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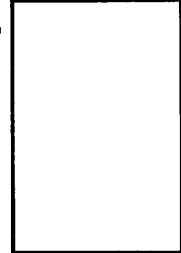
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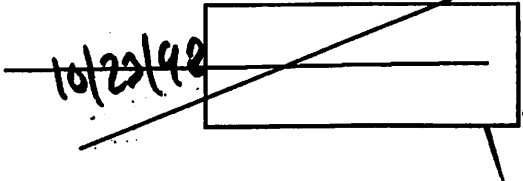
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REBUCAB, DECEMBER 6 AND 8, 1978. (u)

(S) LEGAT HAS HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH

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(S) TO TRY TO FIND WAY IN WHICH INFORMA-  
(U) TION CAN BE OBTAINED REGARDING SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS. (S)

(U) POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED ARE: (S)

(U) (1) FORMAL REQUEST PURSUANT TO U.S.-SWISS TREATY ON MUTUAL  
ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS. (S)

(U) (2) U. S. GOVERNMENT'S HIRING A SWISS LAWYER TO FILE CIVIL  
CLAIM TO RECOVER COST OF RETURNING BODIES TO U.S. (S)

(U) (3) U. S. AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND MAKING PERSONAL APPEAL  
TO SWISS MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE TO REQUEST UNION BANK OF  
SWITZERLAND FOR INFORMATION. (S)

(U) OPTION TWO HAS DISADVANTAGE THAT, EVEN IF IT COULD BE PROVEN  
U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD A VALID CLAIM TO THE FUNDS, THE ONLY THING WE  
(U) COULD ULTIMATELY GET WOULD BE FUNDS, BUT NOT INFORMATION. (S)

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(U) OPTION THREE HAS DISADVANTAGES: (1) THAT IT MIGHT NECESSITATE THE USE OF GREAT POLITICAL PRESSURE WHICH COULD USE UP CONSIDERABLE GOOD WILL AND (2) IF THE SWISS MINISTER AGREED, HE COULD NOT COMPEL THE BANK TO COMPLY WITH A REQUEST. THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING VERY, VERY INTRACTIBLE, AND IT IS BELIEVED THEY MIGHT WELL REFUSE TO FURNISH THE INFORMATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. ~~(S)~~

(S) OPTION ONE HAS THE DISADVANTAGE THAT THE PRESENCE OF FUNDS IN SWITZERLAND CANNOT BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE CRIMINAL ACT OF MURDER OF A U.S. CONGRESSMAN. HOWEVER, LEGAT,  AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND POLITICAL/ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, U.S. EMBASSY, BERN, AGREE THAT THIS IS THE MOST DESIRABLE COURSE OF ACTION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. ~~(S)~~

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(U) LEGAT IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE CHARGES OF INVESTIGATING A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION; HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR A FORMAL REQUEST PURSUANT TO U.S.-SWISS TREATY ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS, THE INVESTIGATION MUST BE BROADENED SO THAT THE FUNDS IN SWITZERLAND CAN BE LOGICALLY LINKED TO AN INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHICH IS COVERED BY THE TREATY. ~~(S)~~

(U) FOR EXAMPLE, AN INVESTIGATION MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR ITSP OR FBW BASED ON TRANSFERS OF FUNDS WHICH ARE SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN ~~(S)~~

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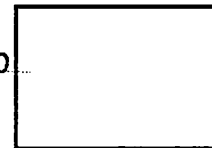
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FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, IN TWO TELEPHONE CALLS WITH FBIHQ EVENING OF DECEMBER 14, 1978, LEGAT ADVISED THAT THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (THE PAO), U. S. EMBASSY, BERN, HAD RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM A MAJOR U.S. NEWS MAGAZINE REGARDING TERRI BUFORD, ALLEGED DEFECTOR FROM THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, AND MARK LANE, LAWYER, WHO REPORTEDLY WERE EN ROUTE TO BERN, SWITZERLAND, TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM BANKS. THEY WERE BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY CHARLES GARY, ALSO FORMER LAWYER OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, WHO APPARENTLY WOULD ATTEMPT TO PREVENT WITHDRAWAL OF THE FUNDS. ~~(S)~~

(U) THE PAO LATER RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM A CALIFORNIA NEWS-PAPER WHICH STATED THAT LANE HAD BEEN IN PARIS AND WAS ALREADY IN SWITZERLAND. THE CALLER STATED THAT ONE OF THE ACCOUNTS WAS AT THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION IN KRIENS, SWITZERLAND. ~~(S)~~

(S) UACB, LEGAT IS MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO REQUEST OF BUREAU: (u)



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1. RETRANSMIT TO SAN FRANCISCO. (u)
2. COORDINATE WITH U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

LEADS: (u)

SAN FRANCISCO: (u)

1. DISCUSS WITH U. S. ATTORNEY AND ADVISE LEGAT OF DECISION. (u)
2. ADVISE LEGAT, BY RETURN CABLE, OF ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING ADDITIONAL SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS. (u)

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