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M.O. 12005: V/A
PAGES: CASE, PCOV, GY (BEIKMAN, CHARLES) (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJECT: S/W ARRESTS: CHARLES EDWARD BEIKMAN
REF: GEORGETOWN #188

1. PRELIMINARY HEARING INTO THE ALLEGED MURDERS OF LINDA
MARION HARRIS (AKA SEARCH AMOS) AND HER THREE CHILDREN WAS
HELD YESTERDAY (DEC 11). SESSION SCHEDULED FOR DEC 9 WAS
CANCELLED BY MAGISTRATE CHRISTIAN AS DEFENSE COUNSEL FAILED
TO APPEAR.
2. AT THE START OF YESTERDAY'S HEARING, CHRISTIAN READ TO
THE COURT THE SECTION OF GUYANESE LAW RESTRICTING PUBLICATION
OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES UNDER THE
CRIMINAL LAW ACT. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, IT IS
AGAINST GUYANESE LAW TO PUBLISH FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION ANY
DETAILS OF A PRELIMINARY HEARING EXCEPT FOR (A) THE NAMES,
ADDRESSES, AND OCCUPATION OF THE ACCUSED PERSON AND WITNESSES;
(B) A CONCISE STATEMENT OF THE CHARGE AND THE DEFENCE IN
WHICH OF WHICH EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN; (C) SUBMISSION ON
ANY POINT OF LAW ARISING IN THE COURSE OF THE HEARING AND THE
DECISION OF THE MAGISTRATE THEREON... EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
DIRECTED BY THE MAGISTRATE. CHRISTIAN SAID HE WAS HEARING THE
SECTION OF THE LAW MERELY FOR INFORMATION, AND NOT BECAUSE OF ANY
VIOLATION OF THE LAW BY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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3. TWO NEW WITNESSES WERE CALLED UPON TO TESTIFY YESTERDAY,
INCLUDING GERRHAN JONES, THE SON OF THE LATE REV. JIM JONES.
4. THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME DEC 15.

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