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TAGS: CASC. OREP (RYAN, LEO) GY

SUBJECT: PEOPLES TEMPLE: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M. LOCAL AMBASSADOR RECEIVED MESSAGE CONVEYED OUT OF CABINET IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER REQUEST HE HAD MADE BY MINISTER HAMILTON GREEN THAT THE BODIES IN JONESTOWN BE INTERRED LOCALLY. THE MESSAGE WAS THAT CABINET HAD DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD LI E ALL OF THE BODIES RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TO ASSIST IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO RELAX NORMAL REGULATIONS SUCH AS THE IDENTIFICIATION OF BODIES. THE PRINCIPAL REASON GIVEN FOR THE REFUSAL TO PERMIT LOCAL INTERMENT WAS GOG'S FEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE SUCH A FLOOD OF NEXT-OF-KIN WISHING TO VISIT THE JONESTOWN BURIAL SITE AND ASKING FOR THE DIS-INTERMENT OF BODIES OF THEIR RELATIVES THAT IT WOULD OVER-TAX THE GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES IN THAT PART OF GUYANA.

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