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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. PRESS PLAY ON GUYANA TECUELES CONTINUES HEAVY  
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS IT MAY NOW BE  
BEGINNING TO SUBSIDE. FOCUS SHIFTING TO STANCE FOR  
DECAPES. PREMEDITATED SUICIDE PLANS, AND UMSYMPATHETIC  
SOCIAL-ANALYSES OF JONES' PERSONALITY WHICH WERE CON-  
VINCINGLY ESTABLISHED AS PSYCHO-PATHIC.

2. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY BROADCAST MEDIA TO  
SOG CLAIMS THAT "RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PROMINENT AMERICANS"  
WERE KEY PERSUASIVE FACTOR IN ITS DECISION TO PERMIT  
ESTABLISHMENT OF JONESTOWN COMMUNE. SOME REPORTS WERE  
ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN DENIALS THAT THEY HAD  
IN FACT ENDORSED JONES' SULT. ASKED

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