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SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING ON GUYANA

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF ON-THE-RECORD NEWS BRIEFING  
ON GUYANA BY JOHN BUSHNELL ON NOVEMBER 22, 1978:

QUESTION: MR. BUSHNELL: THANK YOU, HODDING.  
ANSWER: WE CAN BE HASTIER THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN PREVIOUS  
DAYS. I WILL GO OVER FIRST THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.  
THEN I'LL COVER THE PRESENT PLANS FOR HANDLING THE RE-  
MAINS, AND THEN TAKE QUESTIONS ON ANY OF THE ASPECTS.  
I'VE HAD, SINCE THE LAST BRIEFING 24 HOURS AGO, BEEN

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UNDEVELOPING VERY RAPIDLY WITH THE BUILD-UP OF OUR FOUR-  
MOTOR AND HELICOPTER IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE HAD A PLANE  
LANDING IN GEORGETOWN ABOUT EVERY TWO HOURS OVER THE  
LAST 24 HOURS. THAT IS CONTINUING. THREE JOLLY GREEN  
PLANE. THE BIG HELICOPTERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN  
ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE AND A HALF. THEY ARE FLYING IN SO  
THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ABLE TO PLACE THE HELICOPTERS  
IN OPERATION ON THEIR ARRIVAL.

3. THE U.S. AIR FORCE REGISTRATION TEAM ARRIVED  
GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN AND WAS BLOWN INTO JONESTOWN  
THIS MORNING. THEY HAVE BEEN WORK-  
ING WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT  
TO ESTABLISH A BASE OF OPERATION AT  
ALREADY WELL ADVANCED. THIS IS BEING  
TO OVERSEE HELICOPTERS FROM THERE AND THAT  
THEY WILL BE FULLY  
TO THE POINT IS FULLY CRAPED UP  
ON THE GROUND.  
OF SOME FROM JONESTOWN TO GEORGETOWN.

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ABOUT 120 MILES AWAY, WILL BE BY HELICOPTER; AND WE EXPECT THAT THIS WILL BEGIN LATE THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THOSE HEAVY HELICOPTERS GET IN. THE BODIES WILL THEN BE TAKEN FROM THE GUYANEST CAPITAL TO DOVER AIR FORCE BASE IN DELAWARE FOR PROCESSING.

2. WE HAVE AVAILABLE C-141 AIRCRAFT TO BRING THESE BODIES TO THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR AT THIS TIME WHEN THE FIRST PLANLOAD OF BODIES

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WILL LEAVE GEORGETOWN. IF EVERYTHING GOES VERY WELL — MEANING THAT THE GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAM HAS MADE ENOUGH PROGRESS THAT 90 TO 100 BODIES ARE READY WHEN THE BIG HELICOPTERS GET IN, THAT THEY CAN PICK THOSE UP SMOOTHLY, MOVE THEM DOWN TO GEORGETOWN, WHERE THEY ARE BEING PLACED IN WHAT ARE CALLED "BODY BAGS", RUBBERIZED BAGS AT JONESTOWN — THEY WILL BE FLOWN TO GEORGETOWN IN A RIGID-TRANSFER CASE. THESE TRANSFER CASES WE ARE BUYING IN FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES, AND THEY WILL THEN BE LOADED INTO THE AIRCRAFT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FIRST AIRCRAFT WOULD GET OFF BY SOMETIME BETWEEN 2:30 AND 3:00 O'CLOCK TOMORROW, EST. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS ON THAT BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, A LOT OF THINGS CAN GO WRONG; BUT SOMETHING IN THAT ORDER WOULD BE THE EARLIEST THAT WE CAN GET THE FIRST PLANE-LOAD MOVING.

3. WE WOULD THEN FOLLOW TOMORROW MORNING WITH A VERY EXTENSIVE AND ACTIVE OPERATION IN ORDER TO BRING ALL THE BODIES OUT NOW JUST AS QUICKLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THE QUESTION OF TIME THERE WILL DEPEND ON HOW MUCH WORK AND HOW TIME-CONSUMING IT IS ON THE BODIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AT JONESTOWN. ABOUT HALF THE BODIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, AS FAR AS WE KNOW; AND THERE WILL BE A DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN WHAT WILL BE DONE ON THE GROUND AND WHAT WILL BE DONE IN DOVER — WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT DIVISION WILL BE — AND THAT WILL CONTROL WHETHER WE ARE ABLE TO GET ALL THE BODIES OUT IN THE COURSE OF TOMORROW OR IF THE OPERATION WILL HAVE TO EXTEND INTO OR THROUGH FRIDAY.

4. WHEN WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE GUYANEST AUTO-REGISTRATION ON THE NEXT OF KIN, WHICH IS ABOUT HALF OF THE BODIES — WHEN WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF IDENTIFICATION OF BODIES, ABOUT HALF THE BODIES — WE ARE NOTIFYING

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THEY WILL BE CONTINUING TO DO THAT. THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GO ON. WE ARE GETTING A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICERS, AND I MIGHT SAY THAT WE ARE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CONSUMER OFFICERS THAT WE HAVE WORKING UPSTAIRS. WE KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC HAS, AT SOME VERY BUSY TIME PERIODS,

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HAD DIFFICULTY REACHING OUR LINES AND SO WE ARE SETTING UP ADDITIONAL LINES. FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, I WILL REPEAT THE NUMBERS TO BE USED TO REACH OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS HERE. IT IS AREA CODE 202/632-6612 AND AREA CODE 202/632-3172. THESE ARE THE TWO NUMBERS FOR USE IN REACHING THE CONSULAR OFFICERS.

9. WE DO NOT INTEND, UNTIL FIRM IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE BY OUR OWN PEOPLE, TO POST ANY LISTS; BUT WE WILL PASS ON THE INFORMATION THAT THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AND IS MAKING AVAILABLE TO US. TO ANTICIPATE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, I WOULD SAY THAT THE COST OF THIS OPERATION, OF RECOVERING THE BODIES, OF FLYING THEM OUT TO DOVER, OF PROCESSING THEM AT DOVER, WILL BE MET BY THE US GOVERNMENT. WHEN THE BODIES ARE TURNED OVER TO REPRESENTATIVES OF NEXT-OF-KIN AT DOVER, THEY WILL THEN BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NEXT-OF-KIN.

10. PERHAPS I'M A LITTLE BIT DISJOINTED HERE; BUT I MIGHT ADD, ON CALLING IN, WE WOULD WELCOME MORE CALLS FROM WE ARE GETTING OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS, OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN JONESTOWN. BY NEXT-OF-KIN AND CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS I MEAN PARENTS, SIBLINGS, SPOUSES, CHILDREN. FOR A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE DO NOT HAVE NEXT-OF-KIN IDENTIFICATION. I DON'T WANT TO INVITE LOTS OF CALLS JUST FROM FRIENDS WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN PEOPLE. AT LEAST AT THIS POINT. WE MAY, IN THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK AS WE TRY TO REACH FAMILIES OF THE MORE DIFFICULT CASES, BE WELCOMING

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11. BUT GIVEN THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND, OUR STAFFS ARE SOMEWHAT LIMITED; AND ALTHOUGH WE ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A TEAM OF SIX TO A DOZEN PEOPLE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, THERE ARE STILL LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN DO. BUT FOR THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY, IF THEY HAVE NOT CALLED IN AND THEY THINK THEY HAVE SOMEONE IN JONESTOWN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A CALL.

12. I THINK THAT PRETTY WELL BRINGS YOU UP TO DATE ON THE SITUATION. IN TERMS OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE GUYANESE ARE CONTINUING. MY INFORMATION IS THAT IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES, MR. LAYTON HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MURDER. OTHER PEOPLE ARE BEING DETAINED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS, AND MAY BE CHARGED IN THE COURSE OF TODAY OR TOMORROW. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING IN GEORGETOWN.

13. MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE ORGANIZATION WHO ARE IN GUYANA HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME NOT TO LEAVE AS THEY ARE CONTINUING TO INTERVIEW THEM; BUT WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS SITUATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE SOMETIME OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IF THEY WISH TO DO SO.

14. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS SEEN UP YESTERDAY

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IN EITHER JONESTOWN OR ELSEWHERE. THE SEARCH OF THE JUNGLE IS INTENSIFYING. WITH THE HEAVIER HELICOPTERS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IN MORE GUYANESE PEOPLE. THE LIGHT HELICOPTERS ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE THE AREA, BUT THIS FAR WE HAVE NOT FOUND SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS IN THE AREA.

14. 2. WHAT IS THE TOTAL NUMBER?

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A. WE NOW HAVE, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS -- AND THIS MAY BE OFF A BIT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING TRACK OF VARIOUS GROUPS -- ABOUT 72 PEOPLE. THIS CONSISTS OF ESSENTIALLY THREE GROUPS. THE LARGEST GROUP IS A GROUP WHICH WERE IN GEORGETOWN AT THE PEOPLES TEMPLE OFFICE IN GEORGETOWN OR CONNECTED WITH IT LAST SATURDAY. THEY WERE AWAY FROM THE UP-COUNTRY CAMP EITHER BECAUSE THEY NORMALLY WERE AWAY FROM IT, OR THEY WERE AWAY FROM IT ON SOME SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THAT DAY -- A FEW PEOPLE WHO WERE AWAY FROM THE CAMP BECAUSE THEY WERE RUNNING A BOAT DOWN THE RIVER OR WERE OTHERWISE OCCUPIED AWAY FROM THE AREA OF THE CAMP.

WE HAVE A SECOND GROUP WHICH CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE AIRPORT AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN, AND WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN IDENTIFIED, WHO DID NOT RETURN AFTER THAT INCIDENT TO THE CAMP, AND THEN WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE AT JONESTOWN AT THE TIME WHEN THE APPARENT MASS SUICIDE TOOK PLACE -- THAT IS A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER -- WHO FLED FROM THAT. COMBINING ALL THESE PEOPLE -- AND IN SOME CASES WE'RE NOT SURE CLEAR IN WHICH CATEGORY TO PUT INDIVIDUALS -- WE HAVE ABOUT 72 PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

15. 2. WHAT PROMPTED GUYANA TO CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT

ORIGIN IN PLACE?

AS I SAID YESTERDAY, IT WAS OUR ESTIMATE FROM OUR EPIDEMIOLOGIST HERE THAT THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE, GIVEN THE HEALTH SITUATION ON THE GROUND; AND WE FAD AUTHORIZED OUR AMBASSADOR TO PROCEED WITH THAT ALTER-

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ATIVE IS THAT WAS THE VIEW OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT. THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THEIR HEALTH AND POLICE OFFICIALS WHO WERE ON SITE, FELT THAT THERE WAS NOT YET A HEALTH HAZARD, AND GIVEN THE LIMITED ABILITY OF THE POTENTIAL TO REMOVE THESE BODIES, THEY ADVISED US TO AT LEAST PROCEED IN THAT WAY. THAT DID NOT GO AGAINST OUR DESIRES, NECESSARILY. THE REASON WE WERE MOVING TO THE INTERNMENT OPTION WAS BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING HEALTH HAZARD, NOT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WISH TO BRING THE BODIES BACK. SO THEIR ASSESSMENT ON THE GROUND LED THEM TO THAT DECISION, AND WE ARE PROCEEDING

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IN THAT WAY.  
 THE INITIAL REPORTS FROM OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THE GRAVES IDENTIFICATION TEAM DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THEIR OWN HEALTH OFFICIALS ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION.  
 16. MR. EUSENELL, PEOPLE AT DEFENSE HAVE SAID THAT THE DELAY CAUSED BY THE CHANGE OF APPROACH, THAT THEIR EQUIPMENT WAS ON THE GROUND WAITING, THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO PUT IDENTIFICATION PEOPLE ON OR SEARCH TEAMS ON, AND THAT THIS WAS A DECISION HERE THAT COST THEM VERY VALUABLE TIME IN BOTH THE RESCUE OPERATION AND IN GETTING PEOPLE OUT.  
 17. THE BIGGEST REQUIREMENT THAT WE HAVE HAD IN GEORGETOWN, EITHER FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OR FOR GETTING PEOPLE OUT, HAS OF COURSE BEEN THE HELICOPTERS, NOT THE OTHER TECHNICIANS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS A DELAY IN THE GRAVES IDENTIFICATION TEAM YESTERDAY -- WE HAD HOPED TO GET IT DOWN EARLIER. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS GOING TO CARRY THEM OUT OF FORT BRAGG WAS DELAYED BY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS FOR ABOUT SIX HOURS. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN ANY TIME WHEN WE HAVEN'T WANTED THOSE TECHNICAL PEOPLE. THERE HAS

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BEEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T YET EXPERIENCED PEOPLE ON THE GROUND FULLY AWARE OF THE TECHNICALITIES OF THESE OPERATIONS. AS TO EXACTLY WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE WERE NEEDED, THE VIEW FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN, WHEN IN DOUBT SEND BOTH.  
 17. JUST TO FOLLOW UP, YOU LEAD US TO BELIEVE YESTERDAY THAT YOU WERE RELUCTANTLY GOING ALONG WITH THE GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INTERNMENT THERE BECAUSE OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS THERE. WHY WAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SO WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT REQUEST WHEN IT THEN BECAME APPARENT THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY? WHY NOT PURSUE THE MORE PREFERABLE OPTION OF HAVING THESE BODIES PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND THEN RETURNED?

18. I'M NOT SURE THAT I FOLLOW YOUR QUESTION, BUT YESTERDAY WE WERE HEAVILY DRIVEN, I THINK, BY THE ASSESSMENT OF OUR OWN PATHOLOGISTS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO WERE ESTIMATING THE CONDITION OF THE BODIES, GIVEN THE TIME ELAPSED AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME. APPARENTLY THERE WERE SOME CHINESE PEOPLE ALSO TALKING BY RADIO AND MAKING AN ASSESSMENT IN GEORGETOWN. SOME OF THAT AGREED, BUT WHEN THEIR MEN ON THE GROUND ASSESSED THE SITUATION THAT EXISTED AT JONESTOWN, THEY CONCLUDED THAT THEIR BODIES WERE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE HEALTH HAZARD BECAME TOO GREAT TO TAKE THE BODIES OUT. ON THE BASIS OF THAT INFORMATION, THAT LED THEM TO REQUEST THAT WE TAKE THE BODIES OUT; AND OF COURSE WE AGREED WITH IT SINCE WE HAD NO PERSON THAT WOULD LEAD US TO ANOTHER CONCLUSION WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNMANAGEABLE HEALTH HAZARD AND

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SINCE THEY ARE THE BEST JUDGES, BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON THE GROUND.

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I THINK THE INFORMATION I HAD WHEN I WAS HERE YESTERDAY CAME, IN A LARGE MEASURE, NOT FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE GROUND LOOKING AT THE BODIES, BUT FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE ESTIMATING WHAT THEIR CONDITION WOULD BE.

15. Q. MR. RUSHWELL, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS IN PROGRESS ON AN INVESTIGATION OF THE VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF A CONGRESSMAN.

YESTERDAY GUYANESE AUTHORITIES DECLINED TO ADMIT TEN 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? ARE THEY PASSING ON TO HIM THE RESULTS OF THEIR INTERROGATION OR ALLOWING HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT INTERROGATION?

A. THIS MORNING THE LEGAL ATTACHE FROM CARACAS MET WITH THE GUYANESE OFFICIALS, MET 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 ASSISTANCE, INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM IN GUYANA; THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP WITH NECESSARY INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES; THAT THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE FBI WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THIS CASE.

WILL THE LEGAL ATTACHE 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 HELD 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

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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 BEEN A CHARGE AND ARREST, AND THAT WE ARE EXPECTING OTHERS TO BE ARRESTED FAIRLY PROMPTLY.

16. Q. IF I COULD FOLLOW UP MY OWN QUESTION, THE ESSENCE OF YOUR REPLY IS THAT THE FBI IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH GUYANESE AUTHORITY. WHAT I ASKED WAS: ARE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH

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THE FBI IN THEIR INVESTIGATION?

A. I THINK THE ANSWER IS CLEARLY YES IN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE WORKING RIGHT NOW WITH THE FBI MAN. SO NOT ONLY ARE THEY PREPARED TO COOPERATE, THEY ARE COOPERATING.

28. Q. WHAT IS THE SPECIFIC MURDER CHARGE: WHO IS LAYTON CHARGED WITH KILLING?

LAYTON CHARGED WITH KILLING?

A. IT IS MY IMPRESSION -- I DON'T WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY DEFINITIVE ON THIS -- BUT I BELIEVE HE IS CHARGED WITH KILLING PEOPLE AT THE AIRPORT. SINCE I HAVE NOT SEEN THE CHARGE, I DO NOT KNOW WHICH SPECIFIC PERSONS HE MAY BE CHARGED WITH KILLING.

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29. Q. IF I MAY FOLLOW THAT UP, WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEELING ON WHETHER EXTRADITION OUGHT TO BE INITIATED SO THAT MR. LAYTON WOULD BE TRIED IN THIS COUNTRY?

A. WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THAT QUESTION. CLEARLY HE HAS COMMITTED A CRIME -- HE IS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING A CRIME -- IN GUYANA. SOME OF THE CRIMES HE MAY HAVE COMMITTED, PARTICULARLY THE MURDER OF THE CONGRESSMAN IF HE IS ACCUSED OF THAT, CONCEIVABLY ARE ALSO CRIMES IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN PEOPLE.

BEFORE WE HAVE MANY MORE DETAILS AND CAN CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEYS IN THIS, I THINK IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO BE ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE.

IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE -- IN FACT, EVEN LIKELY, I THINK -- THAT HE IS BEING CHARGED IN ADDITION WITH THE MURDER OF INDIVIDUALS WHICH WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A US CRIME.

30. Q. MR. HUSHNELL, WOULD YOU HAVE ANY INFORMED SPECULATION ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL MISSING? DO YOU BELIEVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT (A) THEY ARE MOSTLY MEN, (B) THEY ARE HIDING IN THE JUNGLE; OR (C) THAT THERE AREN'T AS MANY AS WE MAY HAVE BELIEVED INITIALLY?

A. WE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

THEY IS A GOOD DEAL OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED AN ANALYSIS OF THE NAMES ON THE PASSPORTS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEE IF THAT WOULD IDENTIFY CERTAIN GROUPS -- AGE GROUPS, SEX GROUPS, AND SO FORTH -- AS BEING MISSING AS AGAINST THE PASSPORTS ISSUED IN JONESTOWN.

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IT LOOKS ONLINE CLEAR TO ME THAT THE LARGE FIGURE OF PEOPLE THAT IT USED EARLY ON IS CERTAINLY MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE IN JONESTOWN ON SATURDAY.

WE HAVE CHECKED BACK CAREFULLY -- I HAVE CHECKED BACK

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CAREFULLY — THE SOURCE OF THAT FIGURE. THAT FIGURE WAS DERIVED BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE APPLIED TO THE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES SINCE THE BEGINNING TO MIGRATE TO JONESTOWN, TO BE MIGRANTS AND TO LIVE IN THAT AREA. I SUSPECT THAT A NUMBER, PERHAPS EVEN A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER, OF THAT 1100, AFTER HAVING MIGRATED TO JONESTOWN, DECIDED TO LEAVE AND THEREFORE WERE NOT THERE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT REALLY DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS. IT SEEMS, SINCE WE HAVE NOT AT THIS TIME AND THE GUYANESE POLICE WHO ARE NOW COMBING THE JUNGLE AREAS HAVE NOT FOUND ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BODIES NOR LIVE PEOPLE, THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS WHO FLY RANDOMLY INTO THE JUNGLE. WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THERE WAS A GROUP WHICH DEPARTED IN AN ORGANIZED WAY TO THE JUNGLE TO SOME SORT OF AN ALTERNATIVE SITE. THAT SITE STILL EXISTS, AND WE HAVEN'T YET LOCATED IT. BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE NOW IN THE JUNGLE. WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE SEARCH THIS AFTERNOON. TOMORROW WE WILL HAVE A VERY LARGE HELICOPTER CAPACITY DIRECTED TO THIS SEARCH. WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THE GUYANESE GET A LOT MORE PEOPLE INTO THE AREA, AND THAT WILL

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 THIS ISSUE A GOOD DEAL MORE.  
 DO YOU MEAN BY THE GUYANESE POLICE NOT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BODIES IN THE AREA?

THEY HAVE FOUND A FEW. I DO NOT HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF HOW MANY. AND I AM NOT SURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEFINITION OF WHERE THE CAMP BEGINS IS FUZZY. SO THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY THEY ARE IN THE JUNGLE. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY THEY ARE IN THE CAMP. THAT SORT OF SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR FOR ME ON THAT QUESTION.

I AM ASKING WHETHER THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE IN THE CAMP, WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE LAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE INCLUDED IN THE COUNT OF 405, WHICH WAS THE LAST NUMBER THAT WE HAVE. THEY ARE NOW UNDERGOING A RECOUNTING PROCESS WHICH WILL HELP US WITH THE FIGURE.

DO YOU WANT TO BRING OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BODIES PRESENTLY MISSING MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BEFORE THEY WERE BURIED AND ARE IN MASS GRAVES SOMEWHERE?

I CANNOT COMPLETELY RULE OUT THAT POSSIBILITY. I WOULD NOT WANT TO SAY WHICH DOES NOT BRING OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MASS GRAVES. WHICH DOES NOT BRING OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MASS GRAVES.

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A STORY THAT PARTICULARLY WITH OLDER PEOPLE, WHO HITTED  
MINDS OF THESE KILLERS. THE JOVESTOWN OPERATION CONTINUED  
TO COLLECT THE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS.

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I CAN REMEMBER THAT OUR CONSULAR OFFICER IN JANUARY OF  
1978 PERSONALLY DELIVERED THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
CHECKS TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA ELIGIBLE FOR  
THEM, DELIVERING THEM BY HAND ON IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR  
NAMES -- SO THAT, AT ANY RATE AT THAT TIME, WE ARE  
SURE THEY WERE ALIVE.

YOU MENTIONED JANUARY, AND I CANNOT ABSOLUTELY RULE OUT  
WHAT YOU HAVE HAD SINCE THAT TIME.

YOU MENTIONED ABOUT 200 TO 300 PASSPORTS BEING  
ISSUED AND THAT THERE ARE 400 DEAD.

DO YOU HAVE REPEATED PASSPORTS OR OLD PASSPORTS?  
AT LEAST SOME 500 MISSING, AT LEAST IN THE

I SUSPECT THAT THE PASSPORTS OF A NUMBER OF  
THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES MAY WELL BE  
REISSUED AS WELL.

THE QUICK OBSERVATION THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE  
GIVEN ME OF THIS IS THAT QUITE A LOT OF THE PASSPORTS  
ARE THE OLD ISSUE PASSPORTS AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN NEW  
ISSUES ISSUED WITHOUT THE OLD ONE BEING REMOVED.

DO YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO GO THROUGH THE PASSPORTS  
TO IDENTIFY ANY DUPLICATION, OR REALLY CANNOT DEAL

WELL, CAN I FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER

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HAVE YOU LEARNED ANYTHING FROM ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
WERE AT JOVESTOWN THAT WOULD LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THAT  
THERE WOULD BE MASS GRAVES AT ANY OTHER SITE?

IN OTHER WORDS, PRESUMABLY YOU ARE QUESTIONING THESE  
THEORY. THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM THAT HAVE

BEEN MENTIONED. HAVE ANY OF THEM INDICATED TO YOU IN ANY  
WAY THAT AN ALTERNATIVE GRAVE SITE MIGHT EXIST?

THE ONLY COMMENT OF A TIME LAG HERE IN THAT, AS YOU  
KNOW, THE MASSIVE IN GUYANA IS A VERY SMALL  
COUNTRY AND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THERE IS A  
QUESTIONING GOING ON WHICH THEY SIMPLY HAVE

BEEN TOLD AND PASS UP TO US.

THESE FEW ARE OF THE REPORTS, THE SEVERAL REPORTS,  
AND I THINK ALSO THE DIRECT CONVERSATION

WITH THEM -- SOMETHING THIS SIGNI-

WOULD BE TO PASS ON -- I HAVE NOT HEARD  
OF ANYTHING INVOLVING ANY MASS SORT OF EXECUTION.

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22. Q. MR. BUSHNELL, IT IS CLEAR FROM THE PRESS REPORTS ALONE THAT THIS WAS MORE THAN JUST A RELIGIOUS CHIEF. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY A TRAINING GROUND FOR TERRORIST SQUADS, AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN OTHERS AND OTHERS -- I THINK THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR FROM THE PRESS REPORTS THEMSELVES, AND I AM SURE THE PRESS REPORTS ARE COVERING UP A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO THAT. FIRST OF ALL, IS AMBASSADOR QUAINTON LOOKING INTO THE SITUATION FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW? IS HE INVOLVED IN THIS IN ANY WAY?

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A. AMBASSADOR QUAINTON'S OFFICE HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF ALL OF THIS SITUATION. UP UNTIL THIS POINT HIS OFFICE HAS NOT CONCLUDED THAT IT INVOLVED A SITUATION OF THAT NATURE. HE HAS NOT COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT YOU HAVE APPARENTLY.

23. Q. ARE YOU INVESTIGATING THE GROUP CALLED "THE EAST" THAT MOVED FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AT THE SAME TIME UNDER EXACTLY SIMILAR CONDITIONS TO GUYANA ALSO UNDER PRESSURE OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LETTERS YOU MENTIONED IN THE TIMES AND THE INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL SERVICES WHICH WAS PRESSURING THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT TO OPEN UP THE TERRITORY TO THESE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS?

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH "THE EAST"?

A. WE ARE NOT INVESTIGATING ANY PARTICULAR GROUPS IN GUYANA. THE GUYANESE HAVE AN INVESTIGATION. THE FBI HAS AN INVESTIGATION BECAUSE OF THE MURDER AND OTHERS OF CERTAIN PROTECTED PERSONS. BUT WE ARE NOT CONDUCTING SOME WIDESPREAD INVESTIGATION OF A SITUATION IN GUYANA OR VARIOUS GROUPS THERE. WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON A MORE LIMITED BASIS, AS ARE THE GUYANESE, ON WHAT IS EITHER OBVIOUSLY A TREMENDOUS CALAMITY AND OBVIOUS CRIMES CLEARLY PRESENTED.

24. Q. MR. BUSHNELL, COULD YOU RESPOND TO THE FACT THAT CONGRESSMAN ZANLOTTI HAS WRITTEN TO THE SECRETARY TO REQUEST WHETHER INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE DEPARTMENT

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WAS DOING WITH IT, WHETHER OR NOT THE CONSULAR OFFICERS DID ENOUGH. THE WHOLE ASPECT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT PROCEEDED AND POSSIBLY COULD HAVE ANTI-TRUST THAT HAPPENED DOWN THERE?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE LETTER WHICH CONGRESSMAN ZANLOTTI HAS SENT TO THE SECRETARY. WE HAVEN'T ALREADY ANSWERED THIS MORNING TO PREPARE THE ANSWER TO THE VERY NATURE OF THE QUESTIONS IN THAT LETTER. IT WILL PROVIDE

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ON THE BASIS OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA, I SUSPECT, ON THIS  
MATTER, IT WILL TAKE TIME TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.  
TO MEET THIS DEADLINE, WHICH IS A FAIRLY EARLY  
DEADLINE, THAT THE CONGRESSMAN HAS SUGGESTED WE MAKE.  
CERTAINLY WE WILL HAVE AT LEAST AN INITIAL SUBMISSION.  
MAY BE SOME PIECES OF IT THAT WILL REQUIRE A LITTLE  
MORE TIME, AND WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION  
REQUESTED IN THAT LETTER.  
I DON'T HAVE, ON THIS LAST VISIT AND APPEARING BEFORE  
YOU HERE, THE FEELING THAT WE HAVE ANYTHING TO COVER  
UP, SO WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE ALL THE  
INFORMATION.

I MYSELF HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED, AND I THINK THE SORT  
OF INFORMATION THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVING HERE, IN TERMS  
OF THE WORK THAT OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS IN GUYANA HAVE  
DONE, THAT WE HAVE DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL MORE TIME AND  
ATTENTION AND EFFORT TO THIS GROUP OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
LIVING OVERSEAS THAN TO ALMOST ANY OTHER GROUP OF  
AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING OVERSEAS, REFLECTING THE CON-  
DITIONS AND THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE.  
THEY ARE A VOLUMINOUS RECORD IN OUR FILE, AND WE  
WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WHICH  
THE COMMITTEE HAS PUT TO US.

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CAN YOU TELL US ON THAT, PLEASE? CAN YOU SAY  
AT THIS POINT WHETHER YOU STILL FEEL THAT THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIVE ENOUGH TO THE BELGIANS AS  
CONCERNS THE BELGIANS?  
I THINK THAT THERE WERE VARIOUS TIMES WHEN IT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IN A HUMAN SENSE TO HAVE DONE  
SOMETHING FOR THE BELGIANS WHO WERE CONCERNED, IN RETRO-  
SPECT CLEARLY, INDIVIDUALLY CONCERNED, AND ON THAT  
MATTER WE WOULD ALWAYS LIKE TO SERVE THE AMERICAN  
INTERESTS. GIVEN OUR OWN LIMITATIONS OF BUDGET AND  
PERSONNEL AND SO FORTH, THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN  
DO.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO DO MORE.  
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT QUESTION, LET ME SAY THAT WE  
HAVE DONE MUCH MORE FOR THIS GROUP OF CONCERNED AMERI-  
CANS IN TERMS OF EXPENDING TIME AND EFFORT AND STATE  
RESOURCES THAN FOR ALMOST ANY OTHER  
GROUP OF AMERICANS. SO, IN THAT SENSE, BELA-  
GIANS WE HAVE DONE AN EXTENSIVE JOB. IN AN ASSO-  
CIATED MANNER WE CERTAINLY INDIVIDUAL ASPECTS ON  
THE MATTER. YOU SAID THE FILE WAS VOLUMINOUS ON THIS.

THEY ARE A LOT OF CORRESPONDENCE, THERE  
IS A LOT OF CORRESPONDENCE AND SO ON, WHICH I PRE-  
SENTLY HAVE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR WOULD THEY

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BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO  
THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY SEE THE REPORTS IN THE FILES

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OF THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT WHAT CAME OUT ON THIS GROUP OUT  
OF GUYANA? AND SPECIFICALLY WAS THERE ANY CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM REVEREND JIM JONES HIMSELF?

YOUR FIRST QUESTION, CERTAINLY THIS IS AVAILABLE  
IN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. WE LOOK AT THE  
AVAILABILITY IN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AS WE  
WOULD ANYTHING ELSE; AND I ASSUME THAT, GIVEN THE  
ATTENTION TO THIS, WE WILL HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION WORK.

I DO NOT MYSELF — BUT I HAVE NOT SPENT THE MANY HOURS  
IN THESE FILES THAT SOME OF OUR OTHER PEOPLE HAVE —  
RECALL ANY COMMUNICATION FROM THE REVEREND JONES HIM-  
SELF. BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO SAY THAT  
THERE ARE NOT COMMUNICATIONS IN THAT FROM HIM. THERE

WILL BE.

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(SPECIAL BRIEFING CONCLUDED) END

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