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CLASS: CASS, COEN (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)  
SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IMMIGRANTS TO GUYANA  
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1. DETAILS REPORTED OF PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM RECENT LARGE  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED  
TO GUYANA. CONSUL VISITED JONESTOWN ON AUGUST 22 AND SPENT  
SEVERAL HOURS TOURING SITE. CONSUL SAJ JOHN STONE,  
SUBJECT OF REPTLE C. HE CONFIRMED IDENTITY  
THROUGH PHOTO PROVIDED BY MOTHER'S ATTORNEY.  
2. BISHOP JIM JONES MET WITH CONSUL AND DURING CONVERSATION  
EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT EFFECT PRESS ATTACKS BY MAGAZINE  
"THE BEST" WERE HAVING ON THE MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION.  
JONES BELIEVED THESE ATTACKS WERE THE PRIMARY REASON WHY  
MEMBERS RELATIVES IN THE US WERE INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND  
WELL BEING. HE STATED THAT ALLEGATIONS BY FORMER MEMBERS  
OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE THAT PEOPLE WERE BEING HELD AGAINST  
THEIR WILL IN GUYANA WERE DELIBERATE LIES. HE POINTED  
OUT THE LACK OF ARMED GUARDS AND OPENNESS OF THE SITE.  
SEVERAL TIMES WHEN JONES AND CONSUL CAME UPON A GROUP  
JONES INTRODUCED CONSUL AND THEN ASKED MEMBERS OF THE

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GROUP IF THEY WERE HAPPY AND DESIRED TO STAY. NOT  
SURPRISINGLY, THEY ALL ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY.  
3. IN THIS CONNECTION CONSUL IS COORDINATING RETURN TO  
THE US OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LENDING ASSISTANCE TO JONES  
ASSOCIATION IN PARA 2 WAS PART THAT [REDACTED] HAD LEFT JONES-  
TOWN WITHOUT HINDERANCE AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF THE  
GUYANESE AUTHORITIES IN PORT KAITUMA IN RETURNING TO US.

[REDACTED] LATER REQUESTED CONSUL TO INTERCEDE ON HIS  
BEHALF WITH PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TO RETURN HIM TO THE US SINCE  
HE WAS NOT SUITED FOR LIFE IN JONESTOWN. JONES, WHEN  
INFORMED BY CONSUL OF [REDACTED] REQUEST AGREED TO DO SO  
AS PEOPLE'S TEMPLE EMPLOYER.

4. CONSUL'S INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT PEOPLE'S TEMPLE  
HAS MADE SURPRISING PROGRESS IN 4 YEARS IN CLEARING SWE-  
PENDING JUNGLE AND ESTABLISHING A SETTLEMENT. THE  
COMMUNITY NOW CONSISTS OF SOME 600 PLUS INHABITANTS WHO  
IN KEEPING WITH SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY OF ORGANIZATION LIVE

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DORMITORY STYLE IN SMALL HOUSES AND EAT IN COMMUNAL DINING  
TEATS. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED A CLINIC WITH A MEDICAL  
SCHOOL GRADUATE AND FULLY TRAINED NURSES AND LABORATORY  
TECHNICIANS. THERE IS GRADUATE AGRONOMIST WHO HAS SUPER-  
VISED THE PLANTING OF CASSAVA, PINEAPPLE, SODAS, BEANS ETC.  
THE ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT IS VERY SIMILAR TO AN ISRAELI  
KIBBUZ. LOCAL GOV OFFICIALS WHILE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED  
ABOUT THE SUDDEN HEAVY INFUX OF AMERICANS AT JONESTOWN  
WERE BOUND IN THEIR PRAISE AT THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF  
THE IMMIGRANTS.

6. CONSUL NOTICED RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE. JONES DESCRIBED

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CHILDREN AS FORMER WARD OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
ALSO AT JONESTOWN WERE ABOUT 100 ELDERLY AMERICANS.  
INCLUDING ONE MAN REPORTED TO BE 122 YEARS OF AGE.  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER EXPLAINED EACH "SENIOR CITIZEN"  
HAS SMALL TASK TO PERFORM AND THAT THE ELDERLY HAVE  
RESPONDED VERY WELL TO THIS "SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROGRAM"  
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW WANTED AND USEFUL.  
7. CONSUL COULD NOT DETERMINE FROM SHORT STAY WHETHER  
HE WAS SUBJECTED TO MEGANTIC "PUT ON" BY JONES OR HIS  
MEMBERS TRULY ARE DEDICATED TO THEIR MISSION OF  
BUILDING A THRIVING, PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY.  
ALL MEMBERS APPEARED CHEERFUL, FRIENDLY, AND LOOKED  
REASONABLY HEALTHY. CONSUL HAD LUNCH THAT WOULD PROBABLY  
NOT WIN ANY CULINARY PRIZE BUT WAS FILLING. HOWEVER,  
WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT TO DATE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE  
HAS ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL, THERE IS ALSO NO DOUBT THAT  
JONES BELIEVES HE AND HIS GROUP ARE BEING THREATENED  
BY A CONSPIRACY OF "RIGHT WING FORCES" WHO ARE OUT TO  
DESTROY THE ORGANIZATION. ONLY JARRING NOTE DURING  
VISIT OCCURRED WHEN JONES ASKED CONSUL IF THE USG HAD  
REQUESTED THE GOG TO EXPEL THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IMMIGRANTS.  
JONES CLAIMED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT SUCH A REQUEST  
HAD BEEN MADE. CONSUL EMPHATICALLY DENIED CHARGE AND  
STATED SUCH ACTION WAS INCONCEIVABLE. JONES SHOWED  
CONSUL NUMEROUS TESTIMONIALS FROM CALIFORNIA POLITICAL  
FIGURES SUCH AS LT. GOV. MERVYN DYMALLY OF CALIFORNIA  
AND THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO. CHURCH LEADERS FROM  
CALIFORNIA, AND OTHER COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES THAT  
HAD BEEN SENT TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM ON BEHALF OF  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RECOMMENDING ORGANIZATION. ALL LETTERS  
APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITHIN THE PAST THREE  
MONTHS AND ALLUDED TO IMMIGRATION BY ORGANIZATION TO  
GUYANA. LETTERS WERE NOT POLITICAL IN NATURE AND  
REFERRED MOSTLY INSTEAD TO BASIC AIMS OF ORGANIZATION.  
JONES ALSO SHOWED CONSUL COPIES OF COURT DECISIONS TAKEN

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[REDACTED]

WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY, OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE AND IMPERSONATION. DOCUMENTS SHOWED THAT  
[REDACTED] HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF THE ABOVE CHARGES DURING  
THE PAST 10-12 YEARS AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAD HIS  
PASSPORT REVOKED. JONES CHARACTERIZED [REDACTED] AS ONE OF  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GREATEST ENEMIES.

THE VISITING VISIT CONSUL WAS PHOTOGRAPHED EXTENSIVELY  
BY HOME MOVIE AND STILL CAMERAS WHILE TOURING SITE WITH [REDACTED].  
PROBABLY THIS FILM WILL BE UTILIZED BY PEOPLE'S  
TEMPLE TO SHOW USA INTEREST IN PROJECT. MEMBER TAKING  
FILM INDICATED HE WAS PREPARING FILM AND MENTIONED THAT  
CONSUL WAS BELIEVED TO BE FIRST MEMBER OF USA TO VISIT  
COMMUNITY. FRANKLY IT WAS STRANGE TO HEAR A BACKGROUND OF  
SPIRITUAL MUSIC BEING SUNG BY MOSTLY BLACK ELDERLY PERSONS WHILE  
VISITING A COMMUNITY OF AMERICANS IN A REMOTE REGION OF  
GUYANA THAT CAN ONLY BE REACHED BY BOAT AFTER A 22 HOUR  
TRIP FROM GEORGETOWN OR BY A THrice WEEKLY FLIGHT AND THEN  
A ONE HOUR TRIP BY LAND COVER OVER A DIRT ROAD CARVED  
OUT OF THE WILDERNESS. ALL IN ALL, VISIT WAS BOTH INFOR-  
MATIVE AND INTERESTING.

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