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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO SECRETARY WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5273  
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INFO: PASS USA/CAR/TUMMINIA  
R.O. 11652: 4/1

INFO: C-257: (STOWN, JOHN)  
SUBJECT: M/V: JOHN VICTOR STOWN  
REF: (A) STATE 206679 (P) GEORGETOWN 2175

1. OFFICE REPORTED CONSUL CONFIRMED PRESENCE OF JOHN STOWN IN  
 GUYANA.

2. STOWN HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH U.S. ATTORNEY, JESSIE  
 WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS ARRANGED MEETINGS FOR STOWN WITH HIGH LEVEL GOV  
 OFFICIALS INCLUDING FOREIGN AND JUSTICE MINISTER AND SOLICITOR  
 GENERAL. WILLIAMS GOV APPEARS SYMPATHETIC AND FAVORABLE TO STOWN SVAC  
 HAS DEVELOPED.

3. STOWN ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL COOPER MARSHALL TRAVELED TO JONESTOWN  
 ON SEPTEMBER 5. TO SERVE PROCESS ON JONES TO APPEAR WITH STOWN  
 SON IN COURT IN GEORGETOWN ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. STOWN INFORMED  
 CONSUL TODAY, SEPTEMBER 7, THAT JONES ENDED PROCESS BY HAVING  
 REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE EXPLAIN TO MARSHALL THAT JONES  
 HAD NOT BEEN IN JONESTOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HOWEVER STOWN CLAIMED  
 HE SAID HE MET TWO GOV IMMIGRATION OFFICERS SHORTLY AFTER  
 LEAVING JONESTOWN WHO INDICATED THEY HAD SEEN JONES EARLIER

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IN THE DAY IN HIS TOWN. STOWN IS CONVICTED JONES IS DESPERATELY  
 LEAVING PROCESS AND IS CONCERNED THAT HIS CLIENT WILL LOSE  
 CUSTODY OF HER SON BY DEFAULT BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE  
 FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR A DEVOLUTY COURT DISPUTE. STOWN  
 INDICATED JONES APPARENTLY CANNOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF  
 LOCAL COURT IF HE IS NOT PERSONALLY SERVED PAPERS.

4. AMEMBASSY POSITION ON THIS CASE HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE  
 CONSUL ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE TO ATTORNEY. CONSUL  
 DECLINED TO ACCOMPANY STOWN TO INTERIOR ON SEPTEMBER 6. STOWN  
 BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER PRIMARILY INVOLVING GOV  
 JUDICIAL AND OFFICIAL PREFERENCE. STOWN COORDINATED STOWN  
 WITH GOV COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE TO PROVIDE STOWN  
 GOV MARSHALL WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND OFFICIAL  
 SUPPORT. CONSUL HAS INFORMED STOWN OF PROCEEDINGS OF  
 CONSUL SERVICE AS PROCESS AS DEVELOPED IN STOWN.

5. CONSUL CONSULTING WITH LOCAL ATTORNEY DETERMINED BY STOWN  
 ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT STOWN WILL NOW REQUEST STOWN COURT WITH STOWN  
 LOCAL POLICE OFFICIAL IN NORTHWEST STOWN STOWN COURT  
 STOWN. CONSUL HAS EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 7. DISCUSSED  
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... COURT IN VIEW OF THE DISTANCE ...  
... TO THE INTERIOR ...  
... OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE ...  
... AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ...  
... TO SERVICE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ...  
... REPRESENTATIVE ...  
... OF APPEAR TO EVADE ...  
... IN GUYANA AS ...  
... OF JOHN STOEN.

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... GEORGE 22175 2217292 ...  
... BELIEVES THAT JONES WILL NOT APPEAR IN COURT AND HAS ...  
... TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO JONESTOWN TO INSURE PAPERS ...  
... POLICE AND UNSUCCESSFUL. HARRIS' POSITION ...  
... AN AMERICAN WOMAN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED CUSTODY OF AN AMERICAN ...  
... AMERICAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITY AND HE ...  
... (I.E. CONSUL) TO PERSONALLY ...  
... JONES' COURT APPEARANCE. CONSUL, WHILE ...  
... IS STILL RELUCTANT TO ...  
... POSITION UNLESS ALL OTHER JUDICIAL ...  
... ARE EXHAUSTED.

ACTION REQUESTED: POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ...  
... REGARDING OUR ROLE IN THIS CASE.

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