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SUBJECT: MEDICAL FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATION AT JONESTOWN

THERE FOLLOWS REPORT BY TWO MEDICAL OFFICERS WHO VISITED

JONESTOWN NOVEMBER 21, 1978:

QUOTE: SUBJECT: MEDICAL FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATION OF BODIES

AND DRUGS AT JONESTOWN, GUYANA, ON NOVEMBER 21, 1978.

OUR FINDINGS AFTER APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS OF INVESTIGATIONS

AT JONESTOWN TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. BODIES ARE EXTREMELY DECOMPOSED AND IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY BY VISUAL RECOGNITION.

2. LACERATIONS OF LIPS AND TONGUE AND BLOOD FLOWING FROM THE MOUTH ARE EVIDENT.

3. NO EVIDENCE OF STRUGGLES OR VIOLENCE OBSERVED AT SCENE EXCEPT AS INDICATED IN PARA 4.

4. MR. JONES APPARENTLY DIED FROM A SELF-INFLECTED GUNSHOT

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WOUND. A YOUNG WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS HIS WIFE HAD PART OF HER HEAD BLOWN OFF BY A GUNSHOT WOUND.

5. A NUMBER OF BOTTLES OF POTASSIUM CYANIDE AND CHLORAL HYDRATE AND KOOL AID PACKETS WERE NOTED NEAR A LARGE

MIXING CONTAINER. ALTHOUGH CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE CONTAINER CONTENTS OR OF STOMACH CONTENTS WAS NOT

PERFORMED, THE FINDINGS OF THE APPARENTLY CONVULSING INDIVIDUALS IS CONSISTENT WITH POISONING BY

THESE AGENTS.

6. MANY USED SYRINGES WERE OBSERVED AT THE SCENE.

7. AN EXTREMELY LARGE SUPPLY OF OTHER DRUGS WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE OF MIXING AND IN 3 OTHER BUILDINGS

IN THE PREMISES. THE DRUGS INCLUDED LARGE SUPPLIES OF VALIUM, DEMEROL, THORAZINE, OTHER PSYCHOTROPIC

DRUGS, ETC. ETC. THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS AVAILABLE APPEARED TO BE FAR IN EXCESS OF NORMAL NEEDS OF A

POPULATION THE SIZE OF JONESTOWN.

8. ESTIMATION OF NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IS APPROXIMATELY

600. THIS NUMBER IS ARRIVED AT BY COUNTING 40

BUILDINGS WITH APPROXIMATELY 15 BEDS EACH.

9. TWO HOSPITAL UNITS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 12 BEDS

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EACH WERE NOTED. APPROXIMATELY 6 DEAD INDIVIDUALS
WERE OBSERVED IN EACH OF THESE UNITS. MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT INCLUDED A PORTABLE X-RAY, EKG MACHINE,
DEFIBRILLATOR, AUTOCLAVE, AND MINIMAL EQUIPMENT
FOR URINALYSIS, HEMATOLOGY, AND CHEMISTRY.
CONCLUSION: INDIVIDUALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. AN
MRS. JONES DIED BY CYANIDE AND CHLORAL HYDRATE

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POISONING BY SUICIDE. IDENTIFICATION (FURTHER)
CAN ONLY BE MADE BY DENTAL RECORDS.
RECOMMENDATIONS: WE RECOMMEND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BE
BURIED AT JONESTOWN AND NOT BE REMOVED. NO HEALTH
PROBLEM WAS APPARENT AND THEY SHOULD POSE NO POTENTIAL
HEALTH PROBLEM TO THE GUYANESE.

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