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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; U. S. CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN (DECEASED) -
VICTIM; CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE - CONSPIRACY;
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION.

CONCERNING THE JONESTOWN GUYANA INCIDENT, SATURDAY,

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NOVEMBER 18, 1978, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE HOSPITALIZED
AT ROOSEVELT ROAD NAVAL STATION, PUERTO RICO, AFTER BEING
MEDIVACED FROM GUYANA: 1. VERNON D. GOSNEY; 2. ANTHONY S.
KATSARIS; 3. BEVERLY OLIVER; 4. HOWARD OLIVER.

ALSO AT ROOSEVELT ROAD IS STEVEN A. KARSARIS, WHO WAS NOT
AT THE PLACE OF THE INCIDENT, BUT WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED HIS SON,
ANTHONY, WHEN BOTH WENT TO GUYANA TO SEE MARIE KATSARIS, THE
ELDER'S DAUGHTER (AND FOLLOWER OF JIM JONES).

MEDICAL CONDITION: 1. VERNON D. GOSNEY - RECEIVED
EXTENSIVE GUNSHOT WOUNDS AND CANNOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS
TIME; 2. ANTHONY KATSARIS - TO BE INTERVIEWED PM, NOVEMBER 28,
1978, PENDING MEDICAL APPROVAL. RECEIVED GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO
CHEST; 3. MRS. BEVERLY OLIVER - RECEIVED GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO
THE FEET, HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND EXTENSIVE STATEMENT FURNISHED;
4. HOWARD OLIVER - SUFFERED A STROKE. WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE
ATTACK AND CAN NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME; 5. STEVEN
KATSARIS - UNINJURED. NOT PRESENT AT THE ATTACK BUT IN GUYANA
AND HAS PROVIDED EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT NARRATIVE AS FURNISHED BY PERSONS
INTERVIEWED TO THIS POINT: ON NOVEMBER 14, 1978, CONGRESSMAN

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RYAN ON A VISIT TO JONESTOWN, GUYANA ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1978.

THIS GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN PEOPLE VISITED THE
JONESTOWN CAMP FOR A SHORT PERIOD FRIDAY EVENING, DEPARTING AT
APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT. THEY STAYED IN A GUESTHOUSE LOCATED
AT PORT KAITUMA. CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THE ATTORNEYS LANE AND
GARY SPENT THE NIGHT AT JONESTOWN CAMP.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VISITING GROUP RETURNED TO JONESTOWN
FROM PORT KAITUMA SATURDAY MORNING, AT APPROXIMATELY 10 AM.
TWO OR THREE HOURS LATER THE ENTIRE GROUP, INCLUDING RYAN, THE
NEWSMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE "CONCERNED RELATIVES" WERE TOLD BY
JONES THAT THEY HAD TO LEAVE. THIS PARTY NUMBERED APPROXIMATELY
SIXTEEN. ALSO ACCOMPANYING THIS PARTY WERE APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN
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DALE PARKER, WHO WAS LEAVING JONESTOWN PERMANENTLY AND ACCOMPANIED
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PARTY THAT ONE OF JONES' FOLLOWERS, LARRY LAYTON, WHO INDICATED
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A SEARCH INSTEAD AS HE WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE AND FANATIC
COMPONENT OF JIM JONES AND HE, PARKER, DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
LAYTON WAS ACTUALLY DEFECTING.

ON ARRIVING AT THE AIR STRIP AT APPROXIMATELY 1 PM, AND
WHILE WAITING FOR THE AIRCRAFT TO ARRIVE, A TRACTOR ARRIVED
UNEXPECTEDLY BEARING APPROXIMATELY FOUR MEMBERS OF JONES'
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ONE WITNESS, MRS. BEVERLY OLIVER, WAS INTERVIEWED AND
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FEAR OF ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS PROMPTED THE SURVIVORS TO HIDE IN THE BUSHES OVERNIGHT UNTIL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARRIVED TO PROTECT THEM. SET FORTH BELOW IS A LIST OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED WHOSE STATEMENTS WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THIS INVESTIGATION:

1. DALE PARKER AND ALL SURVIVING MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHO DEPARTED WITH HIM. PARKER WAS EITHER TRANSPORTED TO WASHINGTON, D. C., OR SAN FRANCISCO. NO ADDRESSES AVAILABLE. PARKER CAN PROVIDE IDENTITIES OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK AS HE WAS A RESIDENT OF JONESTOWN; 2. JIM COBB, MEMBER OF "CONCERNED

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RELATIVES" WHO CAN IDENTIFY SUBJECTS INVOLVED AS HE WITNESSED ATTACK. COBB AND ADDITIONAL PERSONS ARRIVING AT SAN FRANCISCO 5:30 PM THIS DATE AND WILL BE AT THE BELOW-LISTED CENTER;

3. AL HILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS AL MYRTLE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT HUMAN FREEDOM CENTER, 3028 JACONY STREET, BURLY, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (415) 848-1773, HOME TELEPHONE 653-8501, FORMER OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO, WHO CAN FURNISH PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND CAN AID IN THE LOCATION OF COBB AND PARKER; 4. DEBBIE LAYTON, SISTER TO LARRY LAYTON - PRIME SUSPECT. SHE CAN IDENTIFY "ARMED GUARDS" AT CAMP; 5. BOB FLICK, NBC PRODUCER WHO IS CURRENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED AT SAN JUAN; 6. YIN REITTERMAN, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER; 7. RON JAYERS, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE; 8. STEVE SONG, NBC, LOS ANGELES. REITTERMAN, JAYERS AND SONG ALL WITNESSED ATTACK AND/OR WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK; 9. JACKIE SPEAR, ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN RYAN. WAS MAKING A LIST OF THOSE PERSONS TO BOARD THE PLANE AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK; 10. JAMES SCHULERT, ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN RYAN.

FBI SAN JUAN IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF ADDRESSES OF ABOVE-MENTIONED POTENTIAL WITNESSES.

FBI SAN JUAN AT ROOSEVELT ROAD, HAWAII HOSPITAL WILL INTERVIEW VERNON GOSNEY (DEFECTOR) AND ANTHONY KATZARIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS - SUICIDAL.

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THE SAN JUAN IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF COPIES OF ABOVE-MENTIONED POTENTIAL WITNESSES.
FBI SAN JUAN AT ROOSEVELT ROAD NAVAL HOSPITAL WILL INTERVIEW VERNON GAGNEY DIRECTOR AND ANTONY ESTEBANZ. ARMED AND DANGEROUS - ORIGINAL.

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