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ACTION SCS-78
INFO OCT-81 ISO-00 CCO-00 PASO-02 /227

R 151-557 FEB 79
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0171
UNCLAS GEORGETOWN 0447
DEPT. FOR SCS
E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC: (FORTSON, RHONDA)
SUBJECT: W/A: RHONDA FORTSON
DEPT. PASS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A, CDC/MB
REVIEWED BY _____ DATE _____
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

[REDACTED]

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1. THE EMBASSY'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND STATE DEPARTMENT
GUYANA DESK OFFICER HAD CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]
RHONDA FORTSON, ON FEBRUARY 2, 1978 AT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY. SHE APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND SAID
SHE WAS HAPPY WITH HER LIFE AT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNITY. SHE ALSO SAID SHE HAD SENT YOU A LETTER ABOUT A
WEEK AGO.

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2. THIS WAS THE THIRD VISIT THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE MADE
TO JONESTOWN WITHIN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. WHILE ALL OF THE
COMMUNITY'S YOUNGER PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL
WORK, THEY APPEAR TO BE DOING SO WILLINGLY. WE HAVE
SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE PHYSICALLY
EXHAUSTED OR RUN DOWN BY THIS WORK. [REDACTED]
SAID SHE WOULD TRY TO WRITE TO YOU MORE OFTEN.

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3. I HOPE THE ABOVE INFORMATION CLARIFIES SOMEWHAT

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[REDACTED] SITUATION. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT
THE EMBASSY IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
BURKE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

4. PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION WAS GRANTED ORALLY BY
RHONDA FORTSON FOR US TO PASS ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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TO

BURKE

NOTE BY DC/T: GEORGETOWN 447 PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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