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TAGS: CASC(STOEN, JOHN VICTOR)  
SUBJECT: W/W: JOHN VICTOR STOEN, JAN. 25, 1972, U.S.  
1. JOHN VICTOR STOEN ALLEGEDLY TAKEN TO GUYANA DURING  
OCTOBER, 1976 WITH PEOPLES TEMPLE GROUP. HIS FATHER  
FORMER MEMBER OF GROUP HAS WITHDRAWN HIS PERMISSION FOR  
JOHN TO REMAIN WITH GROUP. MOTHER HAS OBTAINED LEGAL  
CUSTODY OF JOHN IN CALIFORNIA COURT DECISION. ATTORNEY IN  
U.S. FOR JIM JONES REFUSES TO HONOR CUSTODY DECISION OF  
TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO HAVE CHILD RETURNED TO U.S.  
2. JEFFREY A. HAAS, ATTORNEY FOR MOTHER, VISITED  
DEPARTMENT AUG. 29. HE IS TRAVELLING TO GUYANA AUGUST 30.  
EXPECTING TO ARRIVE GEORGETOWN APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AT  
NIGHT. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT EMBASSY CANNOT INTERVENE IN  
CUSTODY DECISION AND HE HAS BEEN GIVEN COPY OF GEORGE-  
TOWN'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS. HE PLANS CALL AT THE EMBASSY

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MORNING AUGUST 31 TO DISCUSS PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND TO DETER-  
MINE WHETHER IT IS SAFE FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN GEORGETOWN  
TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE CUSTODY OF CHILD THROUGH COURTS AND  
TO LEAVE GUYANA WITH THE CHILD. FYI HAAS CLAIMS THAT  
JONES HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEVERAL  
"EXECUTIONS" IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED ATTEMPT DETERMINE WHETHER CHILD,  
JOHN VICTOR STONE, IS IN GUYANA AND TO ASSIST MOTHER'S  
ATTORNEY AS POSSIBLE. VANCE  
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