TUPPER
Male white, 6 feet 1-2 inches, afro hair style,
blond features.
Reverend JONES' adopted son.

JOHNNY COBB JONES
Male black, 6 feet.
Reverend JONES' adopted son.

JOHN JONES, JR.
Deceased

CALVIN DOUGLAS
STANLEY GIEG
Presently in Guyana.

GODSHALK also advised that he had no knowledge of any threats made to harm public officials as a result of exposing, infiltrating, or inducing a PT member to leave the PT, nor did he know of any "contingency plan" that would go into effect if Reverend JONES was arrested. Moreover, GODSHALK was not aware of any suicide pact nor of members called "angels" or staff members who were characterized as "hit men". (u)

Former members of the PT known to GODSHALK are the following: (u)

TIM STONE
Attorney - practiced in San Francisco.
He was purportedly close to Reverend
JONES and left the PT two years ago.

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GRACE STONE

Possibly TIM STONE's ex-wife.
Left the PT three years ago because
she was "causing trouble."
She had a son, JOHN JOHN, who was in
Jonestown, Guyana, when he was six
years old, three years ago.

JIM COBB

Left the PT six or seven years ago.
He has a brother, JOHN COBB, 20 years
of age, who is still in Georgetown, Guyana.

ELMER MYRTLE - 50 years of age

Resides in the Bay area.
Former chemical engineer with
Standard Oil Company.
He left the PT two years ago with
his wife, DIANA, and his
daughter.
MYRTLE had been with the PT for
five or six years.

GODSHALK further advised that Dr. LAWRENCE
EUGENE SCHACT first came to the PT six or seven years
ago when he (SCHACT) was "on drugs and way out". Through
the PT, SCHACT "straightened out" and obtained his medical
degree. He was educatd in Irvine, California and
Mexico City or Guadalajara, Mexico. GODSHALK saw SCHACT
in Jonestown, Guyana, and appeared to him to be a dedicated
doctor, helping people and working 16 hours a day. GODSHALK
further advised that he had no idea who administered or
acquired any poison, nor was he aware if SCHACT was
part of "contingency plans" in the event of Reverend
JONES' death or fall of the PT, including the death of
Congressman RYAN. (u)

GODSHALK also advised that the only drugs he
knew of were administered to the sick members by the medical

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staff. He did not know of any drugs being produced by the PT, or of any being sent elsewhere outside of Guyana. (u)

United States Customs Agent [redacted] inquired regarding the following individuals and GODSHALK advised as follows: (u)

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PAULA ADAMS
PT member for four or five years,
presently in Georgetown. She was
a funds coordinator.

TIM STOEN
Ex-PT member, who left two years ago.
He was last seen in Redwood Valley,
California.

The following description of GODSHALK was obtained from observation and interview: (u)

Name	RAYMOND D. GODSHALK
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 18, 1916
Place of Birth	Three Rivers, Michigan
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue, wears glasses
Complexion	Light
Social Security Account Number	555-07-4198
Passport Number	G463558, United States, issued March 4, 1976.
Occupation	Retired - formerly a warehouseman for 12 years in Ukiah, California

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Medical

Hard of hearing, suffers
from skin lesions

Residence

[redacted] Montebello,
California (daughter's residence

Telephone
Daughter

[redacted] (u)

Miscellaneous

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GODSHALK to reside with b7C
daughter for few days. Can
be reached via Peoples Temple,
San Francisco, California.