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SUBJECTS: CONSPIRACY TO KIDNAP J. RYAN - 10/17/78; CONSPIRACY
ASSASSINATION STATUTE; FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, JAMES EARL RAY, MEMBER OF THE
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO WERE INTERVIEWED. SIX OF THESE PEOPLE
GAVE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. (SEE STATE A/CDC/MR)

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OF THE PT. THEN FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
REVEREND JAMES EARL RAY, FOUNDER OF
THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BELIEVER OF CHRIST,
FOUNDED THE CULT GROUP IN INDIANA IN THE LATE 1960S AND MOVED
WITH SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS TO THE MIAMI, CALIFORNIA, AREA IN
APPROXIMATELY 1964, WHERE HE FOUNDED THE FIRST TEMPLE KNOWN
AS THE REDWOOD VALLEY TEMPLE ON EAST ROAD, REDWOOD VALLEY,
CALIFORNIA, NEAR MIAMI. SUBSEQUENT TEMPLES WERE ESTABLISHED
IN SAN FRANCISCO AT 1833 BEARY BOULEVARD, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOUYE AND ALVARADO IN LOS ANGELES. THE
ONLY TEMPLE NOW OPEN IS THE ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

MEMBERS OF THE PT WERE COERCED INTO MAKING WRITTEN
STATEMENTS CONFESSING ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL ACTS SUCH AS YOUNG
TO KILL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHICH WERE THEN PICKED UP AT OPEN
MEETINGS OF THE TEMPLE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.
THESE STATEMENTS WERE THEN DELIVERED TO THE REVEREND JONES, WHO
USED THESE STATEMENTS TO INCREASE THE MEMBERS INVOLVEMENT IN THE
PT MOVEMENT.

THERE ARE REPORTED PROGRAMS FOR THE COLLECTION AND CACHING
OF FIREARMS HOWEVER, NONE OF THE INTERVIEWEES COULD GIVE
SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR ANY OF THE CACHES, NOR HAD THEY SEEN ANY.

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MEMBERS ENGAGED IN FIREARMS TRAINING AND WERE THREATENED WITH
ACTUAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE TO KEEP THEM IN LINE.

JONES USED THE CREATION OF A PLAN WHICH WOULD GO INTO
EFFECT IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST OR CAPTURE. THIS PLAN
REPORTERLY INSTRUCTED MEMBERS TO KIDNAP "PUBLIC OFFICIALS" AND
THEN HOLD THEM HOSTAGE UNTIL JONES' RELEASE. ALSO, IF ANYONE
ATTEMPTED TO EXPOSE THE PT OR PHYSICALLY INVADE IT, THE MEMBERS

WERE INSTRUCTED TO KIDNAP PUBLIC OFFICIALS' CHILDREN, KILL THE
CHILDREN, KILL THEIR OWN CHILDREN, AND THEN COMMIT SUICIDE.
NUMBER OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WAS ALSO CONSIDERED. IF A MEMBER
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ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DEPUTY CHIEF ELEN D'AMICIS, SAN
FRANCISCO PD, SPENT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO
TEMPLE AND WAS ASKED IF HE DESIRED TO "LOOK AROUND", WHICH HE
DID. HE SAW WEAPONS, BUT THE "SEARCH" WAS NOT A THOROUGH ONE.
LATER IN THE EVENING, NOVEMBER 19, 1978, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
CHIEF OF POLICE SCOTT EMMETT GAIN ENTERED THE TEMPLE FOR A
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND SAW NO WEAPONS.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1978, SAG MC KINNON AND ASAC LAMER MET
WITH CDF, SAN FRANCISCO, AND STAFF; DISTRICT ATTORNEY J
FRETHER AND STAFF; AN SECRET SERVICE SAG KENNETH LACOVONI AND

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WENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND DISCUSS STRATEGY.

WHETHER FBI, SAN FRANCISCO, OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE
ANY PROMPT OR ACCURATE INFORMATION TO DEVELOP PROBABLE CAUSE
FOR A SEARCH WARRANT OF THE TEMPLE.

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF'S OFFICE ADVISED THAT HIS BODY WOULD
ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SFO) VIA MILITARY
PLANE AT 3:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 21, 1978, WHERE IT WILL BE MET BY
AGENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING ANY WITNESSES. CURRENT
FEDERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1978, AND
FOR A REMOVAL FOR THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETARY, SAN
BRUNO, CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.
SECRET SERVICE, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF
CAPITOL POLICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO
NOVEMBER 21, 1978, A.M., AND ASSIST LOCAL POLICE IN FEDERAL
ARRANGEMENTS. THEY ADVISED THE CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER FROM
WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL ARRIVE SFO 10:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 22, 1978.
ATTENDERS SCHEDULED TO STOP AT CROSBY AND GRAY POLITICAL HOME,
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH, SOUTH SAN
FRANCISCO, AND THEN TO CEMETARY. SUBSEQUENTLY SCHEDULED TO
ATTEND RECEPTION AT AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL, SFO. CONGRESSIONAL
CHARTER SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., P.M.

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REGARDING A THREAT TO JOSEPH BOLZINGER, SON OF WILLIAM
BOLZINGER, AID TO RYAN, IT HAS BEEN RESOLVED AS A LOCAL MATTER
WITH NO KNOWN SIGNIFICATIONS TO THIS CASE.

DELTA AIRLINE PLANE RETURNING SEVEN PERSONS FROM GROUP
TRAVELING WITH RYAN ARRIVED AT SFO AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M.,
AND INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

GRACE STOKES, FEMALE WHITE, 25 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER WHO
STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

JANEY CHES, JR., FEMALE WHITE, 28 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER WHO
WENT TO JONESTOWN.

HENRY TONNETTE, FEMALE WHITE, 27 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER
WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

CLARA BOWNEY, FEMALE WHITE, 58 YEARS, ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS

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OF THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STATED IN GEORGETOWN.

MARYNE LAMUEL ROUSTON, FEMALE WHITE, 40 YEARS, MEMBER OF
THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STATED IN GEORGETOWN.

WALTER WAYNE PIETILA, MALE WHITE, 29 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER
WHO STATED IN GEORGETOWN.

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RONNIE LOIS THIELHORN, FEMALE WHITE, 23 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER,
WHO STATED IN GEORGETOWN.

ALL OF THE ABOVE PERSONS WERE EXTREMELY TIRED UPON THEIR
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JAMES CARR, JR., SUPPLIED THE BEST INSIGHT INTO THE ACTIVI-
TIES, WHICH IS MUCH THE SAME AS THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN BARTINNETT'S TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1970.
CARR GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF THOSE PERSONS HE SAW ON THE
TRAILER FROM WHERE THE SHOOTING CAME:

BOB KICE, TOM KICE, JOE WILSON, ALBERT TOUCHETTE, EDDIE
CHESMAN, WELLEY LAMB, RON JAMES, AND DON TALLY.

HE WITNESSED THE TWO KICES, WILSON, AND TOUCHETTE FIRE
POINT-BLANK AT FALLEN VICTIMS APPLYING THE COMP O'GRASS. HE
BELIEVES THAT ONE OF THE LAST FOUR NAMES LISTED ABOVE WAS THE
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OF THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

MADYNE LAUREL HOUSTON, FEMALE WHITE, 60 YEARS, MEMBER OF THE CONCERNED RELATIVES, WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

WALTER WAYNE PISTILA, MALE WHITE, 25 YEARS, FORMER MEMBER WHO STAYED IN GEORGETOWN.

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