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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION THREAT AGAINST PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO USSS #1861 DATED 11/24/78.

THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE CONTINUES TO CONDUCT AN
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, INSIDE THE UNITED STATES, OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF
DANGER THAT THIS GROUP MAY PRESENT TO PROTECTEES OF THIS
SERVICE. THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN CLOSE
CONJUNCTION WITH THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF THIS GROUP.

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AS THIS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES, IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY
APPARENT THAT SOME OF THE KEY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO
SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED BY THE SECRET SERVICE EITHER WILL NOT
BE RELEASED BY THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE OR
DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. THESE MEMBERS
INCLUDE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AND THOSE WHO MAY IN THE FUTURE BE
FORMALLY CHARGED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG).

IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN MAKE
CONTACT WITH THE GOG AND REQUEST THAT THE USSS BE ALLOWED TO
INTERVIEW THOSE PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE RETURNING
TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING THOSE
FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES IN GUYANA. IF DESIRABLE, THESE INTERVIEWS
COULD BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY FBI INTERVIEWS THAT
MAY BE ALLOWED. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO THE GOG THAT THE
USSS INTEREST IN THESE PERSONS LIES IN A VERY NARROW VEIN; THAT
BEING THE FUTURE THREAT THAT THE PEOPLES TEMPLE MAY PRESENT TO
PROTECTEES OF THE USSS INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS SERVICE IN NO WAY WISHES
TO PARTICIPATE IN OR HAMPER THE INVESTIGATION OF ANY CRIMES THAT

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MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THESE PERSONS IN GUYANA.

DUE TO THE POTENTIAL GRAVITY OF THE USSS INVESTIGATION AND THE
NECESSITY OF THESE INTERVIEWS TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL
THREAT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT USSS BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT THE
ABOVE INTERVIEWS IN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE.

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