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SUBJECT: N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE - INTERVIEW OF JACQUELINE SPIER

THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY CARRIED FOLLOWING STORY BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH JACQUELINE SPIER ALLEGING THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY WERE NEGLIGENT IN THEIR BRIEFINGS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR HIS VISIT TO JONESTOWN. EMBASSY COMMENTS REQUESTED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. WE ALSO NEED DWYER'S REPORT OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT AND THEIR BRIEFINGS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR JONESTOWN, AND THE REPORT OF ELLIZ'S NOVEMBER 7 TRIP TO JONESTOWN.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 3. REPRESENTATIVE LEO J. DWYER'S LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, WHO WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN THE GUYANA SHOOTING THAT COST THE CONGRESSMAN HIS

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 DWYER SAID TODAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NEVER WARNED THE RYAN PARTY OF ANY DANGER OF VIOLENCE IN HIS MISSION TO GUYANA.

JACQUELINE SPIER, A 28-YEAR-OLD LAWYER AND AN AIDE TO DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN FROM CALIFORNIA FOR NINE MONTHS, CALLED BY TELEPHONE FROM HER BED IN A WASHINGTON HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE IS RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS INFLICTED BY THE PEOPLES TEMPLE GUARDS WHO ALLEGEDLY KILLED MR. RYAN AND FOUR OTHERS IN GUYANA ON NOVEMBER 18. SPIER ACCUSED THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN OF INDIFFERENCE AND HOSTILITY TOWARD MR. RYAN'S MISSION TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS BY SAN FRANCISCO CONSULTANTS THAT THEIR CLIENTS WERE BEING ABUSED AND FORCIBLY DETAINED IN THE PEOPLES TEMPLE SETTLEMENT OF JONESTOWN.

SPIER SAID SHE HAD DECIDED TO SPEAK TO A REPORTER BECAUSE SHE HAD BECOME ANARY DURING HER HOSPITALIZATION OF A BOY OF INACCURACIES IN SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE RYAN MISSION AND THE ROLE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
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WENT AND THE EMBASSY IN THE MASS DEATHS IN GUYANA.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT NO TIME MADE IT EVEN REMOTELY
CLEAR TO THE CONGRESSMAN OR TO MYSELF THAT THERE
WOULD BE DANGER ENCOUNTERED OF THE NATURE THAT WE
FOUNDE. MISS SPEIER SAID.

THERE WAS RELUCTANCE BY STATE TO HAVE THE TRIP COME OFF

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FOR A LOT OF REASONS, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT IN HER
OPINION, ONE OF THE REASONS WAS THAT THEY JUST HADN'T
DONE ENOUGH INVESTIGATING INTO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE
COMMUNITY.

SHE ALSO BELIEVED, SHE SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
AND THE EMBASSY WERE AFRAID MR. RYAN'S INVESTIGATION
AND HIS DETERMINATION TO BRING OUT PEOPLE TEMPLE MEMBERS
WHO WISHED TO LEAVE WOULD DAMAGE UNITED STATES RELATIONS
WITH GUYANA.

WHEN THE CONGRESSMAN AND HIS PARTY ARRIVED IN GUYANA ON
NOV. 14, THEY ENCOUNTERED A BLASE ATTITUDE AND DEEP
RESENTMENT AMONG SOME EMBASSY OFFICERS ABOUT THE RYAN
MISSION, SHE SAID.

MISS SPEIER RECALLED THAT SHE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE PARTY HAD RAPIDLY STAGED THEMSELVES IN AN AUTO FOR
THE DRIVE FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GEORGETOWN WHEN RICHARD
DUNN, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE EMBASSY, STARTED BEATING
THEIR HORN.

HE SAID WE HADN'T DONE HALF ENOUGH STAFF WORK FOR THIS
COUNTRY, SAID MISS SPEIER, USING THE ACRONYM FOR A
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION
ABROAD.

THEY WERE ALSO VERY UPSET THAT THE PRESS HAD COME DOWN WITH
US, SHE SAID, ALTHOUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS WELL
AWARE THAT WE WOULD HAVE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ALONG.
ATTITUDE PARTY HAD ENCOUNTERED

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MISS SPEIER SAID SHE WAS RELUCTANT TO SPEAK OF MR. DWYER'S
EVIDENT RESENTMENT OF THE RYAN MISSION BECAUSE HE
HAD INSTEAD PLAYED A COMMENDABLE ROLE - THOUGH SLIGHTLY
WOUNDED HIMSELF - IN CARING FOR THE WOUNDED AND IN
GETTING THEM EVACUATED FROM THE AIRSTRIP NEAR JONESTOWN.
SHE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MR. DWYER'S REMARKS IN THE
AUTOBIOGRAPHY SYMBOLIZED AN ATTITUDE THAT MR. RYAN'S PARTY
HAD ENCOUNTERED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

SHE MADE IT CLEAR THAT SHE RESENTED MR. DWYER'S
ALLEGATION THAT THE RYAN MISSION WAS ILL PREPARED, SHE
SAID SHE AND MR. RYAN HAD HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS
WITH MANY PEOPLE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHEN THE TRIP
WAS BEING PLANNED.

MISS SPEIER SAID AMBASSADOR JOHN BURKE CHANGED HIS
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ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RYAN MISSION AND THE PEOPLES TEMPLE
AFTER HE MET ON NOV. 16 WITH THE CONGRESSMAN'S PARTY,
INCLUDING ABOUT 14 RELATIVES OF JONESTOWN RESIDENTS.

HAD A BLASE ATTITUDE
I FEEL THAT UNTIL HE MET WITH US, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO
HAD A BLASE ATTITUDE TOWARD JONESTOWN, SHE SAID. BUT AT
THE MEETING, SHE SAID MR. BURKE SAID HE HAD NO
RECOLLECTION OF HAVING SEEN AFFIDAVITS SENT TO THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OR TO THE EMBASSY BY SOME OF THOSE
PRESENT, INCLUDING PEOPLES TEMPLE DEFECTORS.
ONE OF THOSE AFFIDAVITS, MISS SPEIER RECALLED, CARRIED
THE WARNING THAT THE REV. JIM JONES HAD NOT ONLY

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HELD REHEARSALS FOR A MASS SUICIDE BY
MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE.
IN ANOTHER CASE THAT CAME UP AT THE MEETING, MISS SPEIER
SAID, THE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN SENT A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT
FROM SAN FRANCISCO ASKING THAT HE INQUIRE INTO SOME
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ABUSES IN JONESTOWN.

THE AMBASSADOR'S REPLY WAS THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN IT.
MISS SPEIER SAID, AND NO KNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DOCUMENT
HAD EVER BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SENDER, EMPHASIZING THAT
SHE WORKS AS A LAWYER. MISS SPEIER SAID: ON THE FACE OF
IT, THAT IS A VIOLATION OF THE TREATY THE UNITED STATES
HAS WITH GUYANA CONCERNING CONSULAR SERVICES. ON THE
BASIS OF THAT TREATY ALONE, IT WAS INCUMBENT ON THE
AMBASSADOR TO INVESTIGATE.

DISCUSSION AT GEORGETOWN OFFICE
SHE SAID ONE FACTOR IN CHANGING THE AMBASSADOR'S
ATTITUDE TO ONE OF CONCERN WAS THE REPORT FURNISHED
BY SOME OF THE RELATIVES AT THE MEETING. IN THE REPORT,
SHE SAID, THEY CITED THE BRUSHOFF THEY HAD RECEIVED AT
THE GEORGETOWN OFFICE OF THE PEOPLES COMMUNITY, WHERE
THEY HAD GONE TO INQUIRE ABOUT SOME CHILDREN.

THE RELATIVES HAD BEEN TOLD ONLY TO GO TO THE U.S.
EMBASSY, MISS SPEIER SAID WHEN HE HEARD THAT, I BELIEVE
WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME THE AMBASSADOR REALIZED THE
SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND, TO HIS CREDIT, HE GOT ON
THE PHONE TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE OFFICE AND BEGAN TO
DEMAND ANSWERS TO SOME OF OUR QUESTIONS.
BUT ALL THAT CAME HOURS, DAYS, MONTHS TOO LATE, MISS SPEIER
SAID.

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MISS SPEIER CALLED INADEQUATE THE PERIODIC VISITS TO
JONESTOWN BY CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM THE EMBASSY IN
GEORGETOWN IN PART TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF
RELATIVES THAT MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE WERE BEING
HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL.

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IT WAS FROM TIME
WHETHER THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER WENT TO JONESTOWN.
IT WAS FROM TIME SHE SAID. SHE NOTED THAT THE JONESTOWN
COMMUNITY WAS ALWAYS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF A CONSULAR
OFFICER'S VISIT AND WAS GIVEN AT LEAST A PARTIAL LIST OF
PEOPLE WHOM HE WISHED TO INTERVIEW.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SAID THAT NAMES OF SOME OF THE
PEOPLE TO BE INTERVIEWED WERE ALWAYS LEFT OFF THE LIST
SENT TO JONESTOWN AND THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS OFTEN
CONDUCTED THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS IN AN
OPEN FIELD, FAR FROM OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS.
MISS SPEIER SAID SHE HAD BEEN TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT THE
CONSULAR OFFICER USUALLY CONDUCTED HIS INTERVIEWS IN
THE JONESTOWN RADIO ROOM THAT COULD BE BUGGED AND
PROBABLY WAS BUGGED.

SHE WAS ESPECIALLY BITTER ABOUT WHAT SHE REGARDED AS THE
FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE
ADEQUATELY THE ALLEGATIONS BY PEOPLES TEMPLE DEFECTORS
THAT GUNS AND AMMUNITION WERE SHIPPED IN FALSELY MARKED
CRATES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO GUYANA.

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MISS SPEIER HAS BEEN WARNED BY FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICERS
NOT TO DISCLOSE THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH SHE IS A PATIENT
FOR FEAR OF REPRISALS BY SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
WHICH SHE LEFT IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE TWO LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH MISS SPEIER
WERE ARRANGED BY A CLOSE FRIEND OF MISS SPEIER WHO
TRANSMITTED THE REPORTER'S REQUEST THAT MISS SPEIER
INTERPHONE HIM.

MISS SPEIER SAID SHE HAD A FOREBODING ABOUT THE TRIP TO
GUYANA AND HAD MADE OUT HER WILL HOURS BEFORE SHE LEFT.
AND KEPT IT IN HER OFFICE ALONG WITH THE WILL
THAT REPRESENTATIVE RYAN HAD DRAWN TWO YEARS AGO.

END OF TEXT. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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