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TO EMBASSY GEORGETOWN IMMEDIATE
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R.C. 11552: GDS

FROM: CASO, CREP (RYAN, LEO), GY

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MANN'S CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY
1. THE AMBASSADOR OF GUYANA CALLED ON THE ACTING SECRETARY
THIS MORNING IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUYANA OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
CONGRESSMAN REYAN AND SOME OF HIS PARTY, AND OVER THE DEATHS
OF SOME AMERICAN CITIZENS AT JONESTOWN. HE SAID THAT
THE FACT THAT THOSE WHO DIED WERE MOSTLY AMERICANS IN NO
WAY DIMINISHED THE SENSE OF SHOCK AND LOSS FELT BY THE
PEOPLE AT THIS SENSELESS WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE. HE PLEDGED
THE FULL COOPERATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN LOCATING
AND ASSISTING ANY SURVIVORS OF THE EVENTS AT JONESTOWN,
RECOVERING THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED TO THE UNITED
STATES, AND INsofar AS POSSIBLE BRINGING THE PERPETRATORS
OF THIS ATROCIETY TO JUSTICE. THE ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THE CONDOLENCES EXTENDED BY THE
AMBASSADOR, THANKED HIM FOR THE OUTSTANDING COOPERATION

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OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO DATE, AND INDICATED THAT HE LOOKED
FORWARD TO CONTINUED COOPERATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE
CURRENT CRISIS. HE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO REQUEST HIS
GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER AN EARLIER DECISION NOT TO PERMIT
AMERICAN TEAM TO ENTER GUYANA TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION.
HE POINTED OUT THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FBI IN
CASES OF ASSASSINATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS WELL AS THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF CRIMES UNDER US LAW BY PERSONS IN THE US
CONNECTED WITH THE EVENTS IN GUYANA. HE ASSURED THE
AMBASSADOR THAT THE FBI TEAM WOULD WORK IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES. HE
REQUESTED THE AMBASSADOR TO ASK HIS GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER
THE DECISION. AFTER THE MEETING THE AMBASSADOR VISITED
THE OPERATIONS CENTER WHERE THE GUYANA TASK FORCE CON-
TINUES TO FUNCTION AROUND THE CLOCK AND WAS GIVEN A
BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. CHRISTOPHER

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