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SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATION

1. NEW YORK TIMES STORY NOV 22 (04) FBI INVESTIGATION OF
 MEMBER OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN CONTAINED FOLLOWING WITH

RESPECT TO GUYANA:

RYAN QUOTE: THE INVESTIGATION WAS STARTED UNDER A 1981
 LAW THAT GIVES THE DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE
 CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATIONS. ACCORDING TO ROBERT HAYEL,
 THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 HAS ALREADY PLACED ONE AGENT "ON THE GROUND" IN

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GUYANA. MR. RYAN WAS MURDERED AND THERE WERE MORE THAN
 400 AMERICANS IN THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE SECT COMMITTED
 SUICIDE.

THE AGENT, WHO WILL PROBABLY BE JOINED BY OTHERS, WILL
 BE WORKING WITH GUYANESE AUTHORITIES, MR. HAYEL SAID. BUT
 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION
 ACT, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT CAN PURSUE INVESTIGATIONS
 OUTSIDE UNITED STATES TERRITORY. END QUOTE.

2. AT NOON PERTHING BUSENELL RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON
 THIS SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

RYAN QUOTE: Q. MR. BUSENELL, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS
 IN PROGRESS ON AN INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL
 LAW INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF A CONGRESSMAN. PERTHER-
 ER, GUYANESE AUTHORITIES DECLINED TO ADMIT TO 10 FBI
 AGENTS WHO WERE PREPARED TO GO DOWN THERE. ARE THE
 GUYANESE AUTHORITIES COOPERATING WITH THE ONE FBI AGENT
 ON THE SPOT IN THEIR CURRENT INVESTIGATION OR ARE THEY
 PASSING ON TO HIM THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION OR

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ALLOWING HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INVESTIGATION?
THIS MORNING THE LEGAL ATTACHEE FROM CARACAS MET WITH THE GUYANESE OFFICIALS AND WITH THE GUYANESE POLICE CHIEF, INVESTIGATING CHIEF, IN GEORGETOWN. THE LAST REPORT I HAD WAS THAT HE WAS STILL MEETING WITH THEM. THAT HE WAS COOPERATING IN THIS INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE GUYANESE THAT AS IN OTHER AREAS, WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL, INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM IN GUYANA. WE ARE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP WITH NECESSARY INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE FBI WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THIS CASE. UNTIL

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THE LEGAL ATTACHEE WHO IS WORKING WITH THEM AND THE GUYANESE OFFICIALS THEMSELVES ASSESS PRECISELY WHAT SORT OF HELP IS NEEDED, WHAT SORT OF EXPERTISE. THE GUYANESE HAVE TOLD ME THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO SEND DOWN A GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM. IT IS THEIR INVESTIGATION, THE INVESTIGATION IN GUYANA. THEY ARE A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY AND WE ARE NOT TRYING IN ANY WAY TO TAKE IT OVER.

I THINK, FROM THE CONVERSATIONS THAT I HAVE HAD AND THAT OUR AMBASSADOR HAS HAD, THAT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FBI IN ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. THE INVESTIGATION IS, OF COURSE, MAKING PROGRESS, AS INDICATED BY THE FACT THAT THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN THE FIRST ARREST, AND CHARGE, AND THAT WE ARE EXPECTING OTHERS TO PROCEED FAIRLY PROMPTLY.

Q. IF I COULD FOLLOW UP MY OWN QUESTION, THE TERM OF YOUR REPLY IS THAT THE FBI IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH GUYANESE AUTHORITIES. WHAT I ASKED WAS: ARE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI IN THEIR INVESTIGATION?

A. I FIND THE ANSWER IS CLEARLY YES IN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE FBI NOW. SO THAT NOT ONLY ARE THEY PREPARED TO COOPERATE, THEY ARE COOPERATING. END QUOTE. CERISTOPHER

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