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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAJOR CASE 16)
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (89-173) -P-
 SUBJECT: RYMUR

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Re BA teletype to Director, 11/30/78;
 SF telephone call to BA, 11/30/78. (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau and SF is one copy
 each of four letters and seven news articles provided
 by [redacted]. (u)

On 12/4/78, [redacted] provided SA
 [redacted] with enclosed news articles showing the
 extent of contact between ham radio operators and
 the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Guyana. (u)
 [redacted] also provided SA [redacted] with enclosed letters
 he received from friends and relatives of Members of
 the Peoples Temple. (u)

Results of interview with [redacted] were reported
 in re teletype. (u)

BA lead in re teletype to locate [redacted]
 discontinued by SF in re telephone call. (u)

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155 East 38th Street
Apt. 21G
New York, NY 10016
July 24, 1978

[Redacted]

Potomac, MD 20854

Dear Dr. [Redacted]:

You can imagine with what pride we received the news of your helping our son, Dr. Larry Schacht of Guyana, S.A., deliver twins by Caesarean section, with your detailed help on the ham radio. Thanks to the combination of the opportune call from your friend, Mr. [Redacted] and your knowledge, all went well for our son, who is dedicated to live as a missionary doctor where medical care is so desperately needed. He writes us how very happy he is with his work.

We would like to thank you both by inviting you to visit us in New York. We live here now, enjoying the cultural scene, having moved up from Houston, Texas. We would like to entertain you by getting tickets to some Broadway theater and showing you around the city. You would be a welcome guest in our apartment, which is centrally located and it would be a great privilege to meet you.

I just noticed that The Washington Star article is dated February 16, 1978, but news travels slowly from our son, whose only excuse is that he is very busy and writes seldom.

Again, our deepest appreciation for your humanism.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mona Schacht
for Mr. and Mrs. Ezra L. Schacht

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Encl.
cc:

[Redacted]

Potomac, MD 20854



SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115

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DEAR MR.

I WAS PRESENT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BASED PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH WHEN WE RECIEVED RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM DR. LARRY SCHACHT ABOUT THE CESAREAN OPERATION HE HAD JUST PERFORMED, AND THE MOTHER & TWINS WHO ARE ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE YOU ANSWERED A CRY FOR HELP. LARRY WAS EXHAUSTED FROM THE TENSION OF THE SITUATION BUT SO EXHILARATED... HE SPOKE RAPIDLY... HIS GRATITUDE TO YOU AND DR. WAS SO GREAT, WE FELT IT BEING TRANSMITTED TO US MORE THAN WE COULD HEAR IT OVER THE RADIO. AND I AM WRITING TO YOU IN THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO HUMANITY & HELPING TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, I AM A REGISTERED NURSE WORKING IN A LARGE HOSPITAL IN THE BAY AREA, I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TOOK FOR DR. TO TRANSMIT SUCH INTRICATE DETAILS OVER THE RADIO. I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO THE MOTHER & HER UNBORN BABIES IF YOU HAD NOT BEEN ALERTED TO THE SITUATION & DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO HELP OUT.

ENCLOSED IS AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING JUST ONE FACET OF THE WORK PEOPLES TEMPLE DOES. THE MEDICAL PROGRAMS TOOK PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, & SEVERAL OTHER CITIES IN CALIFORNIA AND INCLUDED VISITATION, TRANSPORTATION & FREE MEALS TO THE SICK & ELDERLY, SICKLE CELL ANEMIA SCREENING CLINICS, HEALTH COUNSELING & EDUCATION. THE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED FREE TO THE LARGE MEMBERSHIP OF PEOPLES TEMPLE & ALSO TO THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY & WERE FINANCED SOLELY BY BAKE SALES, RUMMAGE SALES & PRIVATE DONATIONS. I HAD NEVER IN MY LIFE KNOWN OF A FAR REACHING PROGRAM LIKE THIS OR OF A MAN LIKE THE PASTOR OF PEOPLES TEMPLE, REV. JIM JONES, WHOSE ENERGY & EXAMPLE SET

THE PACE FOR SOME OF THE MOST CONSISTENT & ACTIVE COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS EVER TO BE REALIZED.

WHILE WORKING WITH PASTOR JONES & PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS, I WITNESSED & BECAME INVOLVED WITH MANY AMAZING INCIDENTS WHEN A PERSON WITH CHRONIC AND EVEN TERMINAL ILLNESS FOUND LOVE AND CONCERN IN THE CHURCH AND THIS SEEMED TO PROVIDE THE IMPETUS OF HOPE WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT HEALTH RESTORATION. THIS CHURCH HAS BEEN ALERT TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE FOR OVER 20 YEARS, COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAVE FOUND IT AN OASIS OF CARING IN A SOMETIMES INDIFFERENT WORLD.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN US THE BASIS TO EMBARK ON THE VAST ENDEAVOR OF DEVELOPING AN AGRICULTURAL MISSION IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED JUNGLE OF THE NORTH WEST DISTRICT OF GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND HAS BECOME AN IDEAL COMMUNITY WHICH PROVIDES FOR ALL THE NEEDS OF THE 1,500 MEMBERSHIP OF PEOPLES TEMPLE NOW LIVING IN THE MISSION VILLAGE, ALSO EMPLOYMENT, FOOD, & HOMES AND MEDICAL CARE FOR THE OUTLYING AREA. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IS BEING DONE TO DETERMINE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE METHODS OF CROP PLANTING. IN THE MEDICAL FIELD, LARRY SCHACHT MD. IS OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR HE IS ASSISTED BY A FAMILY AND PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS, RN'S, LVN'S, & AIDS SPECIALLY TRAINED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF NURSING, A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST, PHARMACIST, TECHNICIANS IN XRAY, LAB, DENTISTRY, ALSO AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IS BEING STARTED TO TRAIN THE GUYANESE PEOPLE IN HEALTH CARE AND ALREADY A VAST OUT REACH PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY.

I HOPE YOU WILL FEEL FREE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US. AND ONCE AGAIN MR. , THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

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San Francisco, Ca 94115

Dear [Redacted]

I just received a letter from my sister who is a nurse in the mission village clinic in Guyana. In all her nursing career she never experienced anything like assisting with the cesarean section operation she says that they were extremely concerned about the mother & wanted to fly her to the capital but poor weather condition never changed. Finally they determined the operation would have to be done by them. They lacked experience & equipment. Frankly Mr [Redacted] they were scared. They felt a lot better when you answered the radio call for help & acted so promptly to get her [Redacted] Without this help, well its just a good thing you responded.

My sister says they consider you a friend and hope they will be able to talk to you again.

Thanks Again Mr [Redacted]

Truly yours

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car Mr. [redacted]

11/9/72 1043044/pdm

We at Peoples Temple here in the United States have just now started to receive letters from some of the medical team members who assisted with the operation.

There is hardly a way to describe our gratitude to you and Dr. [redacted] for helping to save three lives. It is an amazing event, a successful screen operation performed in a jungle clinic by instruction over short wave radio. Because you answered the call for help and acted so responsibly the mother and twin baby girls are alive today. Thank you Mr. [redacted]

Sincerely
[redacted]

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Charles Garry Visits Jonestown: 'I Have Been To Paradise'

By 6 Peoples Temple we-
d Charles Garry, who re-
nts Peoples Temple as
rney Garry has recently
ed from a visit to the
e's agricultural project
uyana, Jonestown (so
d by the Guyanese
nment) He had much in-
on to share
Monday night I was on a
ow," he began, "and
the opportunity to tell
had seen and I had been
adise I saw it it's there
ybody to see," and I'm
al that in the next few

day or weeks we'll be able
have a documentary, which
everyone will be able to see.
I saw community where
there is no such thing as
racism. No one feels the color
of his skin, whether he's
Black, brown, yellow, red, or
white. I also noticed that no
one thinks in terms of sex. No
one feels superior to anyone
else I don't know of any com-
munity in the world today that
has been able to solve the
problem of male sex supre-
macy completely. That does
not exist in Jonestown.

"I also saw something else:
There is no such thing as
age-ism. The community is
comprised of the little children,
the teen-agers, the young ad-
ults, the old adults, the senior
citizens, all together.
"I have never seen so many
happy faces in my life as I did
in Jonestown the three days I
was there. I want that captu-
red (on film) so that skeptical
America will know what it is
when you live without fear of
the rent being due, and all the
other problems we're sur-
rounded by.

"There are some 800 persons
or more there now. They've
got cottages set up that you
just could not believe. I saw
sanitation there that I had
never seen in any part of the
world, except Switzerland.
You can eat off the ground."
He went on to speak of the con-
sistently high level of medical
care, organized under a doc-
tor who is "thorough, con-
scientious and dedicated." The
medical team has "the latest in
medical equipment and
books," and "every person
who goes to Jonestown is
medically thoroughly exami-
ned, and charts are prepared."
He recalls that he urged Dr.
Schacht to start keeping daily,
hourly diaries, to put the oper-
ation of the medical compound
in writing, so that some of our
medical schools, and the
American Medical Association,
can learn from what is being
done at Jonestown
A high point of his talk related
to the care of senior citizens,
which he said moved him deep-
ly. "All of the senior citizens'
cottages are built around the
immediate vicinity of the med-
ical compound. Every single
morning a member of the
medical team knocks on the
cottage of the senior citizen
and inquires, 'Did anybody
have any problem during the
night? Do you have any pro-
blems here this morning?' Can
you imagine the security that
the senior citizens feel with
this kind of care? I'd like to
have a representative from a
body here that's trying to im-
prove the lot of senior citizens
who are left to be beggars and
paupers to see what is going
on in Jonestown."
He spoke of the many agricul-
tural projects, including an im-
proved method of developing
feed from protein food grown
in Jonestown. The area of
Jonestown devoted to raising
animals also drew praise.
"Those piggens, as we call
them, looked like palaces.
Many of the homes that I've

seen in America could not mea-
sure up to the sanitation, the
cleanliness, the spaciousness
of the place we call a piggpen."
The chickens raised and
butchered at the project he
called "luscious," and the food
generally is "delicate, nour-
ishing, and it's type of food
that will make your blood
pressure go down; your diabe-
tes will disappear. It's sub-
stantial, nourishing food--the
kind that will take away the
fat you accumulate by the type
of food we eat here."
The project as a whole is de-
scribed as quite developed--a
thriving sawmill, genera-
tors to meet electrical needs,
wells, streets, refrigeration.
The school is open-air, in a
large covered area with 15 to
20 youngsters in a class.
Teachers are drawn in part,
from "at least 50 people there
who have advanced degrees."
He spoke of the enthusiastic
participation and discussion on
the part of all the students,
which is something he had not
seen here, with the exception
of the Oakland Community
School
Does Jonestown lack for en-
tertainment and fun? Not at
all, Garry says. "There's this
beautiful auditorium, and for
three-and-a-half hours I saw
the most beautiful entertain-
ment in the world. I've never
seen such talent in my life.
I saw children from toddlers
through about the age of
seven putting on a demonst-
ration, with voice, and clapping,
and marching, and children six
and seven years old getting up
and reciting poetry with mean-
ing and gusto. It was just re-
markable.
"Why are those people so
happy?" he mused again.
"They are learning a new so-
cial order. They are learning an
answer to a better life. When
I returned to the States, I told
my partners in the office that
I had seen paradise. From
what I saw there, I would say
that the society that is being
built in Jonestown is a credit to
humanity."
And then, as if to reinforce
the amazing description, he
added, "This is not propa-
ganda. I'm not a propagandist.
I'm a hard-hitting, factual-
analysis lawyer, I saw this with
my own eyes. I felt it."



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A POTOMAC DOCTOR HELPS DELIVER TWINS 2,000 MILES AWAY



RICHARD HAYMAN

By Mary Ann Kuhn
Washington Star Staff Writer

Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, an obstetrician, was about to retire for the night. He sat in his pajamas in a small room off his bedroom in Potomac, flipping through a medical journal on pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Two blocks away, his friend, Richard W. Hayman, was turning the dials of his ham radio. He had just been talking to someone in Japan because he is planning a trip there in May.

More than 2,000 thousand miles away in the jungles of Guyana, a country in the northeast corner of South America, a woman two weeks overdue in her seventh pregnancy had been in labor more than 14 hours and was experiencing serious complications.

She couldn't be flown to the nearest hospital, one hour away, because a storm and ground fog prevented planes from taking off at the small airstrip seven miles away. The field is illuminated only by kerosene lamps.

IN THE NEXT few moments, the lives of the Maryland men and the Guyana woman became involved in an unusual medical drama. By the time it was over, the Potomac men had played a major role in the woman's delivery of identical twin girls, one weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, the other 6 pounds 2 ounces.

At 10 o'clock Monday night, as Hayman was fiddling with the dials on his ham radio in his home at 9908 Colebrook Ave., he picked up an emergency call.

"I heard a doctor on one of the stations with an urgent plea to be connected with an obstetrician," said Hayman, who is vice president of

Hayman Cash Register Co. "He had a woman in South America who was expecting twins. I responded because I felt I could contact an obstetrician"

"I called Dr. Greenfield and I told him I had a medical mission in South America and a pregnant woman who needed medical advice," he said in an interview yesterday. "I asked him if he would help out."

For the next 45 minutes, Greenfield, 40, talked from the phone in his home at 2 Colebrook Court to the doctor in Guyana, giving him instructions on how to perform a Caesarean section on the woman. By using a special apparatus, Hayman was able to "patch" Greenfield's telephone into his ham radio so that the two doctors could carry on a two-way conversation.

WHILE GREENFIELD talked, thousands of ham radio operators here and in other parts of the country tuned in and listened.

One man said that after listening to the instructions he personally thought he could perform the surgery, said Hayman, who has been a ham operator for 20 years. His call letters are K3DML.

"The doctor in the jungle had made a diagnosis of twins by placing his hands on the woman's abdomen," said Greenfield.

"One of the twins was in a head down or vertex position and the other was in a breach or bottom down position."

"I talked him through the entire operation," said Greenfield, an obstetrician for the past 12 years. "I sure was nervous. I wanted to be sure I gave him every detail. I was oversimplifying things."

"After each detail, I'd say, 'Do you follow me?' and he'd say either 'Yes, go on to the next step,' or he'd say, 'Could you repeat that.'"

BY 11 P.M. MONDAY, Greenfield had finished giving instructions for the delivery as well as post-operative orders.

"That was a first for me," said the doctor. "That was the longest-distance consultation I ever had. It was a very novel and thrilling experience."

"We were waiting on pins and needles to hear from the doctor in Guyana."

"Al (Dr. Greenfield) expressed doubt to me personally whether any of them — the mother and twins —

would survive," said Hayman.

On Tuesday night, almost 24 hours later, Hayman and Greenfield called the doctor to find out the results of the operation. Because he was out on another medical emergency, the two Potomac men talked to a woman ham operator there who told them the operation had been successful. She also told them that the facility where the operation took place was called Mission Village in northwest Guyana. It has a medical clinic, an orphanage and an agricultural project, where most of the people are U.S. volunteers. She identified the man who performed the Caesarean, as Dr. Larry Schacht.

"THE OPERATION was very successful, thanks to your help," the woman operator said in a taped recording of the radio conversation which Hayman made.

"This is Dr. Greenfield," said the doctor. "How is the mother?"

"The mother is doing fine," said the woman. "She lost about two pints of blood and she is a little weak, but doing very well. And the babies are extremely healthy."

"Have the babies' lungs been listened to and if so are they clean?" asked Greenfield.

"Roger."

"Were there any mechanical problems doing the actual procedure?" asked Greenfield.

"The procedure went very well thanks to your clear explanation and outlining of the procedures. It went very well. Everybody just followed your blueprint and everything went just fine."

"This is Doctor Greenfield again. I forgot what I was going to say...."



DR. ALBERT GREENFIELD

TEMPLE RADIO MAKES FRIENDS WORLD-WIDE

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THE SUN REPORTER, Thursday, February 23, 1978-

Peoples Temple Takes To The Air

Rev. Jim Jones, at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America, has initiated a remarkable new project using the temple's ham radio. In just the last few weeks Rev. Jones and a crew of experienced radio operators have made more than 2,000 contacts of friendship and goodwill, to ham radio operators throughout the United States and in other countries.

The purpose of the contacts is to strengthen friendly ties between the United States and Guyana and support Carter's Administration in furnishing needed economic assistance to this newly emerged nation, which is a leader in the Caribbean area of the hemisphere.

Jones has spearheaded this new effort with great energy and persistence. "Radio operators can make wonderful ambassadors," he notes, and "the response has been amazing." The temple has been deeply gratified to find a widespread understanding of the need for nonintervention, mutual coexistence, and aid to America's neighbors to the south.

The agricultural project was begun four years ago, for the joint purpose of providing a

wholesome alternative lifestyle for troubled young persons and to produce food and agricultural technology that can help solve world food problems. The radio is being used extensively as an extension of these humanitarian efforts. Many times the temple has been able to relay requests for medical assistance and other needed help.

One situation involved a child in a neighboring country who was critically ill and needed a

medication that could not be obtained there. Rev. Jones had hundreds of contacts made over the radio, over an area ranging thousands of miles, until the rare medication could be located.

Another remarkable set of contacts involved the delivery of a baby in Jonestown by the doctor there. The baby was a breech birth, and the mother was hemorrhaging. Eleven doctors were called in for consultation over the radio.

The medical complications were handled in an expert manner, and both mother and child are doing very well.

Copies of radio identification numbers the temple has contacted from its Guyanese station are being forwarded to President Carter and many U.S. congressional representatives. The temple is proud to do its part in furthering goodwill for the United States in this part of the world. It has made known its support for the Guyanese policy of nonalignment.

8 San Francisco Chronicle Sat., Feb. 18, 1978

Long-Distance Caesarean

Washington

Dr. Albert Greenfield helped deliver twins by Caesarean section this week, although the patient was more than 2000 miles away in a village in the jungles of Guyana.

Greenfield, an obstetrician, was at home in suburban Bethesda, Md., on Monday night when a neighbor, who is a ham radio operator, said a doctor at the Mission Village clinic in Guyana needed help because a storm prevented the woman from being flown to a hospital. The two doctors began the long-distance consultation. Greenfield said the next day he was told the mother and babies were doing well.

Associated Press



SAFEGUARDING HEALTH — People's Temple nurses Hattie Newell, foreground, and Chris Rice, standing, prepare to examine

Loretta Coomer as part of the church's new health program.

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Temple's medical staff begin physical exams

The Peoples Temple team of medical personnel, whose members are in various stages of training and who work in hospitals and care facilities in the community, are giving routine physical examinations at a new office in Redwood Valley.

The service is provided free of charge to the many hundreds of members in Peoples Temple, who are then referred to local doctors if health problems are discovered.

"We do not make any sort of diagnosis if we find that someone has health troubles," said Larry Schacht, a four-year

them which local doctor they prefer, and we encourage them to make an appointment and to tell the doctor to call us if he so desires."

The Temple medical staff is interested in finding particular health patterns so that the members can take steps through their personal doctors to head-off serious health afflictions by preventative therapy. Members are advised to see their doctor at least once a year and preferably semi-annually for seniors.

"Our pastor, Jim Jones, insists that all of our members get regular exams, with the church

highest regard for the outstanding medical community in this area, and we want all of our people to benefit from it."

The crude birth rate in all of Latin America declined by slightly more than 12% during that decade, with declines from 20% to 40% for about half the countries.

Substantial declines were also experienced in Egypt, Mauritius, and Tunisia, although the crude birth rate for Africa as a whole remained basically unchanged, he said.

Most significant is that the 13 developing countries with the largest populations (35 million or more) had percentage declines twice those of the smaller countries, Mr. Mauldin said.

Three of the 13, South Korea, Thailand, and China, had fertility declines

press conference to announce that it will not diminish its support of the programs.

Just 4 weeks before the press conference, however, the Foundation also said it will "reorder budget priorities" in genetic services as the grants expire.

The original cutback announcement was made last December by the organization's vice president for medical services, Dr. Arthur J. Salisbury, at a public meeting sponsored by the Public Health Service Genetics Coordinating Committee at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Several Foundation grantees told this newspaper they felt that the decision was the result of pressure from antiabortion groups.

Since then, the Foundation's na-

tional office has received hundreds of letters and countless phone calls from the public expressing great disappointment with the cutback announcement, and some people have threatened to withdraw their financial support of the Foundation, Dick Leavitt, a Foundation spokesman, told this newspaper.

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with a clear-cut estrogen deficiency. The dosage can be much lower than in the past, and adding progesterone may even provide a protective effect against developing endometrial cancer, Dr. Hammond said.

All of the patients in this series who developed adenocarcinoma of the endometrium (11 of 301) received estrogen alone. The data are highly suggestive that the regular addition of progesterone might protect the patient against this cancer, he said.

The current study, which is in press and not yet published, was based on a review of 7,000 medical records of

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Ham Operator Helps Ob.Gyn. Consult With Physician in Jungle on Emergency C-Section

BY MIKE BYRNE
Associate Editor



Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, ob.gyn. in private practice, at his home where he had a late night consult via ham radio with an American physician in Guyana.

POTOMAC, Md. — If you saw it in a movie you probably wouldn't believe it. . . .

An ob.gyn., around 40, in a comfortable suburb of Washington is catching up on his reading before bed. The phone rings. It's a neighbor, a ham radio operator, who says there is a physician in a stormy South American jungle calling for help.

A woman has been in labor more than 14 hours and has made no progress. She's 2 weeks overdue and she's having twins, one breech and the other vertex. There is only ether for anesthesia; there are no X-ray, no blood bank facilities, and no operating room, just a suturing table in an emergency room area off a 20-bed dispensary. It's in a remote area of northwestern Guyana, not far from the Venezuelan border.

The physician in the jungle sounds young, sounds American. He has very limited general surgical experience and is asking such questions as "Which baby is removed first?"

His facility was not designed for any major surgical procedure. Ground fog means there is no chance for an air evacuation.

The ob.gyn. is incredulous. Is this a dream? Is it a gag? But he

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Staff photos by Mike Byrne

Richard Hayman, vice president of Hayman Cash Register, heard a call for help on his ham radio, phoned Dr. Greenfield, and then patched the call through to Guyana.

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Ham Helps Ob.Gyn. in Consult With Physician in Jungle

(Continued from page 1) Greenfield said.

begins painstakingly to describe how to do a cesarean section, from step one: how to put the woman on the table. In South America, the physician takes notes. Ham operators around the world listen in. Some, not knowing of the drama, try to break in.

"Could you repeat that?" implores the young physician. Then the atmosphere crackles with the transmission. "Could you repeat that?" he asks again. It continues like this for maybe 45 minutes. Finally, the physician in the jungle signs off. He performs the surgery and mother and twins recover uneventfully.

Hollywood isn't buying stuff like that anymore. Who would believe it?

Dr. Albert A. Greenfield would. It happened to him at his home in Potomac, Md.

Even Dr. Greenfield, a physician in solo ob.gyn. practice in Gaithersburg, Md., admitted in an interview with Ob.GYN. NEWS that it all has the quality of "one of those old Humphrey Bogart-World War II movies."

"The real hero of this story is Dr. Larry Schacht," who performed the operation. He had virtually nothing to work with. Dr. Greenfield said.

Apparently Dr. Schacht, whom Dr. Greenfield believes is a family physician, is working with a group of American volunteers in a place called Jonestown in the northwest district of Guyana (formerly British Guiana).

Under normal weather conditions the woman would have been flown to a hospital an hour away, but the small airstrip 7 miles from the dispensary was fogged in, and it was 1 A.M. (11 P.M. Washington time). The only landing lights are from barrels of kerosene alongside the runway.

After talking with Dr. Schacht, Dr. Greenfield said he could not sleep for several hours worrying about what was happening to "my patients" 2,500 miles away. The next day he and his neighbor, Richard Hayman, radioed Guyana and learned that both mother and twins were doing well.

The babies were identical twins girls, weighing 3.2 and 3.0 kg. There were no complications after the operation, despite maternal blood loss of around 1,000 cc. Dr. Schacht intended to keep the mother and babies in the dispensary for 10 days, not because of any problems but because he thought the mother might not return from her village for postoperative care.

Dr. Greenfield said he was able to talk with Dr. Schacht from his home because Mr. Hayman, a ham operator



Guyanese Ambassador Laurence Mann (left) presents gifts of Guyanan rum and books on Guyana to Dr. Greenfield in appreciation for his help in delivering twins by emergency cesarean section. Dr. Greenfield described over ham radio how to do the procedure. Ceremony took place at Guyanan Embassy in Washington.

for 20 years, had a device that could patch the telephone call into the radio.

Dr. Greenfield, a clinical instructor of ob.gyn. at George Washington University Medical Center, said he described the cesarean section tech-

nique step-by-step, "like a textbook or like talking to a medical student."

"Nothing like this ever happened to me before," he said. "The longest telephone call I've ever had was from here to Chicago."



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Ob Gyn News
7 East 12th Street

Jonestown in the northwest district of Guyana (formerly British Guiana). Americans there are teaching the Guyanans how to grow citrus crops, Dr. Greenfield said.

"Dr. Schacht was in a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't situation," he continued.

The woman, in her seventh pregnancy, was at 42 weeks' gestation and in potential danger of uterine rupture, which could have been fatal because there were no blood bank facilities. Any attempt at vaginal delivery would have compromised the twin fetuses, which Dr. Schacht had diagnosed on clinical grounds alone because the X-ray machine was broken, Dr. Greenfield said.

There was no lab to speak of. "At best he could get a complete blood cell count and maybe a blood type. All he had was open drop ether, which of course nobody uses anymore," Dr.

Result of Amniocentesis

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netic abnormality, no more than one-fourth of their children will be clinically abnormal. Most women undergoing amniocentesis, therefore, will be assured that their children will not have a hereditary abnormality, he said.

If a genetic defect is present, it may be one of the approximately 50 kinds that are treatable. Parents in this situation would have a greater reason to continue the pregnancy than to end it.

The only situation left in which parents may opt for abortion is that in which the fetus has a genetic defect that is not treatable. However, the actual incidence of either a gross chromosomal abnormality or a single gene defect in newborns is only 1.5%. Dr. Thomas said.

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The crude birth rate in all of Latin America declined by slightly more than 12% during that decade, with declines from 20% to 40% for about half the countries.

Substantial declines were also experienced in Egypt, Mauritius, and Tunisia, although the crude birth rate for Africa as a whole remained basically unchanged, he said.

Most significant is that the 13 developing countries with the largest populations (35 million or more) had percentage declines twice those of the smaller countries, Mr. Mauldin said.

Three of the 13, South Korea, Thailand, and China, had fertility declines

programs.

Just 4 weeks before the press conference, however, the Foundation also said it will "reorder budget priorities" in genetic services as the grants expire.

The original cutback announcement was made last December by the organization's vice president for medical services, Dr. Arthur J. Salisbury, at a public meeting sponsored by the Public Health Service Genetics Coordinating Committee at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Several Foundation grantees told this newspaper they felt that the decision was the result of pressure from antiabortion groups.

Since then, the Foundation's na-

tional office has received hundreds of letters and countless phone calls from the public expressing great disappointment with the cutback announcement, and some people have threatened to withdraw their financial support of the Foundation, Dick Leavitt, a Foundation spokesman, told this newspaper.

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The dosage can be much lower than the past, and adding progesterone may even provide a protective effect against developing endometrial cancer, Dr. Hammond said.

All of the patients in this series who developed adenocarcinoma of the endometrium (11 of 301) received estrogen alone. The data are highly suggestive that the regular addition of progesterone might protect the patient against this cancer, he said.

The current study, which is in progress and not yet published, was based on review of 7,000 medical records

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Ham Operator Helps Ob.Gyn. Consult With Physician in Jungle on Emergency C-Section

BY MIKE BYRNE
Associate Editor



Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, ob.gyn. in private practice, at his home where he had a late night consult via ham radio with an American physician in Guyana.

POTOMAC, Md. — If you saw it in a movie you probably wouldn't believe it. . . .

An ob.gyn., around 40, in a comfortable suburb of Washington is catching up on his reading before bed. The phone rings. It's a neighbor, a ham radio operator, who says there is a physician in a stormy South American jungle calling for help.

A woman has been in labor more than 14 hours and has made no progress. She's 2 weeks overdue and she's having twins, one breech and the other vertex. There is only ether for anesthesia; there are no X-ray, no blood bank facilities, and no operating room, just a suturing table in an emergency room area off a 20-bed dispensary. It's in a remote area of northwestern Guyana, not far from the Venezuelan border.

The physician in the jungle sounds young, sounds American. He has very limited general surgical experience and is asking such questions as "Which baby is removed first?"

His facility was not designed for any major surgical procedure. Ground fog means there is no chance for an air evacuation.

The ob.gyn. is incredulous. Is this a dream? Is it a gag? But he

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Richard Hayman, vice president of Haym Cash Register, heard a call for help on a ham radio, phoned Dr. Greenfield, and patched the call through to Guyana.

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