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On December 3, 1978, [REDACTED] was interviewed at John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport, New York, by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the FBI and [REDACTED] United States Secret Service (USSS). [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning the People's Temple movement. (u)

[REDACTED] she became a member of the People's Temple in Ukiah, California at the age of 13 when her mother [REDACTED] joined the movement. (u)

JIM JONES was head of the People's Temple movement. JIM JONES preached economic and racial equality. (u)

The People's Temple Youth Group included individual's, male and female from the age of 13 - 25 years. Youth Group members were required to read books concerning communist and socialist theories. Members were tested on the theories they had studied. (u)

Youth Group members conducted military drills in the hills surrounding Ukiah, California. Military drill consisted on running through the hills, diving to and crawling on the ground. Members also practiced running messages through the hills as a communication system. The military drills did not include target practice nor did Youth Group members receive firearms training. JIM JONES's explanation for military drills was in case of a nuclear war the People's Temple members must be prepared to survive. JIM JONES had plans to evacuate all the People's Temple members in caves in the surrounding areas. (u)

The following individuals were team leaders in the Youth Groups. (u)

1. JAMES COBB
2. BOB KICE
3. WAYNE PIETLA
4. TOM PODGORSKI

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In 1976, the People's Temple moved its headquarters from Ukiah, California to San Francisco, California. [REDACTED] moved to San Francisco with the People's Temple. The People's Temple also opened a chapter in Los Angeles, California. (u)

[REDACTED] she meet [REDACTED] for being a heroin addict. [REDACTED] separated in 1976 after she had mothered his child, [REDACTED]. The People's Temple movement had an excellent program for ex-drug users and many ex-drug users joined the People's Temple. (u)

In June, 1977, JIM JONES moved to Jonestown, Guyana, accompanied by: (u)

1. LINDA AUDIBERRY
2. BRENDA GOBB (TIM GOBB's sister)
3. AVA JONES (nee BROWN)
4. MARIA KARSI
5. MIKE PROKES
6. JAKARI WILSON

[REDACTED] disagreed with the relocation of her son to Jonestown, Guyana; however, JIM JONES and [REDACTED] explained to her the benefits which awaited [REDACTED] in Guyana and moved her son. (u)

Trip to Guyana (u)

[REDACTED] in August, 1977, she and approximately 70 other members left San Francisco for Jonestown, Guyana. [REDACTED] other People's Temple members were transported via People's Temple bus from San Francisco to Miami, Florida, making stops only at rest areas. The members were required to sleep on the bus and at no time did the bus have a stop over at a motel. In Miami the People's Temple members boarded a commercial flight to Georgetown, Guyana. (u)

Upon arrival at Georgetown, Guyana, People's Temple members were taken to the People's Temple house in Georgetown where members stayed the night. At the house, passports, money and other items including luggage were taken from the newly arrived members. People's Temple members were not allowed to pack the luggage which they carried to Georgetown, Guyana, and in many instances had no knowledge of what they were transporting. The day after the members arrival in Georgetown, members were taken to Guyana Immigration officials. Once the members cleared Immigration, they were transported to Jonestown. (u)

The trip from Georgetown to Jonestown was approximately 24 hours by water. Members were transported in the Kudjoe, the People's Temple 30 foot boat. Members were arranged in the following manner for the trip to Jonestown. Young members traveled on the deck of the boat and senior members traveled in the hole. Senior members ate and slept in the hole and were not allowed on the deck until the boat had passed the Guyana check point. [REDACTED] the arrangement and condition of the boat as those of a slave ship. DON SLY was the Captain of the Kudjoe. (u)

Life in Jonestown (work) (u)

Senior members were assigned jobs in the field. Members cultivated and harvested the crops. The main crops grown in Jonestown were rice and yams. Members were required to work a 12 hour day, seven days a week. (u)

Children went to school part of the day and worked in the fields part of the day. (u)

Medical Staff (u)

The medical staff's function was to treat ill individuals. Drugs were administered by Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT, AME MOORE. (u)

The Extended Care Unit was contained in the Medical Unit. People's Temple members who were trouble makers were housed in the Extended Care Unit. Trouble makers were sedated with thiorazine. The sedative was injected into the individual initially and served in the meals. Drugged meals were served to trouble makers on green plates (u)

The following individuals were members of the medical staff: (u)

1. Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT
2. DIANNE LOUSIE
3. JULIUS EVANS
4. SANDRA EVANS
5. PARK
6. RICHARD CLARK
7. LESLIE WILSON
8. RINNIE KICE
9. AME MOORE
10. SYLVIA GRUBS

Security Force (u)

JIM JONES stated the People's Temple had to maintain a Security Force to protect JIM JONES and the People's Temple against those who would destroy the movement. The United States government was attempting to destroy the People's Temple by infiltrating the movement with CIA and FBI Agents. The Security Force was formed when the People's Temple was in Ukiah, California. (u)

In Jonestown, Guyana, the head of the Security Force was JOE WILSON. Members of the Security Force received their orders from JIM JONES. Members of the Security Force were armed with rifles and shot guns. Selected members carried handguns. [REDACTED] she did not observe the Security Force target practice; however, she did hear gun fire in the jungle surrounding Jonestown. The Security Force was (u)

a full-time job and the only jobs performed by its members. The Security Force was used by JIM JONES to intimate People's Temple members. (u)

The Security Force performed the following duties: (u)

1. Patrolled and guarded the area surrounding Jonestown.
2. Acted as a Police Force within Jonestown to enforce the rules set by JIM JONES.
3. Acted as a personal bodyguard for JIM JONES.
4. Record the entrance and exit of People's Temple members from Jonestown. (Members required to sign in and out whenever they left Jonestown).
5. Oversee work performed by People's Temple members and make certain individuals work production was maintained at an exceptable level. Individuals who did not maintain levels of production were reported to JIM JONES. JIM JONES would announce punishment of the individual at People's Temple meetings in the Pavillion.
6. Accompanied JIM JONES when he had individuals endorse Social Security checks and personal checks they received from the United States.
7. Make certain People's Temple members did not sleep during meetings at the Pavillion.

Meeting in Pavillion (u)

JIM JONES would hold meetings in the Pavillion each day. All People's Temple members were required to attend the meetings. Meetings would last for several hours and on occasion all night. (u)

JIM JONES would preach about the ills of capitalism, racism and the United States. JONES would also tell members that the United States was sending the CIA Agents to Guyana to destroy Jonestown. (u)

Members would be disciplined for several reasons and a few are listed.

1. Low production level in the fields.
2. Speaking ill of JIM JONES, Jonestown or the People's Temple.
3. Disagreeing with the philosophy of JIM JONES or the People's Temple.
4. Attempting or discussing escape.
5. Refusing to agree to give you life in defense of JIM JONES or the People's Temple.
6. Refusing to agree to commit suicide for JIM JONES.

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Methods of Discipline (u)

JIM JONES would have the individuals to be disciplined come to the stage in the Pavillion. JIM JONES would verbably abuse and humiliate the individual. JIM JONES would have family members and relatives come to stage and physically beat and assault the disciplined member at JIM JONES' direction. (u)

JIM JONES would assign the disciplined individuals to a punishment work detail or restrict the food they received (u)

Suicide Rehearsal (u)

[REDACTED] JIM JONES had preached mass (u)

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suicide to People's Temple members for many years; however, she could not recall the date when he started his mass suicide sermons. (u)

The first mass suicide rehearsal which [redacted] could recall was in 1976, San Fransisco, California, and continued in Jonestown, Guyana. JIM JONES had approximately five or more practice suicides in Jonestown. (u)

JIM JONES stated People's Temple members would commit suicide by poison; but, he did not state the type of poison. The poison was to be taken orally and intravenously. The poison was to be mixed with punch; the poison was to be odorless and tasteless. (u)

JIM JONES told People's Temple members they had to be prepare to defend Jonestown and JIM JONES with their lives to prevent the CIA from killing or kidnapping JIM JONES. In the event, the CIA plan succeeded, the members were to commit suicide. (u)

Whitenight (u)

[redacted] JIM JONES held practice defense drills called, "whitenight" or alerts. People's Temple members practiced alerts while the People's Temple was located in Ukiah, San Fransisco, California, and Jonestown, Guyana. (u)

During alerts in Jonestown, Guyana, People's Temple members were compeled to meet in the Pavillion. The members would have to reaffirm their suicide promise. The Security Force were the only members allowed outside the Pavillion. The Security Force did not allow non-security force members outside the Paviollion. Security Force members were armed with rifles and/or handguns. (u)

JIM JONES would advise members in the Pavillion that Jonestown was under attack by the CIA or United States (u)

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military. The time of each alert varied; but, at the end of each alert, JIM JONES would tell members he had made some arrangement with the Guyanese government and Jonestown was safe. (u)

Arrival of Congressman RYAN (u)

[REDACTED] JIM JONES called everyone in the Pavillion before Congressman RYAN arrived in Jonestown, Guyana (November 14, 1978). JIM JONES announced RYAN and some members from the Concerned Parents Group would be arriving in Georgetown, Guyana. JIM JONES made the following statement, "If RYAN comes to Jonestown, he will only stay long enough to have tea." [REDACTED] interpreted this to mean JIM JONES was going to poison RYAN. (u) b7c

The Friday RYAN arrived (November 17, 1978), JIM JONES called a "Whitenight". JIM JONES advised members they were not to talk to RYAN or his party. JIM JONES designated members who were to speak to RYAN and his party. JIM JONES told members what they were to say to RYAN. (u)

Escape (u)

On November 18, 1978, RYAN was scheduled to return to the United States and JIM JONES declared the day a work holiday for People's Temple members. JIM JONES had previously reduced the number of the Security Force patrolling Jonestown. The combination of a holiday and reduced security provided the oportunity for members to escape. (u) b7c

[REDACTED] made plans to escape. Between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM, the [REDACTED] told the Security Force guard they were going on a picnic at the piggy and signed the registor. (u)

They proceeded to the front gate; however, before they reached the gate, they followed a path into the jungle (u)

In the jungle, they met [redacted] and [redacted]. They followed the path until it crossed the railroad tracks. [redacted] the others boarded a train to the police station. (u)

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Visitors (u)

[redacted] JIM JONES received visitors at Jonestown. JIM JONES would select certain individuals who would be allowed to communicate with the visitors and anyone else was not to speak with the visitors. (u)

JIM JONES had members study or listen to a tape recording containing a list of questions and answers. All questions answered by members were within a general frame which would have visitors believe everyone at Jonestown was content and Jonestown was very productive. (u)

Jonestown was visited by a doctor from the Soviet Embassey in the end of October, 1978; however, she could not recall the doctor's name. (u)

DIANNA LOUSIE was assigned to accompany the doctor during his stay in Jonestown. The doctor was to examine JIMMY JONES. The Russian doctor was a specialist in "Reviving the dead." (u)

Radio Operations (u)

JIM JONES had a radio room in Jonestown, Georgetown and San Fransisco. JIM JONES would regularly communicate with Georgetown and San Fransisco by radio. The radio communications were coded and the code book was in the radio room. (u)

The following individuals operated the radio. (u)

Jonestown

1. JIM JONES
2. SANDY COBB

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Georgetown

1. JOYCE PARKS
2. TERRI CARTER

San Fransisco

1. DABIE EVANS

Descriptions (u)

Medical Staff (u)

Name RICHARD CLARK
Position Inventory Clerk
Bond Warehouse
(Drug Center)

Name JULIUS EVANS
Race Black
Sex Male
Position Respiratory Technician
Wife SANDRA EVANS

Name SANDRA EVANS
Race Black
Sex Female
Position Registered Nurse
Husband JULIUS EVANS

Name DIANE LOUIE
Sex Female
Position Registered Nurse S/N

Name PARKS
Position Registered Nurse

Name Doctor LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT

Race	White
Sex	Male
Position	Doctor
School	Guadalupe, Mexico
Intern	San Fransisco City of County Hospital

Name
 Nee
 Sex
 Race
 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Height
 Weight
 Hair
 SSAN
 Residence

[REDACTED]

Telephone
 Destination
 Point

[REDACTED]

Education

Martial
 Status
 Son

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Security Force (u)

Name	JOHNNY COBB
Position	Co-Captain
Race	Black
Sex	Male
Height	6'0"
Build	Thin
Age	18 years old
Place of Birth	Indiana
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Other Characteristics	Bow legged, raspy voice

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Name MARK CORDEL
 Age 18 years old
 Race White
 Sex Male
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Black
 Height 5'7"
 Build Medium

Name CALVIN DOUGLAS
 Age 19 - 20 years old
 Height 5'8"
 Hair Brown
 Eyes Black
 Race Black
 Sex Male
 Other
 Characteristics Bow legged
 Georgetown

Name TINETRA FAIN
 Race Black
 Sex Female
 Hair Brown
 Eyes Brown
 Age 19
 Height 5'6"
 Build Small

Name DON FITCH
 Race White
 Sex Male
 Age 29 years old
 Hair Red
 Eyes Blue
 Height 5'8"

Name STANLEY GIEG
 Sex Male
 Race White
 Height 5'4"
 Hair Black
 Eyes Black
 Age 18 years old

Name LEE INGRHAM
 Age 35 years old
 Race Black
 Sex Male
 Build Medium
 Height 6'2"
 Hair Black
 Eyes Black
 Other
 Characteristics Glasses
 Georgetown

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Name AVA JONES
Height 5'8"
Build Small
Race Black
Sex Female
Eyes Brown
Position Head Counselor of Education
over children and House
Elite

Name LOU JONES
Age 20
Nationality Korean
Hair Black
Eyes Black
Build Small
Height 5'4"

Name JIM JONES, Jr.
Height 6'2"
Hair Black
Race Black
Sex Male
Age 18 years old
Georgetown

Name JOHNNY JONES, Jr.
Alias Johnny Cobb

Name RONNIE JONES
Height 6'0"
Race Black
Sex Male
Hair Black
Eyes Black
Build Thin
Other
Characteristics Knew karate

Name STEVEN JONES
JIM JONES' son
Height Tall
Race White
Sex Male
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
Age 19 years old
Facial Hair Mustache
Other
Characteristics Visited Cuba.
Georgetown

Name TIM JONES
Position Captain
Father JIMMY JONES' son
Age 19 years old
Height 6'0"
Race White
Sex Male
Hair Black
Facial hair Moustache
Eyes Blue
(Presently Georgetown)
Other
Characteristics Bombed train in Roseville,
California

Name (Missing) TIM JONES
Height 5'5"
Hair black
Eyes Black
Sex Male
Race Black
Age 19 years old
Other
Characteristics Eye muscles

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Name BOB KICE
Age 30 years old
Race White
Sex male
Hair Red
Eyes Blue
Build Medium
Height 5'8"

Name TOM KICE
Age 40s
Race White
Sex Male
Build Thin
Height 6'1"
Hair Dark Brown

Name TEDDY MC MURRY
Age 17 years old
Hair Brown
Eyes Green/brown
Height 5'5"
Build Small

Name SEBASTIAN MC MURRAY
Race Black
Sex Male
Eyes Green or light brown
Height 5'6"
Other Characteristics Black belt in Karate

Name BILLY OLIVER
Age 17 years old
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
Height 5'8"
Build Large

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Name BRUCE OLIVER
Age 20 years old
Race White
Sex Male
Height 5'8"
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown

Name DOUG SANDERS
Height 6'0"
Hair Black
Eyes Black
Race Black
Sex Male
Build Medium
Age 26 years old

Name AL SIMON
Nationality American Indian
Hair Black, shoulder length
Height 5'6"
Age 30 years old

name BONNIE SIMON
Race White
Sex Female
Hair Black
Eyes Black
Height 5'5"
Build Medium
Age 30 years old
Other
Characteristics Glasses, gold frame, shaded gray

Name DON SLY
Age 45 years old

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Race White
Sex Male
Height 6'2"
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
Build Medium
Other Characteristics Captain of boat

Name ALBERT TOUCHETTE
Race White
Sex Male
Hair Blond
Eyes Blue
Height 5'6"
Age 23 - 24 years old
Facial Hair Moutache

Name MIKE TOUCHETTE
Race White
Sex Male
Age 25 - 26 years old
Hair Brown/blond
Height 5'7"

Name WALTER WILLIAMS
Race Black
Sex Male
Age 19 years old
Hair Black
Eyes Black
Height 5'6"
Build Medium

Name JOE WILSON
Race Black
Sex Male
Hair Black

Eyes	Black
Height	5'8"
Build	Medium
Age	24 years old
Place of Birth	Atlanta, Georgia

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[redacted] she did not have any specific knowledge of acquisition, licensing, or shipment of any weapons by People's Temple members to Guyana; however, DIANE LOUIE told [redacted] eight months ago that THELMA JACKSON discovered a weapon in her baggage when she arrived in Georgetown, Guyana. JACKSON had no knowledge of who placed the weapon in her luggage. (u)

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[redacted] the following individuals received target practice in Ukiah, California. (u)

1. JIM COBB
2. PAUL FLOWERS
3. WAYNE PIETLA
4. JOE WILSON

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In Jonestown, JIM JONES had a group of the Security Force trained in silent weapons. The Silent Weapons team were trained in use of long bows and crossbows. (u)

1. MARIE DUCKETT
2. DON FITCH
3. TOM GRUBBS (Head)

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JIM JONES made constant threats against former People's Temple members and anyone else who attempted to interrupt the function of the People's Temple members (u)

JIM JONES stored approximately 20 weapons in the radio shed in Jonestown. The weapons were later moved to a different location. (u)

[REDACTED] not know where JIM JONES stored funds. DEBBIE BLAKEY escaped Jonestown with approximately \$25,000. TERRI (THERESA) BUFORD escaped the People's Temple with approximately \$50,000 (u)

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JIM JONES instructed People's Temple members to protest if any members were arrested. (u)

JIM JONES instructed members that the United States government would attempt to kill or kidnap and in the event this occurred the members were to fight or commit suicide. (u)

JIM JONES did not discuss any plans to kill officials of the International, federal, state or local governments. (u)

The following individuals were members of the planning commission. (u)

- LEONA GORLLIER - Secretary
- EVA PUGH - Treasurer
- CAROLY LAYTON - Secretary
- JOHNNY BROWN - Advisor
also known as (aka) Johnny Jones
- JIM MC ELVANE - Head of Security
- KAREN LAYTON - Secretary
- MARIA KATSARIS - Finance and Public Relation
- MARCELINE JONES - Wife of JIM JONES
- BONNIE BERK - Public Relation, Probation Officer
in Mendocino County, California.

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[redacted] the following individuals extremely dangerous: (u)

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Guyana

- MARIA KATSARIS
- CAROLYN LAYTON - Secretary
- MIKE PROKES - attempted to leave Jonestown with \$500,000.00.
- TIM CARTER - " " " " " "
- MIKE CARTER - " " " " " "

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San Fransisco

- FRANCES JOHNSON
- DEBBIE EVANS
- TOM ADAMS
- JEAN BROWN
- JANE CYRM
- HADDIE NEWELL

Sister of Cleveland and HERBERT NEWELL (u)

[redacted] the Security Force and Angels were not identical; however, some Security Force members might be Angels. (u)

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ANGELS were individuals chosen by JIM JONES to eliminate former People's Temple members. (u)

See listing of Security Force members. (u)

PAULA ADAMS gave sexual favor to officials of the Guyana government and the United States Embassey (u)

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[redacted] JIM JONES announced on Tuesday, November 14, 1978, Congressman RYAN would be visiting Georgetown. JIM JONES stated he could not prevent RYAN from landing

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in Georgetown, and the Guyana government was pressuring JONES to allow RYAN to visit Jonestown. JONES stated if RYAN visited Jonestown, "He won't stay any longer than tea." (u)

[REDACTED] she had heard the following individuals were involved in the assassination of RYAN. (u)

1. RONNIE JAMES
2. BOB KEIS
3. TOM KEIS
4. ALBERT TOUCHETTE
5. JOE WILSON

[REDACTED] no knowledge as to whether the mass deaths at Jonestown were voluntarily or forced. (u)

[REDACTED] she did not know of the existence of an assassination squad nor the identities of its members. (u)

[REDACTED] JIMMY JONES had stated on many occasions that individuals were assigned to deal with People's Temple members who defected. (u)

[REDACTED] the following People's Temple members might have criminal records. (u)

1. MARIE DECWER
Race Black
Sex Female
May be a fugitive in San Fransisco or Los Angeles.
2. JOHN HARRIS
Aka Peter Holmes
Race Black
Sex Male
Served time.

3. CAROLYN LAYTON
Served time in Mexico. (u)

The individuals listed below operated the radio.
The radio code book was stored in the radio room. (u)

SHARON AMOS
WESLEY BRIENDENBACK
DONNY CASSANOSA,
TIM CARTER
KAREN LAYTON
SANDY COBB - Georgetown Traffic (u)
MIKE PROKES
ROBIN TOUCHETTE
ANDREA WALKER

JIM JONES had People's Temple members sign blank sheets of paper at meetings in the Pavillion. Confession would be placed on the signed sheets of paper and used against members who defected from the movement and caused problems. (u)

JIM JONES also had individuals write their own confessions whether the admission was true or false. (u)

Jonestown was visited by two Soviet officials, a doctor and another individual from the Soviet embassy. (u)

DIANNE LOUIE accompanied the Soviet doctor during his visit in Jonestown. [REDACTED] the doctor was in Jonestown to examine JIM JONES; however JIM JONES was not examined. The doctor did have discussions with JIM JONES. (u)

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