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IN IDENTIFICATION. EXAMINATION OF THE PASSPORTS (STILL IN HANDS OF GOC POLICE INVESTIGATORS) SHOULD ALSO GIVE SOME CLUES AS TO THE NUMBER OF SURVIVORS WHO FLED TO THE JUNGLE AND WHO THEY MAY BE. THE EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED THIS AT ABOUT 1100. IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINING BODIES WILL BE DIFFICULT AND PROBABLY BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF THE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES.

6. IN THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DIXONS AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL, IT WAS AGREED THAT AVAILABLE AIR TRANSPORT WOULD BE CRITICAL TOMORROW. IN USING AIR TRANSPORT CAPACITY, FIRST PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO

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SEARCH FOR THOSE WHO MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THE REMAINING JUNGLE. MR. DIXONS POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVIVORS ARE WHITE IDENTIFIED AND MAY BE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THEIR HIDING PLACES TO RETURN TO JONESTOWN. AT THE SAME TIME, THE QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION AND BURIAL OF THE BODIES WILL BECOME CRITICAL.

7. AT THIS POINT THE GOC AUTHORITIES ARE NOT ISSUING CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS. THE EMBASSY WILL URGE THEM TO DO SO. MR. DIXONS OBSERVED THAT BOTH GOC AUTHORITIES AND THE EMBASSY HAD HEARD OF A GRAVEYARD IN JONESTOWN WHICH MIGHT BE BURIED, BUT NO ONE HAD SEEN IT. THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THE SURVIVORS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE DECISIONS WERE MADE TO TRY TO IDENTIFY

8. ON THE TIME ELAPSED SINCE THE DEATH OF AMERICANS IN JONESTOWN, DIFFICULTIES OF IDENTIFYING THE BODIES, THE TROPICAL CLIMATE AND PROBLEMS IN TRANSPORTING THE LARGE NUMBER OF BODIES FROM THE REMOTE SITES, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTING THE EMBASSY TO SEEK GOC ASSISTANCE IN LOCAL BURIAL IN MARKED GRAVES AFTER IDENTIFICATION.

9. MOD CONTINUES WITH ITS PREPARATIONS TO DISPATCH SUPPORT UNITS, HELICOPTERS AND A GRAVES IDENTIFICATION TEAM TO GEORGETOWN. AT THIS TIME, TWO C-141'S WITH THE GRAVES IDENTIFICATION TEAM ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FORT BRAGG AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 (EST). TWO CH-53'S CARRYING SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL DEPART HOWARD AFB AT 1000 AND 1100 (EST) AND ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN AT 0900 AND 1000. THE C-141'S WITH THE HELICOPTERS WILL DEPART FORT BRAGG AT 1100. AIRLIFT CAPACITY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO A TEAM OF

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FROM MIAMI). JIM WARD FROM SCA AND FRED SHAYED FROM ICA. THE AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE BODIES OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THREE NEWSMEN IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT GEORGETOWN

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S.C. AT 0840 ON NOVEMBER 21 AND TO ARRIVE IN SAN
FRANCISCO AT 2930 (CALIFORNIA TIME).

AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE HAS EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF
CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THE NEWSMEN KILLED AT JONESTOWN. VANCE
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