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RE TAMPA TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 1,
1978. (u)

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ON DECEMBER 1, 1978, [REDACTED], [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] TAMPA, FLORIDA, ESTRANGED WIFE OF [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD ATTENDED PEOPLES' TEMPLE
(PT) IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, IN LATE 1950'S OR EARLY 1960'S.

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SHE ADVISED HER CONTACTS HAD BEEN LIMITED AND, THEREFORE,
COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHICH HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN
REPORTED BY THE NEWS MEDIA, EXCEPT THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A

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TELEPHONE CALL FROM ONE ROSS CASE, [REDACTED],
UKIAH, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] DURING WHICH HE
TOLD HER THAT HE BELIEVED HE WAS ON A PT "HIT LIST" BECAUSE
OF HIS CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO JIM JONES. SHE ALSO INDICATED
THAT RUSSELL WINBERG (PHONETIC), AN INDIANAPOLIS EVANGELIST,
WOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE PT FINANCES DURING THE
TIME THEY WERE IN INDIANAPOLIS. (u)

[REDACTED] STATED SHE HAD APPEARED ON A RADIO TALK SHOW,
9 P. M. TO 12 MIDNIGHT, NOVEMBER 30, 1978, "TALK OF TAMPA BAY,"
ON STATION WDAE, TAMPA, FLA., AND HAD ARRANGED FOR CASE TO BE
TELEPHONICALLY INTERVIEWED, WHICH HE WAS. (u)

CASE COVERED JONES' ACTIVITIES FULLY, BUT DID NOT
MENTION THE "HIT LIST." (u)

CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH WDAE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE
TAPE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TALK SHOW, BUT THE STATION LEGAL
STAFF STILL DEBATING ADVISABILITY OF DELIVERY WITHOUT
SUBPOENA. THEIR DECISION IS EXPECTED DECEMBER 7, 1978, AND
SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE ADVISED IF SUBPOENA REQUIRED; OTHERWISE,
A COPY OF TAPE WILL BE FORWARDED. ROSS CASE NOTED DURING THAT
RADIO SHOW THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI, AND IT IS (u)

SUGGESTED THAT RADIO TAPE BE REVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF FACTS GIVEN IN RADIO INTERVIEW AND BUREAU INTERVIEW ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. (u)

ON DECEMBER 5, 1978, ELVIN E. FARIS, 5903 NORTH OLA, TAMPA, TELEPHONE 813 - 238-8366, A WHITE MALE, BORN MARCH 25, 1905, ADVISED HE IS THE BROTHER OF HELEN SWINNEY. HE HAD A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER AND HER HUSBAND, CLEAVE, UNTIL 1965 WHEN THEY (HELEN AND CLEAVE SWINNEY) DISPOSED OF ALL POSSESSIONS AND WENT TO UKIAH, CALIF., WITH JIM JONES AND OTHER OF HIS FOLLOWERS. THAT MOVE BROKE ALL FAMILY TIES BETWEEN HELEN SWINNEY AND HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS. DURING THE ENSUING PERIOD, UNTIL 1975, FARIS RECEIVED ONLY TWO TELEPHONE CALLS, ONE LETTER AND ONE CHRISTMAS CARD FROM HIS SISTER, HELEN SWINNEY. IN LATE SPRING, 1975, HE WROTE HELEN THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE IN UKIAH THAT SUMMER. HELEN RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD BE LEAVING FOR GUYANA IN AUGUST, 1975. HELEN AND CLEAVE SWINNEY WERE VISITED IN JULY, 1975, BY FARIS, HIS WIFE, VADA, WHITE FEMALE, BORN NOVEMBER 10, 1912, AND ANOTHER SISTER, MATTIE NORRIS, 5190 SEALE ROAD, BEAUMONT, TEXAS, TELEPHONE 713 - 842-1988. HELEN AND CLEAVE SWINNEY WERE (u)

FOUND TO BE RESIDING IN THE LIVING QUARTERS OF A PT NURSING HOME WHICH THEY OPERATED FOR THE TEMPLE. THE HOME HAD 14 MALE PATIENTS, WAS CLEAN, AND SEEMINGLY WELL-MAINTAINED. AT THAT TIME, HELEN APPEARED HAPPY, BUT DEFINITELY WAS A "CHANGED PERSON" IN THAT SHE HAD DEVELOPED A "VULGAR MOUTH" AND NO LONGER BELIEVED IN GOD OR THE BIBLE. SHE BELIEVED ONLY IN JIM JONES AND HAD A PICTURE OF HIM IN EVERY ROOM OF THE HOUSE. FARIS NOTED CLEAVE SWINNEY HAD "LOOKED BAD" AT THAT TIME AND HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS RECOVERING FROM AN OPERATION, TYPE OF WHICH WAS NEVER DISCUSSED. (u)

WHILE IN UKIAH, CALIF., HELEN SWINNEY TOOK THEM ON A TOUR OF THE PT SETTLEMENT AND SURROUNDING AREA, MOST OF WHICH SHE INDICATED WAS OWNED BY THE PT. THE "TEMPLE" ITSELF WAS A VERY PLAIN WOOD FRAME BUILDING WHICH SAT BACK FROM THE ROAD. AROUND IT WAS A CHAIN LINK FENCE WHICH HAD A GATE AT THE FRONT WITH A "GUARD SHACK" BY IT. THERE WERE SEVERAL GUARDS IN THE VICINITY, AND WHEN THEIR CAR STOPPED, THE GUARDS STARTED TOWARDS IT UNTIL HELEN IDENTIFIED HERSELF AND TOLD THE GUARDS IT WAS "O. K." SHE GAVE THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT SHE WAS HIGH IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PT. (u)

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FARIS ADVISED THAT THE GUARDS, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, WORE A DEFINITE UNIFORM-TYPE GARB, BUT HE CAN NO LONGER RECALL THE DESCRIPTION. HE IS ALSO UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HELEN'S SON, HIS NEPHEW, TIM SWINNEY, WAS ONE OF THE PT SECURITY FORCE, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT EVER RECALL SEEING HIM IN UNIFORM. HE ALSO HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT AL TOUCHETTE, HELEN'S GRANDSON, WAS ONE OF THE GUNMEN WHO WAS ON THE WAGON WHICH WENT TO THE AIRPORT AND KILLED THE PEOPLE IN CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S GROUP. HE ADVISED HE DOES NOT NOW KNOW HOW OR WHERE THIS IMPRESSION CAME FROM (u)

FARIS NOTED HELEN AND CLEAVE SWINNEY HAD BEEN OF AN "AVERAGE" RELIGIOUS PERSUASION BEFORE JONES, BUT HAD ABANDONED THEIR EARLIER BELIEFS AFTER GOING WITH THE JONES ORGANIZATION. (u)

HE FURTHER NOTED CHARLES TOUCHETTE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO JONES AS WELL AS THE SWINNEYS' INVOLVEMENT WITH HIM. (TOUCHETTE IS THE HUSBAND OF JOYCE, NEE SWINNEY.) JOYCE TOUCHETTE VISITED HER PARENTS ABOUT 1966 OR 1967 IN SPITE OF HER HUSBAND'S OPPOSITION. SHE THEN STAYED IN UKIAH, CALIF., AND TOLD TOUCHETTE THAT HE COULD EITHER JOIN HER OR (u)

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SHE WOULD GET A DIVORCE. TOUCHETTE JOINED HER AT THE PT SETTLEMENT IN UKIAH. (U)

FARIS MADE AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN JULY, 1975, OF HELEN AND CLEAVE SWINNEY AS WELL AS THEIR SON, MARVIN, AND HIS WIFE, JACKIE, WHO HAD ALSO GONE TO CALIFORNIA, BUT WHO HAD SINCE LEFT THE PT AND NOW RESIDE SOMEWHERE IN NORTH OR SOUTH CAROLINA. (U)

COPIES OF THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE BEING MADE AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO WHEN AVAILABLE. (U)

FD-302S TO FOLLOW. (U)

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