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TAGS: CASC. OREP (RYAN, LEO), GY
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GROUP

REF: YOUR TELEGRAM DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1979
1. SECRETARY VANCE ASKED THAT I RESPOND TO YOUR TELEGRAM.
ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES
ON THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF MAYOR MOSCONE AND SAN FRANCISCO

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SUPERVISOR MILK.

2. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING SURVIVORS
OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TRAGEDY IN PURSUING YOUR INVESTIGA-
TION INTO POSSIBLE CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL LAW VIOLATIONS BY
PRESENT AND FORMER PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IS PERMITTING THE DEPARTURE OF SUR-
VIVORS ONLY AS IT DETERMINES THAT THE PRESENCE OF PARTICU-
LAR INDIVIDUALS IN GUYANA IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO THAT
GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR. AS YOU
MAY KNOW, ONE ELDERLY SURVIVOR ARRIVED IN THE U.S. ON
NOVEMBER 26 AND SEVEN MORE ARRIVED IN THE U.S. ON
NOVEMBER 29. AT PRESENT, WE ANTICIPATE THAT PERMISSION
FOR DEPARTURE WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN IN
SPORADIC FASHION AS DICTATED BY THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT'S
INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS. IN ANY EVENT IT WOULD NOT BE
PROPER FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ATTEMPT TO PLACE
RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEPARTURE OF U.S. CITIZENS FROM
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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3. WHILE THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR U.S. CITIZEN SURVIVORS TO RETURN TO THE U.S., WE BELIEVE THAT MOST SURVIVORS WILL RETURN TO THE U.S. WE ARE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ARRIVAL OF SURVIVORS AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FBI HAS INTERVIEWED SURVIVORS UPON THEIR RETURN AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

4. WE NOTE THAT YOUR CABLE ALSO WENT TO FBI DIRECTOR WEBSTER AND [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, SAN FRANCISCO. WE LEARNED FROM OUR MEETING WITH YOUR ASSOCIATES THAT YOU ARE ALREADY COORDINATING WITH THE FBI IN THIS MATTER. WE ARE SENDING COPIES OF THIS MESSAGE

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TO DIRECTOR WEBSTER AND SAC [REDACTED] IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL FACILITATE YOUR CONTINUED COORDINATION.

5. SIGNED: JOHN A. BUSHNELL, DIRECTOR, GUYANA WORKING GROUP, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. VANCE

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