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TAGS: CASC (FARRIS, MARSHALL)

SUBJECT: W/W MARSHALL FARRIS-AUGUST 5, 1987

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1. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO MEET THE REQUEST CONVEYED IN THE REFERENCED CABLE THAT THE EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR PICTURES TO BE TAKEN OF AN AMERICAN RESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE/JONESTOWN COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO SATISFY AN AMERICAN RELATIVE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS WELL. IT WOULD SET A PRECEDENT THAT COULD BE A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE EMBASSY'S SMALL CONSULAR STAFF IN DEALING WITH THIS COMMUNITY OF 1,200 AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR NUMEROUS RELATIONS IN THE U.S. AND WOULD NOT BE A PARTICULARLY RELIABLE INDICATION OF WELL-BEING.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE IN RESPONDING TO THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THESE W/W INQUIRIES CONSUL IDENTIFIES EACH CITIZEN THROUGH AN EXAMINATION OF THE CITIZEN'S PASSPORT. WHEN HE NEXT VISITS A PRIVATE, PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH THE INDIVIDUAL. WHEN JONESTOWN IS NEXT VISITED (WE ARE PLANNING A VISIT AUGUST 1) IT WILL BE SUGGESTED TO MR. FARRIS THAT WHEN HE NEXT WRITES HIS SISTER HE ENCLOSE A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

3. EMBASSY HAS WRITTEN FACT ACT AUTHORIZATION TO FARRIS TO INFORM RELATIVE ABOUT HIS RESIDENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA.

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