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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT:22-11/25/78 (2400 EST)
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1. THE FINAL COUNT OF BODIES REMOVED FROM JONESTOWN AND

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TRANSPORTED TO DOVER AIR FORCE BASE IS BEING CONFIRMED BUT
WILL TOTAL 912 OR 913. PERSONNEL AT DOVER ARE CONTINUING
THE SLOW AND DIFFICULT PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY
THE VICTIMS. SCS IS COLLATING GUYANA IMMIGRATION FILES
WITH PASSPORT APPLICATIONS IN OUR FILES TO PREPARE A NEXT
OF KIN LIST. THE MEDICAL RECORDS FROM JONESTOWN ARE
SCHEDULED IN DOVER TONIGHT AND SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL IN THE
IDENTIFICATION PROCESS. IN A REVERSAL, THE GUYANESE
DECIDED NOT TO PERMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS IN OFFICIAL
IMMIGRATION FILES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. OUR EMBASSY
IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE CARDS PHOTOGRAPHED AND
THE FILM SENT TO DOVER TO HELP IN THE IDENTIFICATION
PROCESS.

2. THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE
DEPARTMENT'S TWENTY-FOUR HOUR MULTI-BUREAU AND MULTI-AGENCY
GUYANA TASK FORCE. BETWEEN 18 AND 20 OFFICERS AND STAFF

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WE MANNED NINE TELEPHONE LINES. IT IS CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED THAT THEY HAVE HANDLED 4,000 TELEPHONE CALLS FROM RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE VICTIMS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE VICTIMS AND INFORM NEXT OF KIN, THE SCS STAFF HAS SENT OVER 1,200 NAMES OF POSSIBLE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS RESIDENT IN GUYANA TO THE EMBASSY ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION TELEPHONED INTO THE DEPARTMENT. THE SCS JO2 HAS REALLY JUST BEGUN; THEY WILL HAVE A MAJOR ROLE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING BODIES AND NOTIFYING NEXT OF KIN.

3. THERE IS STILL NO DEFINITE WORD ON WHEN THE GUYANESE WILL RELEASE SURVIVORS. THE EMBASSY MAY LEARN SOMETHING ON MONDAY. PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE SURVIVORS AT CHARLESTON

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APP ARE WELL ADVANCED, BUT THERE MAY WELL BE PROBLEMS AS THE LARGE PRESS CONTINGENT SEES THIS AS A MAJOR MEDIA EVENT. WHILE MANY OF THE SURVIVORS STILL FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES AND MAY NOT WANT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

4. THE U.S. MILITARY RETROGRADE OPERATIONS CONTINUE. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE SIXTEEN MISSIONS SCHEDULED WILL BE COMPLETED BY MORNING. REDUCED HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR THE EMBASSY WILL BE RETAINED FOR THE TIME BEING. TWO EXTENDED RANGE HUETS ARE BEING SENT TO GUYANA TO REPLACE THE P-13'S FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE AIR FORCE IS ALSO MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PICK UP SURVIVORS AND FERRY THEM TO THE U.S. ON TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NOTICE.

5. AMBASSADOR BURKE HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNEAM AT HIS COUNTRY PLACE AT 0800 HOURS EST TIME MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF FBI PRESENCE AND RELATED MATTERS.

6. WE ARE STILL CONSULTING WITH THE EMBASSY ON THE RETENTION OF LOCAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE USE IN CONNECTION WITH EVENTS IN JONESTOWN. IN ADDITION, A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL OFFICE WILL ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN NO LATER THAN TUESDAY EVENING TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY.

7. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES WE HAVE ASKED THE EMBASSY TO VERIFY INFORMATION PASSED TO US LAST WEEK TO THE EFFECT THAT GUYANESE AUTHORITIES INTEND TO CONDUCT SAMPLE AUTOPSIES IN JONESTOWN.

8. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE REMOVAL OF THE BODIES FROM GUYANA AND THE RAPID PEASE DOWN OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, SITUATION REPORTS WILL BE PREPARED ONLY ONCE A DAY. VANCE

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