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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO) GY

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S PROPOSED VISIT TO GUYANA

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 3125 (B) GEORGETOWN 3174

1. MCCOY AND SCS STAFFER BELT MET WITH RYAN'S LEGAL
COUNSEL (MS. JACKIE SPEIERS) ON OCT 3 TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED VISIT TO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GUYANA. DRAWING
ON POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL A AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
MCCOY DETAILED PROBLEMS RYAN SHOULD CONSIDER IN PLANNING

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TRIP.

2. MCCOY EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES IN TRAVELING TO
THE TEMPLE'S AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY AND THE IMPORTANCE
OF HAVING THE TEMPLE AGREE TO THE VISIT. IN THIS
CONNECTION MCCOY MENTIONED THAT TO DO OTHERWISE
COULD LEND CREDENCE TO ATTORNEY MARK LANE'S CHARGES OF
A "MASSIVE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE TEMPLE" REPORTED
IN REF B. BELT ADDED THAT CONGRESSMAN SHOULD JUSTIFY
VISIT TO TEMPLE AS ON SITE INSPECTION OF CONDITIONS AT
JONESTOWN IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM CONSTITUENTS.

3. RYAN'S AIDE NOTED SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MCCOY AND
BELT AND WELCOMED EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.
SHE WAS UNSURE WHETHER RYAN WOULD AGREE TO CONTACT
TEMPLE IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN ABOUT ALLEGA-
TIONS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INTIMIDATION OF TEMPLE MEMBERS
PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF VISITORS. NEVERTHELESS, SHE
RECOGNIZED THIS MAY BE THE ONLY SOLUTION TO INSURE
ENTREE TO THE COMMUNITY.

4. MS. SPEIERS INDICATED THAT TRIP IS STILL BEING
CONSIDERED FOR LATE NOVEMBER 78. DEPARTMENT WILL
INFORM EMBASSY OF CONGRESSMAN'S PLANS WHEN KNOWN.

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