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SUBJECT: GUYANA SITUATION
REF: STATE 284162

1. POLCOONS BRIEFED FOR MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY, AMBASSADOR PONCE, (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) ABOUT THE SITUATION IN JONESTOWN AND ABOUT THE ACTIONS WHICH USG HAS TAKEN AND INTENDS TO TAKE.

2. POLCOONS GAVE MAP TO AMBASSADOR PONCE SHOWING THE LOCATION OF JONESTOWN, POINTING OUT THAT THIS WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE VENEZUELAN BORDER AND THAT MANY RIVERS AND STREAMS FLOW FROM THIS AREA INTO VENEZUELA, ULTIMATELY INTO THE ORINOCO DELTA. POLCOONS STATED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE ANCIENT POPULATION OF JONESTOWN HAD FLED INTO THE JUNGLE AND WERE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. HE SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MIGHT ENTER VENEZUELAN TERRITORY, MOST PROBABLY

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BY 2001. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR PONCE TO ALERT THE APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES TO THIS POSSIBILITY AND ASK THAT THEY INFORM THE IMPASSY IF ANY SUCH AMERICANS APPEAR.

3. PONCE SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE BRIEFING AND SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE SO THAT THEY COULD ALERT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ALONG THE GUYANESE BORDER.

4. HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK VENEZUELAN TO DETAIN OR ARREST ANY AMERICANS WHO WANDER ACROSS THE BORDER FROM GUYANA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FURNISH FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING WHAT THE EMPASSY SHOULD REQUEST THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO DO IF ANY AMERICANS FROM JONESTOWN TURN UP IN VENEZUELAN TERRITORY.

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