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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NATURALIZATION OF CERTAIN PEOPLES TEMPLE
PERSONNEL

1. IN ITS ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 29, GEORGETOWN'S EVENING DAILY,
THE CITIZEN (WHICH IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED) CARRIES A FRONT
PAGE ARTICLE REPORTING LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE JONESTOWN
TRAGEDY. IN THE ARTICLE THERE IS REFERENCE TO THE FACT
THAT FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WERE
GRANTED GUYANESE CITIZENSHIP EARLIER THIS YEAR.
INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTIFIED AS: PAUL ADAMS, DEBORAH
TOUCHEE, GEORGE PHILIP BLAKEY, JANICE WILSEY AND
THOMAS JOENSON. OF THESE BLAKEY IS KNOWN TO BE A BRITIS
SUBJECT, BUT THE OTHERS ARE/WERE AMERICAN CITIZENS.
TWO OF THE FOUR, ADAMS AND TOUCHEE, ARE STILL AT THE
PEOPLES TEMPLE OFFICE IN GEORGETOWN; THE OTHER TWO MAY
BE AMONG THE VICTIMS OF JONESTOWN.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR
THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT
TO SEEK NATURALIZATION ON BEHALF OF THESE

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INDIVIDUALS HAD APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.
SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CONSUL HAD WARNED PEOPLES TEMPLE
REPRESENTATIVES THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD RESULT IN
THE LOSS OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. IF CITIZEN
ARTICLE IS ACCURATE; IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS
WARNING WAS NOT HEEDED. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO
CONFIRM THE REPORT WITH GOG OFFICIALS.

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