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F.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO GUYANA

1. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE SKETCHY AND CONFLICTING INFORMATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE SOME 300-500 PEOPLE WHO HAVE FLED JUNGLE AREA OF NORTHWEST-GUYANA AT SITE NAMED JONESTOWN FOLLOWING MURDER/SUICIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 400 PERSONS THAT LOCATION. THESE PEOPLE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED JUNGLE REFUGE, FLOATED DOWN RIVERS IN MAKE-SHIFT RAFTS OR POSSIBLY HAVE FOUND TEMPORARY SAFEHAVEN IN REMOTE, ISOLATED VILLAGES IN GENERAL AREA AROUND JONESTOWN. THEY, HOPEFULLY, WILL EMERGE FROM JUNGLE OR WHATEVER TEMPORARY SANCTUARY THEY HAVE FOUND ONCE REASSURED IT SAFE TO MAKE APPEARANCE. GOG PRESENTLY MOUNTING COMBINED SEARCH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATION TO LOCATE AND ASSIST THESE PEOPLE AS HUMANITARIAN ACT.

2. TO FACILITATE ASSISTANCE TO THIS GROUP, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE CENTRALLY LOCATED AND PROVIDED FOOD AND SHELTER ON AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BASIS WHILE RELOCATION EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE GOG. IN MY VIEW.

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THE SITUATION WARRANTS EMERGENCY DISASTER ASSISTANCE OF A LIMITED NATURE FOR THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN SURVIVORS. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT A DISASTER EXISTS WHICH WARRANTS U.S. ASSISTANCE.  
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