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INFO: CASC, (KATSARIS, MARIA)

SUBJECT: WWW: MARIA AND STEVEN KATSARIS

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1. FIRST PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REETEL REPORTED PROBLEM THAT STEVEN KATSARIS, FATHER OF MARIA KATSARIS HAD BEEN KILLED IN A CRIMINAL ACT WHILE HIS DAUGHTER WAS SEPTEMBER, 1977. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE INTERcession OF MR. LAWRENCE MANN, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, A MEETING WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN TET-TWO IN GEORGETOWN ON NOVEMBER 15. CONSUL ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR MANN WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING. AMBASSADOR MANN EXPLAINED TO CONSUL THAT HE HAD PRESSURED JIM JONES, CHIEF FED OF THE PEOPLE TO HAVE MARIA MEET WITH HER FATHER. MANN WAS CONCERNED THAT THE RECENT UNFAVORABLE PRESS ARTICLES BROKE THE PEOPLE'S IMAGE THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE U.S. AND KATSARIS' DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WHITE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF AND THE CALIFORNIA STATEMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES IN AUGUST HIS PARENTS TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT KATSARIS' IMAGE IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION THIS MEETING

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TO STEVEN STEVEN KATSARIS' FATHER FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S SAFETY AND WELL BEING AND TO SCOTCH STORIES THAT MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE ARE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL IN VENEZUELA.

2. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT MANN'S GEORGETOWN RESIDENCE. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR TETE WAS SOON INVITED OVER THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING. MARIA KATSARIS DEMANDED THAT IT BE HELD AT THE CHAMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S LOCAL ATTORNEY. APPARENTLY, SHE ALSO REFUSED TO MEET AT THE EMBASSY BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT HER FATHER WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HER ABducted. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE MEETING BY A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE DAY THEM AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE.

3. THE MEETING LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AND REPORTEDLY MARIA WAS HOSTILE TOWARD HER FATHER. SHE SPARED HIM IN JUST SHORT SENTENCES AND DID NOT INVITE HIS CONVERSATION EXCEPT ON ONE OCCASION TO ACCUSE HIM

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OF ALL TIME HIMSELF WITHE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNE. HE REFUSED TO MEET ALONE WITH HER
BROTHER AND SHE NOT RESPOND TO ATTEMPTS BY HER FRIENDS.
ASKED THE CONSUL TO EXPLAIN HIS HOSTILITY OR DISRESPECT
TOWARD KATSARIS.

3. AFTER THE MEETING WAS OVER MANN EXPRESSED PARTIAL
DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROCEDEINGS. HE COULD NOT
UNDERSTAND THE GIRL'S ATTITUDE ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE MEETING AND IS CONCERNED THAT THE FAIRFAX
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAS
TURNED THE GIRL AGAINST HIM. MANN IS SOMEWHAT
RELIEVED THAT THE GIRL APPEARS TO BE PHYSICALLY HEALTHY
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AND MENTALLY ALERT. MANN CONFIDES TO CONSUL HE CONTINUES
TO BE IMPREPRESSIVE ABOUT THE EFFECT ALL THE PROBLEMS
INVOLVING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE ARE HAVING ON GUYANA'S IMAGE
IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION MANN STATED THAT
HE WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY A CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY WHO
INFORMED HIM THERE ARE FOUR TO FIVE CHILD CUSTODY CASES
PRESENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS OF CALIFORNIA THAT
ARE PRESUMABLY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO GUYANA BECAUSE THE
CHILDREN ARE HERE. HE INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT
JACKSONVILLE BEFORE HE RETURNS TO THE U.S. AT THAT TIME HE
INTENDS TO REASSURE JONES THAT HIS ORGANIZATION MUST
ACCEPTE THE LOCAL COURTS'S DECISIONS IN THESE CUSTODIAL
MATTERS. ANY ATTEMPTS TO DO OTHERWISE WILL SERIOUSLY HURT
THE ORGANIZATION AND ERODE ITS SUPPORT HERE. MANN IS CONCERNED
THAT IF JONES AND SOME OF HIS MEMBERS ARE
PSYCHOLOGICALLY PRESSURING OR OTHERWISE MISTREATING
INDIVIDUALS THIS WILL SURFACE AND GUYANA WILL BE THE
ULTIMATE LOSER. HE IS UNHAPPY WITH PERR'S REPORTS IN THE
U.S. THAT INDICATE THE DOG IS BEING BEHIND THE PEOPLE'S
TEMPLE CHURCH.

4. KATSARIS IN A LATER CONVERSATION WITH CONSUL
CORROBORATED ANN'S FEARS. HE BELIEVES THAT HIS
DAUGHTER WHILE PHYSICALLY HEALTHY HAS BEEN PSYCHOLOGICALLY
HURTEN AGAINST HIM BY THE ORGANIZATION. HE WAS VERY
UNSATISFIED TO AMBASSADOR MANN FOR HIS ASSISTANCE. KATSARIS
DEPARTED GUYANA THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 13 SATISFIED AT
SEEING HIS DAUGHTER BUT DISCOURAGED BY HER ATTITUDE.
5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORMING CONGRESSMAN
DON E. CLAUSEN THAT MEETING WAS ARRANGED AND TOOK PLACE.

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