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[redacted] was interviewed on Wednesday, December 8, 1978, at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and Secret Service Agent [redacted] (u)

[redacted] he was born [redacted] on [redacted]. He left [redacted] at the age of four and later returned to attend school. He stated that he joined the army in August, 1975, after completing the eleventh grade at [redacted]. He received a general discharge from the army after ten months, twenty-nine days; went to Memphis, Tennessee and then back to [redacted] where he remained from January, 1977 until May, 1977. (u)

[redacted] he left [redacted] for San Francisco at the persuasion of his grandmother, who had joined the People's Temple (henceforth referred to as PT or temple) in 1972. She, [redacted] had described the PT as a racially harmonious body wherein he could learn a trade and earn a lot of money. [redacted] after arriving in San Francisco, he attended the temple several times and joined in June, 1977. (u)

[redacted] he, along with thirty other PT members, left San Francisco for Guyana in August, 1977, via a bus to New York (NY). In NY they boarded a plane for Georgetown via Caruso and Port of Spain. After arriving in Georgetown, they went through immigration and then to Lamara Gardens at 41 Dennis Street. He stated that he and approximately 160 other predominantly new members later left Georgetown for Jonestown aboard the Cudjoe, piloted by TIM SWEENEY and PHILIP BLAKEY. (u)

[redacted] after arriving in Jonestown, the new members were briefed and given work assignments. [redacted] his first assignment was as a field hand but, since he did not like field work, asked for a change of assignment. He stated that he was asked to take [redacted]

[redacted] The persons [redacted] on the security team during this time were: (u)

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TIM JONES, JIMMIE JONES, Jr., STEPHEN JONES, CHUCK BIEKMAN, BRUCE OLIVER (deceased), DARELL DEVERS (deceased), AL SIMON (deceased) and JOHNNY COBB. (u)

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[REDACTED] used a .22 rifle, a .308 rifle and a 12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun. He stated that he also observed approximately 24 handguns (.22's, .38's and .45's), seven shotguns, eight rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. He further stated that he was told that two of the shotguns were licensed to him and another individual by the Guyanese Government for hunting purposes. (u)

[REDACTED] whereas he does not know of any firearm training received by PT members, he is aware of the fact that the guns were shot in the bushes on a monthly basis for test purposes. He also stated that on one occasion, at a meeting, JIM JONES shot a flare gun into a tub of gasoline and said that it was a new bomb. (u)

[REDACTED] after arriving in Guyana, he found that it was not what he thought it would be. He stated that his primary purpose was to make money, however, he was not doing so and he did not like the idea of his grandmother giving her social security check to JIM JONES. (u)

[REDACTED] the first white night was held after his arrival in September, 1977. JIM JONES called everyone to the pavilion and told them that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had taken over Guyana and that the surrounding areas were filled with mercenaries. JONES also stated, for the first time, that if anything happened, everyone would commit suicide. Finally after six days of alert, JONES told them that FRED WILLS, a member of the Guyanese Parliament, has taken care of everything in Georgetown and in the states. (u)

[REDACTED] all of the white nights were held during the rainy season: the first, as aforesaid, in September, 1977, the others in February, March and July, 1978. (u)

[REDACTED] the members of the Inner Core of the Planning Commission were: TISH LEROY (deceased), JOHN JONES, Jr., GENE CHACKIER (deceased), JACK BEAM (deceased), CHARLIE TOUCHETTE (in Barbados), ALBERT TOUCHETTE (deceased son of former), LEE INGRAM (Georgetown), JOYCE TOUCHETTE (deceased wife of CHARLIE) and RICHARD JANIERO. (u)

[REDACTED] the people who JONES trusted and could be considered extremely dangerous if they are alive and in the United States (US) are: STEPHEN JONES, JOHNNIE JONES, TERRY BUFORD, PAULA ADAMS, HEW FORTSON, LEONA COLLIER, JEAN BROWN; the following deceased persons were also trustees: ANNIE MOORE, SHUNDA JAMES, MARIA KATSARIS, SHARON AMOS, JIM MC LEVAIR and DEBBIE TOUCHETTE. (u)

[REDACTED] the persons operating the radio and having access to the codes were: MARIA KATSARIS (radio operator), CAROLYN LAYTON (substitute), SHARON AMOS (substitute), MIKE CARTER (morse code) and JUDY (Last name unknown) (LNU) (code). He further stated that he was in the radio room approximately two months ago when he heard the phrase "give my love". He stated that CAROLYN LAYTON and MARIA KATSARIS told him that the phrase meant that JIM JONES would die. He further stated that the phrase "tell them I miss them" was a code that he heard approximately three or four months ago and meant that the assassination squad would "get" the defectors. (u)

[REDACTED] the term "the angels" referred to the team of people who were left to "get rid" of defectors and traitors. He stated that whereas he does not know who the angels are/were, CHRIS LEWIS (deceased), TIM CARTER and MIKE PROKES are likely suspects. (u)

The following people, [REDACTED] were regarded as enemies of the temple: GRACE and JIM STOEN (parents of JOHN VICTOR STOEN); the following defectors: The METLOCKS, the MYRTLES, JIM COBBS, MICKIE TOUCHETTE and DEBBIE BLAYTON. [REDACTED] whereas he does not know of any plans to assassinate any public official, JIM JONES had an extreme dislike for (u)

California Governor JERRY BROWN, the San Francisco Mayor prior to MOSCONE and CHEDDY JAGIR, the party leader of PPP. (u) b7c

[redacted] on November 6, 1978, [redacted] the basketball team, the coach and trainer, went to Georgetown for a tennis tournament. The only thing unusual about the day that the team left, [redacted] was that the people were not working. Many of the wives, however, cried as the team left. At this point, [redacted] recalled that after hearing of the mass suicides, CARL BARNETT said that ED CRENSHAW told him that they may never see each other alive. BARNETT stated that he took it as a joke. (u)

[redacted] on November 17, 1978, SHARON AMOS told STEPHEN JONES that JIM JONES had ordered them back to Jonestown. STEPHEN told SHARON that he was not going back. The basketball team then gathered in the radio room to listen to a conversation between JIM JONES and STEPHEN. JIM JONES, [redacted] told STEPHEN that RYAN's (Congressman) group would cause trouble. [redacted] STEPHEN told JIM JONES that the Congressman would not because the two of them had talked at Sewall on the day before. [redacted] STEPHEN again refused to go back to Jonestown and told JIM JONES that the basketball team would stay with the "snake man" (owner or operator of a karate gym). (u)

[redacted] reference to the November 18, 1978 suicides, stated that STANLEY CLAYTON, PT cook, said that JIM JONES ordered the shooting of RYAN, the reporters and PATRICIA PARKS. [redacted] ALBERT TOUCHETTE (deceased) was present at the ambush and that the following persons probably participated: JOE WILSON (deceased), JOHNNIE JONES, Jr. (deceased), CALVIN SMITH, WESLEY BRIEDENBACK (deceased), ELKIHUE DENNIS (deceased), EDDIE CRENSHAW (deceased) and DON SLY. He further stated that DAVID GEORGE was probably the tractor driver and that he has some suspicion about the part that TIM CARTER and MIKE PROKES played. [redacted] CARTER and PROKES were told by JONES that their mission was to stay alive. (u)

[REDACTED] STANLEY CLAYTON said that when JONES called everyone to the pavilion on November 18, 1978, for the suicide ritual, everyone thought that it was a test. THURMAN GUY, [REDACTED] drank the concoction, went into convulsions, fell and was dead five minutes later. People then started running back and some were screaming. JONES ordered that the babies be injected first. One lady, RULETTA PAUL, volunteered and gave her baby to the medic for the injection. Other women refused to give up their babies. The security squad threatened to kill them and at that point started snatching babies. (u)

[REDACTED] JIM JONES told BILLY OLIN and LOU JONES to make sure that everyone was dead and then kill themselves. (u)

[REDACTED] BILLY OLIN (deceased) told him that JONES had used a double (impersonator) on several occasions and perhaps because of this, STEPHEN JONES said that he did not believe that JIM was dead. JIM JONES DAY and JOHNNIE COBB, however, identified JONES' body. (u)

[REDACTED] the only connections with Russia that he had knowledge of were a visit by two Russians, one from the Russian Embassy; the other a Medical Doctor (MD), and the fact that JIM JONES had stated that in the event of a mass suicide, Russia would give them asylum. JIM had also stated that he had asked ROSALYN CARTER to send medical aid to Cuba. (u)

[REDACTED] MIKE PROKES told PAULA ADAMS that there were four outstanding warrants for members of the PT. He stated that PAUL MC ANN said one might be for him for bad checks and CLEVELAND LEWIS said he may have one for traffic tickets. (u)

Other miscellaneous information given [REDACTED] is as follows: (u)

1) JONES' body guards: JIMMIE JONES, Jr., TIM JONES DAY and CALVIN DOUGLAS. Substitutes were JOE WILLIAMS, AMANDO GRIFFITH and LOU JONES, all deceased. These bodyguards were sometimes armed with .38s or .45s. (u)

2) California Lieutenant Governor DI MALLY visited the PT in 1975 or 1976 and there was a big feast. DICK GREGORY and MUHAMMAD ALI, according to JONES, were to visit Jonestown. (u)

3) Alpha was the first white night (u)

4) Hut 14 was known as the family house and the following people lived there: TIM, JOHNNIE COBB, TIM JONES DAY, JIMMIE JONES Jr., BRENDA COBB (deceased sister of JOHNNIE), CLARENCE COBB (deceased) and MONA COBB (deceased) (u)

A CB radio, shotgun and rifles were also housed there (u)

5) BILLY OLIVIR told him that money was kept in Redwood Valley at the temple (mother church) in a vault under the pulpit. (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)

7) JIM JONES would tell PT members what to tell reporters and forced PT members to write incriminating statements about themselves. (u)

In referenced to Dr. LAWRENCE E. SCHACHT, [REDACTED] (u)

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SCHACHT was a confidant of JIM JONES, that his education was financed by the PT and that he was a licensed doctor. He also stated that JUDY IJANS (deceased) was JIM's personal nurse. [REDACTED] described SCHACHT as quiet, arrogant, a loner and a male chauvinist who did not want female medical assistants. He also stated that there were rumors that SCHACHT was having a relationship with ROSE BURGER. (u)

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[REDACTED] the reason that he was going back to San Francisco was because JIMMIE JONES said that \$5,000.00 was waiting for everyone who came back to San Francisco. (u)

The following personal data was given [REDACTED] (u)

- Name
- Alias
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- Place of Birth (POB)
- Race
- Sex
- Height
- Weight
- Marks
- Marital Status

- Father

- Mother

- Social Security Number
- Destination Point

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