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TABS: CASC(PFOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF BREACH OF PRIVACY ACT PROVISIONS MADE BY
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GROUP MEMEERS AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICERS
1. ON A ROUTINE VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GROUP AT THE
EVE LEARY POLICE STATION, A CONOFF WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE
CHARGE BY THE GROUP THAT THE EMBASSY HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO
THE PRESS INFORMATION THAT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE PROTECTED
FROM RELEASE UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT. APPARENTLY, A REPORTER
VISITED THE GROUP JUST PRIOR TO THE CONOFF'S VISIT AND SHOWED
THE GROUP A LIST OF THEIR NAMES AND STATESIDE ADDRESSES WHICH
THEY CLAIM WAS GIVEN ONLY TO THE EMBASSY WITH THE CONDITION
THAT THE INFORMATION BE PROTECTED. THE GROUP MEMBERS WERE
HIGHLY UPSET AS THEY ARE IN FEAR OF THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF
PAST TEREATS MADE BY OTHER MEMBERS AGAINST THOSE WHO SEEK TO
LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISMISS IDEA THAT RELEASE WAS MADE IN-TENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY, BY EMBASSY, EMBASSY AWARE -THAT INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT ALLEGEDLY RELEASED HAD BEEN GIVEN BY GROUP MEMBERS TO GUYANESE IMMIGRATION AND POLICE AUTHORITIES.

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