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SUBJ: PEOPLES' TEMPLE PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT OF CODEL RYAN

REF: GEORGETOWN 3734

1. REPRODUCED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A PEOPLES' TEMPLE PRESS  
RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE VISIT OF CODEL RYAN. ALTHOUGH  
THE RELEASE IS DATED NOVEMBER 13, IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS NOT  
RELEASED UNTIL NOVEMBER 15.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

# I STATEMENT: REGARDING VISIT OF VIST OF LEO RYAN AND  
MEMBERS OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES"  
CONCERNED RELATIVES, AN ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY FORMED TO SPEARHEAD  
ACTIVITIES AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE, HAS STEPPED UP ITS MALICIOUS, YEAR

ROUND CAMPAIGN OF LIES AND HARASSMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TEMPLE.  
THE GROUP HAS NOW ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF A CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN, L  
EO  
RYAN (WHO STYPLES HIMSELF AS A "LIBERAL", BUT WHO VOTED FOR MILITARY  
AID  
TO THE PINOCHET REGIME). MR. RYAN IS COMING TO GUYANA WITH THE EXPRE  
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ED INTENTION OF "VISITING OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY OF JONESTOWN."  
OSTENSIBLY TO "INVESTIGATE" THE COMPLAINTS AND CHARGES MADE BY THE "C  
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CERNED RELATIVES" GROUP. 40 MEMBERS OF WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.  
ALSO PART OF THE ENTOURAGE WILL BE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA,  
WHO HAVE ALSO TAKEN PART IN THE VENDETTA AGAINST JIM JONES.  
THE VISIT IS ACTUALLY A CONTRIVED "MEDIA EVENT." IT IS BEING STAGED  
FOR

THE PURPOSE OF MANUFACTURING ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR THE JONESTOWN COMM  
UNITY,

HOPEFULLY BY PROVOKING SOME SORT OF INCIDENT.

THE SHAM INVESTIGATION IS ONLY THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF PLOYS  
ORCHESTRATED BY THE ANTI-TEMPLE FACTION, SOME OF WHOM HAVE THREATENED  
TO

HIRE MERCENARIES TO ILLEGALLY ENTER GUYANA AND INVADE JONESTOWN.

IN SEPTEMBER, CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY MARK LANE AND AUTHOR DONALD FRDED  
VISITED JONESTOWN TO INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES"

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ABOUT JIM JONES AND PEOPLES TEMPLE. LANE AND FREED ARE FOUNDERS OF THE  
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CONCERNED RELATIVES IS NOW ACTUALLY KNOWN AS THE "HUMAN FREEDOM CENTE  
R")  
CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, A NATION-WIDE ORGANIZATION IN THE UN  
ITED  
STATES THAT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN RE-OPENING INVESTIGATIONS OF THE  
KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS. THEY FOUND ALL CHARGES OF THE "CONC  
ERNED  
RELATIVES" AGAINST JIM JONES AND THE PEOPLES TEMPE TO BE COMPLETELY F  
ELSE,  
AND REPORTED THEIR FINDINGS FULLY TO THE NEWS MEDIA AT PRESS CONFEREN  
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HELD IN BOTH GEORGETOWN AND SAN FRANCISCO. THEY ALSO CONCLUDED THAT T  
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"CONCERNED RELATIVES" ARE PART OF A NATIONAL CONSPIRACY ULTIMATELY AI  
MED

AT DESTROYING PEOPLES TEMPLE. THE CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, AS  
MARK LANE REPORTED IN GEORGETOWN, IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A LAWSUIT TH  
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WILL NAME SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, AND A  
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FOR DAMAGES INTO THE SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTOWN ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ACTIVITIES AND THE  
INTENTIONS

OF THE SO-CALLED "CONCERNED RELATIONS" GROUP. THEY HAD AGREED TO MEE  
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WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN IN JONESTOWN, BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITIONS THAT 1  
) MR.

RYAN AND HIS STAFF WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER CONGRESSPERSONS MORE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THIRD WORLD CONCERNS (MR. RYAN'S CONSTITUENCY IS AL  
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WHITE AND WELL-TO-DO); 2) THAT MARK LANE OF THE CCI WOULD ALSO COME A  
LONG;

3) THAT NO MEDIA AND MEMBERS OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES" WOULD PARTICIPA  
TE.

THESE CONDITIONS WERE REFUSED BY CONGRESSMAN RYAN. MR. RYAN HAD ORIG  
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PLANNED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY NOTORIOUSLY ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSM  
AN

EDWARD DERWINSKI OF ILLINOIS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTO  
WN HAVE

SIGNED A STATEMENT REFUSING TO SEE CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THOSE ACCOMPA  
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HIM.

THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTOWN ARE ALSO PUTTING CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND HIS  
GROUP

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ON OFFICIAL NOTICE THAT THEY WILL BE REQUESTING GUYANA POLICE PROTECTION

IN THE EVENT THAT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO ENTER THE JONESTOWN COMMUNITY AGAINST

THEIR WILL. SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST, AND ARE AGAIN ANTICIPATED.

PURTHER, PEOPLES TEMPLE CHARGES THAT CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THE PERONS TRAVELING WITH HIM (INCLUDING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES) ARE PLANNING TO MISPORTRAY JONESTOWN. JONESTOWN IS BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION

A "CLOSED SOCIETY." ON THE CONTRARY, THE COMMUNITY WISES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ITS COLLECTIVE REFUSAL TO ENTERTAIN THE FALSE FRONT GROUP OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES" (AND WHOEVER THEY MAY USE TO ATTEMPT

TO DIGNIFY THEIR LIES) IS WARRANTED BY THE INTENTIONS BEHIND THEIR VISIT, AND THEIR HISTORY OF SUBSTANTIAL AND MALICIOUS ANTI-TEMPLE ACTIVITY. JONESTOWN HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OPEN COMMUNITY. LETTERALLY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING GUYANESE OFFICIALS, U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,

PEOPLE FROM MANY NATIONS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF RESIDENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS (U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL), FILM COMPANIES, AND MANY MORE, HAVE

VISITED JONESTOWN. SOME HAVE REMAINED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

ALL HAVE RECOGNIZED AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY PRAISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NOW MORE THAN 1100 "PIONEERS" OF ALL RACES WHO HAVE BUILT A SOCIETY OF EQUALITY AND SHARING THAT HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY TERMED A "MODEL OF COOPERATION",

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"FIRST-RATE EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY LIFE", AND EVEN "A SOCIETY OF THE FUTURE."

HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE WHO FOR PERSONAL OR POLITICAL REASONS SEEK TO SLANDER THIS COMMUNITY. PEOPLES TEMPLE REJECTS ANY CHARGES THAT ANY RESIDENTS IN JONESTOWN ARE BEING, OR HAVE BEEN IN ANY WAY ABUSED, HELD IN

THEIR COMMUNITY AGAINST THEIR WILL, OR ARE IN GUYANA ILLEGALLY. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURPRISED OR DISCOURAGED BY THESE AND OTHER LIES OR CO-ORDINATED

EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO UNDERMINE THIS COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT SURPRISING, EITHER, THAT SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE "DIGNIFIED" WITH THE NAME OF

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A U.S. POLITICIAN (AT SOME EXPENSE TO TAXPAYERS). WE NOTE THAT CONGR  
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SMAN  
RYAN IS AS BUSY COVERING UP INVESTIGATIONS AS MARK LAND AND DONALD FR  
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ARE IN PURSUING THEM. MR. RYAN, FOR EXAMPLE, VOTED AGAINST THE REOPE  
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OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
WHICH THE CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY HAS SHOWN WAS A CONSPIRACY E  
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BY THE F.B.I.  
WHEREVER THE EFFORTS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE TO TAKE CONTROL OVER THEIR OW  
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LIEVS EMERGE, THEY WILL ENCOUNTER RUTHLESS OPPOSITION. PEOPLES TEMPL  
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HOWEVER, IS CONIDENT THAT SUCH EFFORTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT TH

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ARE AND WILL NOT SUCCEED. END TEXT.

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