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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN  
TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3362  
UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 33542

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INFO. 12865: N/A

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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE (PT) INVESTIGATION

REF: A. CARACAS 11496 (NOTAL); B. CARACAS 11537 (NOTAL)

1. AMEMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT MANY RECORDS IN  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AND  
CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY COURT ORDER.

2. MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO ARRIVED IN TRINIDAD ON  
"ALBATROSS III" ON PURCHASING TRIP PRIOR TO JONESTOWN  
INCIDENT RECENTLY INFORMED AMEMBASSY THAT AN ACCOUNT FOR  
APPROXIMATELY \$69,282 (TT) HAD BEEN OPENED AT BARCLAYS  
BANK, PORT OF SPAIN. PURPOSE OF ACCOUNT WAS ALLEGEDLY

TO COVER PURCHASES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE  
"ALBATROSS III" AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY WAS PETER SWINNEY.

ONE OF FOUR MEMBERS OF PT WHO ARRIVED ON BOARD THE VESSEL.  
THEY CLAIMED THAT THE ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED ON DECEMBER 9  
AND THEY PROMISED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER  
ACCOUNTS IN TRINIDAD.

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FOR GEORGETOWN: ACCORDING TO RICHARD JAVARO, PUR-  
CHASING AGENT FOR PT ON BOARD THE "ALBATROSS III,"  
WALLA ALAMS AND JEFFREY BOUCHETTE HANDED ALL EXTERNAL  
DOCUMENTS FOR THE PT. THEY TEMPORARILY OPENED THE  
ACCOUNT HERE THROUGH A TRANSFER WITH BARCLAYS IN  
GEORGETOWN. FCY

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