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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Special Agent [redacted], United States Secret Service at Pan American Ranger 17, JFK Airport, Queens, New York. The interview was carried on the following day at the Pan Am Motel, Queens Boulevard, Queens, New York, and the following information was furnished by [redacted] (u)

[redacted] advised that she became a member of the People's Temple (PT) Church in San Francisco, California approximately five years ago. [redacted] advised that she joined the Church primarily because of the humanitarian accomplishments she believed the PT Church to be making. [redacted] advised that she gave all the money she had, including a house and property in [redacted] which she had inherited to the PT Church. [redacted] stated that when she entered the PT Church it was common practice for a black person to marry a white person. She married [redacted], since deceased, however, the marriage was never consummated, and she continued to live with her common-law husband, [redacted]. In May of 1978 [redacted] went to Jonestown, Guyana.

[redacted] stated that JOYCE PARKS was a Nurse Practitioner at the hospital and she believes PARKS is presently in San Francisco. SHARON COBB was a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner whom [redacted] believes to be dead. WANDA KING was a Licensed Practical Nurse and X-Ray Technician, believed to be dead at this time. Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT was an unlicensed doctor practicing at this clinic. [redacted] believed SCHACHT to be totally unqualified to handle the number of people at Jonestown and stated that he was mentally unstable and had suicidal tendencies. [redacted] stated that SCHACHT also had a history of drug addiction. (u)

Upon [redacted]'s arrival at Jonestown, she stated that she thought Reverend JIM JONES was insane. [redacted] advised that he was a changed person from the individual she knew when she joined the PT Church. [redacted] stated that she was not free to leave Jonestown, and that to even talk of leaving Jonestown would subject you to beatings and sedation by use of drugs. (u)

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] RFX:dc Date dictated 12/4/78

[REDACTED] advised that the Jonestown Commune had a Security Force which included certain individuals referred to as "Angels". The "Angels" were the elite of the Security Force and they would "take care" of anyone that left the PT Church. The subordinate members of the Security Force not referred to as "Angels" were merely responsible for camp security and monitoring and reporting the behavior of the commune members. [REDACTED] advised that most of the security members were armed at one time or another during her stay there. The following list provided by [REDACTED] are the members of the Security Force, with an asterisk denoting those members considered "Angels". (u)

*JOE WILSON, black male, early 20s, 5'8", 150-160 pounds

*CARY JOHNSON, black male, early 20s, 5'9", 180 pounds

*DANNY MOTEN, black male, 5'9", 140 pounds, thin build, early 20s

*TOM KICE, white male, 40s, 5'8", thin build

*BOB KICE, white male, 30s, 5'8", 150 pounds

*TIM JONES (Head of Security), white male, 18-19, 140 pounds, 5'10", adopted son of Reverend JONES

*JIMMY JONES, JR., black male, 17 years old, 6', 170 pounds, adopted son of Reverend JONES

YVONNE (phonetic) (ph) RAYDEN, white female, 19 years old, 135 pounds, 5'5"

BOHIE SIMON, 30s, white female, 5'4", 115 pounds

*CALVIN DOUGLAS, black male, 20s, 5'10", 160 pounds

*CLEVELAND NEWELL, black male, 5'9", 160 pounds, early 20s

*HERBERT NEWELL, black male, early 20s, 5'7", 175 pounds

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*JOHNNIE COBB, also known as (aka) JOHNNIE COBB JONES, black male, 19 years old, 6', 180 pounds

*JOHNNIE JONES, black male, late 20s, 5'6", 140 pounds, adopted son of Reverend JONES

*LOU JONES, Oriental, 5'6", 120-125 pounds, 18 years old, adopted son of Reverend JONES

*MARK CORDELL, white male, 19, 5'7" - 5'8", 130 pounds, brown hair, believed to be alive in Georgetown

*JIM MAC ELVAINE (ph), black male, 6'3" - 6'4", 200 pounds, mole on right cheek, Afro, believed to be dead

*ALBERT TOUCHETTE, late 20s, white male, 5'8", 150 pounds, short brown hair, upper echelon security; wife - LEBBY TOUCHETTE, alive in Georgetown and has knowledge of commune finances (u)

DOUG SANDER, black male, 30s, 5'9", 160 pounds, short Afro, Technician

*EMMIT GRIFFITH, black male, early 20s, 5'9", 160 pounds, short Afro, he drove caterpillar. Brother ARMONDO GRIFFITH, 19 years old, black male, 5'7", 145 pounds, Afro, not considered security

*BILLY OLIVER, black male, 18-19, 5'8", 150 pounds, short brownish Afro

*BRUCE OLIVER, black male, 20 years old, 5'8", 150 pounds, brownish Afro

*ED CRENSHAW, aka ED HALMAN, black male, late 20s, 5'9", 170 pounds, short black Afro

PAUL MC CANN, white male, late 20s, 6'2", 165 pounds, dark brown hair, believed to be alive in Georgetown

DON SLY, white male, 6'1", 40s, salt and pepper hair, glasses, loud, distinct voice, worked at Intensive Care Unit which sedated commune members wishing to leave

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b7c [REDACTED] advised that there had also been an Explosive Committee at the Jonestown Commune with the following members:

PAULINE GROOT, Chemical Engineer, white female, late 20s, 5'6", 125 pounds, blonde hair, shoulder length

Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCRACHT

DON FIELDS, Pharmacist, 40s, bald, white hair on the sides, 5'4", 120 pounds, used to work at the Pharmacy at the University of California at San Francisco and St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco. Believed to be dead.

TOM GRUBBS, white male, 40-50, 5'7", 160 pounds, blond hair, Believed to be dead (u)

b7c [REDACTED] had no knowledge of Reverend JONES' possession of a primitive nuclear device.

[REDACTED] advised that there was also a squad of personnel at the commune trained in silent weaponry (bows and arrows). These individuals stood guard to assure no one escaped and are described as follows:

TOM GRUBBS, description furnished above

MARIE BARKIN, aka MARIE DUCKETT, black female, 30s, 5'7", 150 pounds, short Afro, rash (eczema) all over arms, back, face. Believed dead

ROBERT BARKIN, husband of MARIE, black male, early 30s, 5'9", 150 pounds, short black Afro

[REDACTED] advised that there did exist a Planning Commission or inner core within the PT Church responsible for planning structure and activity of the PT Church. [REDACTED] stated that Reverend JONES had sex with everyone on the Planning Commission and frequently bragged about this publicly. The following individuals are members of the Planning Commission. (u)

LEE INGRAM, black male, 30s, black hair, wears glasses, receding hairline, admitted homosexual, presently at Georgetown, coach of basketball team, commune spokesman to guests

TERRY BUFFORD, white female, 25-26, 105 pounds, 5'7", blondish hair, shoulder length, one of Reverend JONES closest associates, admitted lesbian, rumored to have left PT Church with large sum of money

JEAN BROWN, white female, late 30s, 115 pounds, 5'5", blondish hair, neck length, top echelon official, believed to be in San Francisco

FENNIE KICE, black female, late 30s, 5'5", 150 pounds, wife of BOB KICE, believed dead

LORA JOHNSTON, white female, 30s, 5'6", 125 pounds, alive in Georgetown

VERA YOUNG, black female, 30s, 5'6", 125 pounds, black short Afro, top echelon official, believed to be in San Francisco

JUNE CRYM, white female, 30s, 5'4", 125 pounds, dark brown hair, believed to be in San Francisco, recently visited Jonestown with unknown American official

AVA JONES, nee BROWN, black female, 20s, 5'6", 130 pounds, black hair worn in cornrow style, wife of JOHNNIE JONES, believed dead

SANDY COBB, black female, 20s, 5'3", 105 pounds, black hair worn in cornrow style, sister of AVA JONES

MIKE PROOKS, white male, 30s, 5'5", 115 pounds, brown hair, in Georgetown under house arrest. Caught leaving Port Kaituma with MIKE CARTER, TIM CARTER and \$500,000 in cash

TIM CARTER, white male, 30s, 5'7", 140 pounds, brown hair, alive in Georgetown, house arrest

SANDRA INGRAM, aka SANDY BRADSHAW, white female, 30s, 5'4", 105 pounds, wears glasses, blondish brown hair, worn short, wife of LEE INGRAM, sister of PAM BRADSHAW, believed to be in San Francisco, top echelon official

JUDY FLOWERS, black female, 30s, 5'6", 170 pounds, short black Afro, sister of RENNIE KICE, believed to be in San Francisco

HARRIET RANDOLPH, aka HARRIET TROPP, white female, 30s, 5'3", 105 pounds, salt and pepper hair, Attorney, believed dead, top echelon official

JIM RANDOLPH, white male, 30s, 5'5", 100 pounds, thin build, blondish hair, responsible for making arrangements to send PT Church members to Jonestown from San Francisco

CAROLYN LAYTON, white female, 30s, 5'3", 105 pounds, dark brown hair, shoulder length, believed dead, top echelon official

JOHNNY JONES, description furnished above

LEOMA COLLIER, black female, late 30s, 5'3", 145 pounds, black hair, worn straight, top echelon official, Head Secretary, Co-ordinator in San Francisco, dealt with fund raising projects

JACK BEAM, white male, 50s, 175-180 pounds, 5'8" - 5'9", grayish hair, top echelon official with Reverend JONES since start in Indiana, believed dead

RAVINA (ph) BEAM, white female, 50s, 5'6", 150 pounds, grayish blonde hair, believed dead

DALE PARKS, white male, 20s, 5'7", 145 pounds, alive in Georgetown, eyewitness to Congressman RYAN's assassination

JUDY IJAMES, white female, 30s, 5'6", 155 pounds, married to NORMAN IJAMES, who is on Planning Commission in San Francisco, JUDY believed dead

CAROL STAEL, white female, 30s, 5'6", 165 pounds, brown hair, believed dead, wears glasses

CLARA JANARO, white female, 5'5", 200 pounds, short dark brown hair, alive in Georgetown

RICHARD JANARO, white male, late 40s, 5'9", 165 pounds, salt and pepper hair, believed to be alive on the "Albatross".

BONNIE BECK, white female, 30s, 5'6", 180 pounds, dark brown hair, wears glasses, believed to be in San Francisco or Redwood Valley

DON BECK, white male, bald, 30s, 5'7", 180 pounds, husband of BONNIE

MARIE KASARAS (ph), white female, early 20s, 5'8", 115 pounds, thin build, believed dead, lived at Reverend JONES house, dealt with monies at commune, making various trips to Caracas, Venezuela, person responsible for having commune members sign pension checks

PAULA ADAMS, white female, late 20s, or early 30s, 5'6", 125 pounds, long blonde hair, worked in the Radio Room, presently in Georgetown

KAREN LAYTON, white female, 5'5", 130 pounds, short sandy blonde hair, wife of LARRY LAYTON, worked in the Radio Room, believed dead

RITA TUPPER, white female, late 40s, 5'3" - 5'4", 140 pounds, reddish hair, believed dead, censored Jonestown occupants letters

FISH LEROY, white female, 50s, 5'6", 145 pounds, salt and pepper hair, in charge of finances in the United States but present at Jonestown at the end, member Finance Committee

b7c [redacted] identified the following individuals as members of the Jonestown "Basketball Team":

STEPHEN JONES, natural son of Reverend JONES, white male, dark complexion, 19, 6'2" - 6'3", 160 pounds, dark hair, possibly also member of Security Force (u)

TIM JONES, description furnished above

JOHNNY COBB, description furnished above

CLEVELAND NEWELL, description furnished above

PAUL MC CANN, description furnished above

MARK CORDELL, description furnished above

BURRELL WILSON, black male, 17, 5'7", 130 pounds, black Afro

CALVIN DOUGLAS, description furnished above

b7c [redacted] advised that to her knowledge the "Basketball Team" was merely a team which played basketball in Georgetown, however, it was made up primarily of individuals that were on the Security Force. [redacted] stated that MICHAEL SIMON, black male, late 20s, 5'8", 145 pounds, dark brown Afro, Medical Department employee at Jonestown, had told her that a few days before the day of the suicide the basketball team was called back to Jonestown but did not return (u)

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive data on additional occupants of the Jonestown Commune (u)

CHRIS O'NEAL, one of the individuals that approached Congressman RYAN to leave Jonestown, not a member of Planning Commission, Security Force or basketball team (u)

LIZ RUGGERIO, white female, 20s, 5'6", 160 pounds,
Nurse at Pharmacy Office, believed dead

PAM BRADSHAW, white female, 20s, 5'6", 125 pounds,
short blonde hair, wears glasses, sister of SANDY
BRADSHAW, believed dead

CHUCK BIKEMAN, white male, 50s, 175 pounds, 5'7",
blond hair, crew cut, believed to have killed
SHARON AMOS and he is custody in Georgetown

STEPHEN BIKEMAN, unknown to [REDACTED]

ELMUE DENNIS, black male, 30s, 150 pounds, 5'7" - 5'8",
thin build, short black Afro

STANLEY GIEG, possible member of Security Force,
operated small vessel named "Cudule" (ph)

JOYCE TOUCHETTE, white female, 40s, 5'6", 130 pounds,
short brown hair, in charge of kitchen at Jonestown

CHARLIE TOUCHETTE, white male, 50s, 5'8", 165 pounds,
salt and pepper hair, husband of JOYCE

MICHELLE TOUCHETTE, white female, 5'4", 105 pounds,
19 years old, long brown hair, girlfriend of STEPHEN JONES

MIKE TOUCHETTE, white male, 5'7", 140 pounds, blond hair

b7c [REDACTED] advised that the following individuals were
members of a Finance Committee at Jonestown: (u)

LEE INGRAM, description furnished above

CHARLIE TOUCHETTE, description furnished above

JACK SEAM, description furnished above

TISE LEROY, description furnished above

b7C [REDACTED] had no specific knowledge concerning bribery or influence peddling by members of the PT Church, however, she stated that Reverend JONES appeared to have a great deal of political influence. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that if an assassination squad existed it would probably include members of the group known as "Angels". (u)

[REDACTED] had no specific knowledge regarding how weapons were shipped to Jonestown. [REDACTED] stated that when leaving for Jonestown your baggage was turned over to the PT Church for packing and one friend of hers, THELMA JACKSON, discovered a gun in her baggage upon arrival in Jonestown. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that she had no specific knowledge of firearms training received by the PT Church members. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that she was unaware of any threats to harm public officials but that JONES had made repeated reference to the fact that "Angels" would "get" any defectors of the PT Church. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that she was not aware of the location where the weapons were kept at Jonestown. However, JOE WILSON was the individual in charge of the weapons. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that she was unaware of a contingency plan in the event JONES was arrested or the Church was attacked, however, she stated that she assumed the mass suicide may have been this plan. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that she was unaware of any official, federal, international or other targeted for murder, however, she stated Reverend JONES would not discuss this in front of the general populace of the commune. She stated that he would only discuss this with close associates like LEE INGRAM, TERRY BUFFORD and JOHNNY JONES. (u)

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[REDACTED] advised that she had no specific knowledge regarding criminal offenses committed by PT Church members, however, she stated that there were members who could not return to the United States because they would be arrested by officials. JONES often taunted these individuals with this fact. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that the individuals having access to the radio and code used are as follows: (u)

- SANDY COBB
- KAREN LAYTON
- LEE INGRAM
- PAULA ADAMS
- HARRIET TROPP
- MIKE PROOKS

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[REDACTED] stated that she was unaware of the code used, however, she knows that JEAN BROWN in San Francisco was referred to as MARTHA on the radio. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that PT members had to sign blank pieces of paper when they went to Temple. The members later learned that confessions were typed on these pieces of paper, making it appear as if the members had signed the confession. Towards the end at Jonestown the members were made to write the confessions themselves, with Reverend JONES telling them to think of the worst thing they could possibly think of and write this on the paper. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that she had no knowledge regarding relocation plans in the event of a mass suicide, however, Reverend JONES frequently spoke of relocating the PT in Russia, Cuba and even Africa. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that during October two Russians, one an official and one a doctor, visited Jonestown. (u)

One of the Russians was named Dr. FEDORUSKI (ph), a white male, late 40s, blond hair. [REDACTED] stated that the Russian official accompanying the doctor spoke to the people at Jonestown briefly. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that she was unaware of the source of drugs used at Jonestown, however, Thoresene was used to sedate defectors and various other oral sedatives including Valium were used. [REDACTED] stated that she had no knowledge of drugs being produced at Jonestown. [REDACTED] stated that she was afraid to ask too many questions or appear too inquisitive. [REDACTED] advised that the "Albatross", a PT Church ship, was operated by RICHARD JANARO, HELEN SWINNY, and WESLEY BRIEDENBACH. BRIEDENBACH, described as a white male, 5'9", 140 pounds, early 20s, brownish curly hair, also worked on small vessel "Cudule". (u)

[REDACTED] advised that the dolls in the shape of animals were made by approximately 30 members of the Jonestown Commune for sale at Georgetown. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that Reverend JONES frequently held "white nights", also known as "alphas". On these occasions, normally when something had upset JONES, he would call all of the people at Jonestown to the pavillion and talk of preparing to die. Reverend JONES would ask his people to raise their hand if they were willing to die. Reverend JONES would tell them that they should be prepared to die with dignity. [REDACTED] stated that on each occasion she raised her hand rather than face the consequences of not being ready to die. She stated anyone who did not raise his hand was brought forward and subjected to public ridicule by Reverend JONES. These people if persistent were beaten by the Security Force and at times removed to the Special Care Unit where they were administered narcotics until rendered helpless. [REDACTED] advised that the first "white night" which she attended upon arrival at Jonestown lasted seven days. (u)

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JONES did not allow the people to leave the pavillion during this entire seven day period. [redacted] stated that she had never seen a practice suicide drill, however, other members of the commune had told her that one had been conducted in the past where the members were made to line up and drink the kool-aid. (u)

[redacted] advised that two days prior to Congressman RYAN's arrival Reverend JONES called a "white night". [redacted] could not recall Reverend JONES exact words, however, he stated that if RYAN and concerned relatives of commune members entered Jonestown they would not get out alive.

[redacted] stated that at this "white night" the Security Force did not have the rifles, shotguns and pistols that they carried on previous "white nights". Reverend JONES asked who was not ready to die and [redacted] advised that no one raised their hand. (u)

[redacted] advised that on the morning of Saturday, November 18, 1978 at approximately 8:30 AM, she [redacted] observed that the guards at the commune were lax and that no weapons were in sight. She stated that the Congressman's aid was making a walking tour around the camp and that she and [redacted] decided that this was the time to escape. [redacted] stated that she had talked with BOB KICE on that morning and he was upset because everyone was off work detail. [redacted] told KICE that she was going down to the piggery, which was a livestock area commonly frequented by commune members. On the path leading to the piggery [redacted] passed STANLEY GEIG and ELHUE DENNIS, both driving tractors. [redacted] stated that she felt something was going to happen this day, however, she was not sure exactly what or when it would occur. (u)

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] picked up some clothing and a tape recorder which he had stashed in the bushes previously. The tape recorder was to be sold for cash since they had no money. She stated that they also had a machete to cut through the bush. [redacted] advised that with her and [redacted] were [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] had previously cut a path with [redacted] and [redacted] who also escaped that same morning. [redacted] stated that they proceeded through the bush to the railroad tracks which ran between Port Kaituma and Mathews Ridge. She stated that it was shorter to Port Kaituma, however, they decided not to go that way since Congressman RYAN's plane was there and they were convinced something was going to happen to him. [redacted] advised that a train passed going to Port Kaituma as they continued along the tracks and the train returned, they boarded and rode to Mathews Ridge. [redacted] stated that at Mathews Ridge the Guyanese Police observed them and brought them to the police station for questioning. At this time she learned that Congressman RYAN had been shot. [redacted] advised that they were subsequently taken to Georgetown, where she was afforded accommodations at the Park Hotel. (u)

[redacted] advised that there were tape recordings at Jonestown which instructed occupants of the commune what answers to supply if they were questioned by newsmen or visitors. These tapes were furnished by Reverend JONES (u)

[redacted] advised that all the mail addressed to Jonestown was delivered to Box 893, Georgetown and censored prior to delivery to Jonestown. (u)

[redacted] stated that the PT headquarters in Georgetown was the Lamaha House, Georgetown telephone number 71924. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that following the mass suicide during her stay in Georgetown she met STANLEY CLAYTON, a black male, 5'8", 150 pounds, black Afro, receding hairline, who advised her that he was an eyewitness to the mass suicide. [REDACTED] stated that CLAYTON told her that MARY LEE BOGUE, white female, 13, 160 pounds, 5'6", long brown hair, had assisted in administering (shots) to some of the victims. (u)

[REDACTED] stated that ODELL RHODES, black male, 30s, 5'7", 160 pounds, black hair, currently at the Guyanese Hospital, had administered poison to some of the children at Jonestown. (u)

[REDACTED] advised that the pension checks taken from the occupants of Jonestown were endorsed by two individuals who are as follows: (u)

EUGENE CHAIKON, white male, 5'6", 125 pounds, late 40s, reddish brown hair, an Attorney in Georgetown

CRUCK BIKEMAN, previously described above (u)

[REDACTED] advised that she recalled that it had been Reverend JONES' dissatisfaction with CHAIKON which prompted the first "white night" that she experienced. (u)

[REDACTED] furnished a typewritten list containing United States contact points for individuals coming to the United States from Guyana which she obtained from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] previously described above: (u)

LEFLORA TOWNES, MADELINE BROOKS, MARION CAMPBELL,
BEA ORSOT GRUBBS - [REDACTED]

RUBY JOHNSON, GUY MITCHELL, LINDA MITCHELL, DAWN MITCHELL, [REDACTED]

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VERSIE PERKINS CONNESERO [REDACTED]

CALVIN DOUGLAS, [REDACTED]

RAY GODSHALK, [REDACTED]

LAURA JOHNSTON, [REDACTED]

LEE INGRAM, [REDACTED]

MARION WENDRICKS, [REDACTED]

PAUL MC CANN, [REDACTED]

CHUCK KIRKENDALL, [REDACTED] u,

ALVARAY SATTERWHITE, [REDACTED]

MIKE SIMON, [REDACTED]

PRESTON WADE, [REDACTED]

ANDREA WALKER, [REDACTED]

WALTER WILLIAMS, [REDACTED]

NEDRA YATES, [REDACTED]

TOM BEIKMAN, [REDACTED]

67C The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interviews (u)

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Hair:
Eyes:
Scars or Marks:
Destination Point:

Occupation:
Employment:
Marital Status:
Social Security Number:
Admitted Arrests:
Education:

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Relatives:

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