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A woman identifying herself as [redacted] was contacted upon arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport, and was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and Secret Service Agent [redacted] who remained present throughout the interview. (u)

[redacted] advised agents of the following information:

From 1970, at the time she was ten years old, [redacted] and her family had joined the People's Temple in San Francisco, California. In December of 1977, when she was 16 years old, she and her older sister decided to join the Church in Guyana and pursue a life style in farming. This was upon hearing of the numerous opportunities available in Guyana and the existence of an agricultural program she wished to avail herself of. (u)

(It is to be noted that the following paragraph describing the Church in Guyana as a "paradise valley" was subsequently admitted to the interviewing agents as lies by [redacted] she later corrected her statements). (u)

[redacted] upon her and her sister's arrival in Guyana, they were greeted warmly by Reverend JIM JONES and taken on a tour of the community. From the time she arrived, everyone appeared happy, helpful and kind, and there existed an atmosphere of freedom and choice. Everything was free: medical treatment, food, clothes, classes, entertainment, and she was never asked to donate any of her possessions over to the Church. [redacted] looked upon the Church as an opportunity and found that working in the Nursery there proved to occupy most of her time as she received much satisfaction from caring for the infants. A year had gone by before the rest of her family joined her from the United States but that during that year, she and her family had corresponded regularly with each other, with no interference or censuring of the mail by members of the Church. Meetings were held by Reverend JONES on Tuesdays and Saturdays, but it was not a religious worship service. Mostly, during the meetings, they discussed growth of the Jonestown community and agricultural programs and land development. Any personal problems in the Church, including complaints or disciplinary matters were not punished. (u)

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but were referred to counselors especially trained to help the people and listen to them. No bodyguards, guns, or security force were ever seen, and people were free to come and go as they wished. Suicide was never discussed; people were never, to her knowledge sedated for control; the Reverend JONES was acting normal up until she left, and she knew nothing about the assassinations or suicides until she heard about it all in Georgetown via the news. (u)

(The following was related to interviewing agents as an actual account of what happened):

[REDACTED] part of the People's Temple program involved some extension of public relations work outside in Georgetown. When seeking volunteers for this program, [REDACTED] stated that she and a girlfriend, [REDACTED] (black female, 19-20 years, a survivor) asked if they could go and did, in fact, leave for Georgetown about two months prior to the assassinations. In Georgetown, they stayed at a housing complex located at 41 Dennis Street, entirely occupied by members of the People's Temple. (u) b7C

She stated that prior to her two months' stay in Georgetown, she did, in fact, work in the Jonestown nursery on a regular basis. It was comprised of three large rooms and a large clinic adjacent to it which was used for checkups and the administration of drugs for treatment. In charge of the nursery were JOYCE PARKS, SYLVIA GRUBBS and PHYLLIS SHAKEN. There were two separate Special Care Units (SCU) and both under that title; however, one was especially for ill people, the other for those who were drugged for reprimand. Everyone knew which was for which. (u)

People that tried to defect, such as one THURMON GUY, were brought back to the camp by the security force and isolated far away in a box in the ground. This was called "the box" or "the floor" and was greatly feared. (u)

Other means of punishment were ostracism, such as having to eat alone at a table, public ridicule and humiliation before the congregation, and long exhaustive work. (u)

[REDACTED] JIM JONES would become especially upset if people expressed a desire to leave the Church. He would tell everyone that their relatives had lost concern for them, that they would be considered crazy and put in jail, and there would eventually be threats on their life. (u)

Once she recalled hearing shooting on the outside of the camp, at which time Reverend JONES called an "alert", and all were instructed to report to the Pavilion. These were called "white nights" or "white alerts" and would occur at times JONES felt the compound was being infiltrated or there was a threat of the Church being exposed. (u)

At one time, Reverend JONES called a meeting and asked who would be willing to commit suicide for the sake of the Church or if he or the Church were threatened. [REDACTED] nearly everyone raised their hand in view of the fact they were fearful if they refused. [REDACTED] she, too, raised her hand. Those that declined were called to the front and brutally humiliated and chastised. (u)

This punishment involved those persons instructed by JONES to drink, what he said to the congregation, was poison. Even though it never proved to be poison, [REDACTED] the person drinking it would actually come to believe it was so, and act delirious and feverish. This was also done in one suicide practice which occurred sometime earlier this year. (u)

[REDACTED] Reverend JONES always had at least two bodyguards around him at a time. These people wore guns on them everywhere but in the meetings. When the interviewing agent asked her if the guns were the size of his magnum, which he showed her for a size estimate, [REDACTED] some were, in fact, that size. (u)

[REDACTED] the security guards carried rifles around the grounds and that the weapons were kept in Cottage 14. However, she never saw weapons being delivered into the camp. (u)

The security force was designated the title "SAT" which was later changed to "Day Helpers" and "Night Helpers" (u)

[REDACTED] these individuals wore green, military-looking uniforms and patrolled the grounds for either renegades or possible infiltrators. (u)

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[REDACTED] knew to be a member of the SAT were as follows: (u)

- 1) STEVE JONES
White male
Six feet, four inches
19 years old
170 pounds
- 2) TIM TUPPER also known as Tim Jones Day
White male
Six feet
19 years old
Medium build
- 3) TIM JONES, JR. also known as Tim Jones Night
Black male
- 4) LOU JONES (probably dead)
Chinese or Korean
Five feet, seven inches
20 years old
Small build
- 5) JOHN COBB JONES
Black male
Six feet, two inches
18 years old
Slim build
- 6) CALVIN DOUGLAS
Black male
Five feet, eight inches
18 years old
Medium build

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- 7) BOB RANKEN
- 8) JOE WILSON
- 9) BILLY OLIVER
- 10) BRUCE OLIVER
- 11) JIM COBB
- 12) JOHNNY JONES, JR.
- 13) TONY WALKER
- 14) RON TALLEY
- 15) JOE WILSON

[REDACTED] the only person she knew to be on the Planning Committee was JOHNNY JONES, SR. (u)

When queried regarding any knowledge of drugs in Jonestown, [REDACTED] she occasionally saw duffle bags being loaded or unloaded on the two ships there but only surmised they could contain drugs. There was an "herbal kitchen" in Jonestown, run by FANNY FORD, [REDACTED] never knew whether drugs would be formulated there or not. Stuffed animals were made by the members of the People's Temple and sold to the children in Georgetown. (u)

[REDACTED] all mail was censored and corrected by those in charge, if necessary. The person in charge of the mail was RITA TUPPER. (u)

All members of the People's Temple were required to turn over their property to the Church and to send in donations before they established themselves in Jonestown. [REDACTED] her family was on welfare before they left the United States and that the Church probably kept their welfare checks because her family no longer received checks. They would siphon off these welfare checks upon delivery of the mail to Jonestown. (u)

The radio room at Jonestown was operated by those of some influence in the Church. They were: SARAH TROPP, CAROLYN LAYTON and MARIA CASARIS. The radio was used for communication to and from Georgetown and the United States, specifically San Francisco. In Georgetown, the radio was operated by SHARON AMOS. [REDACTED] she was occasionally permitted to speak over the radio. (u)

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[redacted] residing in Georgetown the last two months, she recalls seeing Congressman RYAN talking with SHARON AMOS before he left. (u)

[redacted] no knowledge of PAULA ADAMS' personal life or sexual compromises, but advised that ADAMS often stayed in Georgetown, and, in fact, resided in the same complex as she, at 41 Dennis Street. (u)

Upon a search of [redacted] by interviewing agents, and which was consented to [redacted] 13 Polaroid color photographs were observed. (u)

When asked if the men in the photos were members of the basketball team, [redacted] all men photographed, with the exception of two, were, in fact, members of the team. They were (u)

1. JOHNNY COBB
2. JOHNNY COBB and [redacted]
3. HERBERT NEWELL (two photos)
4. CLEVELAND NEWELL (two photos)
5. KARL BARNETT
6. JAMES JONES, Jr. and [redacted] (two photos) (u)
7. PRESTON WADE and [redacted]
8. DAWN MITCHELL, STEPHANIE JONES and [redacted]

The two who were not members of the team were designated by an "X" [redacted] by their person on the photogtaphs: (u)

1. CLIFFORD GEIG (two photos) (u)
2. EUGENE SMITH

[redacted] she knew most of them while she was with the Church in San Francisco; however, they left for Jonestown long before her departure. She stated they were all "good friends." (u)

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[REDACTED] each person photographed by writing their name on either the front or back side of the photo. [REDACTED] then initialed and dated each photograph. (u)

When asked when the pictures were taken, [REDACTED] they were all taken subsequent to the suicides and that all of the individuals, along with her, were staying at the complex at 41 Dennis Street. (u)

[REDACTED] the coach of the team, LEE INGRAM, was also staying there. (u)

Also disclosed in the contents [REDACTED] was a stenographer note pad in which she had written the following names and addresses: (u)

LE HORA TOWNES
[REDACTED]

MICHAEL SIMON
[REDACTED]

"Dad's phone" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WEBSTER/HAYS (LISA)
Burrell Wilson
[REDACTED]

RELATIVES:
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(u)

On a piece of paper was written the name of a person [REDACTED] had asked her had suggested she contacted; however, she advised she had never contacted this person; (u)

FRANK VICKERIE or VICKENER

[REDACTED]

(u)

The following description [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interview: (u)

- Name:
- Alias:
- Race:
- Sex:
- Date of Birth:
- Place of Birth:
- Height:
- Weight:
- Build:
- Hair:
- Eyes:
- Scars/Marks:
- Residence:
- Telephone Number:
- Education:
- Marital Status:
- Employment:
- Social Security Number:
- Arrests:
- Relatives:

[REDACTED]

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Relatives (Continued);



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Destination: