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WANTED BY ARA/FPY: INTERPRET: BT
APPROVED BY ARA: JAB:SEWELL
GUAYANA TASK FORCE - EMCCOY
SIA/FPY - JOHNSON
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SECRETARY WASHDC
C AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN
WFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS
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SUBJECT: DRUGS IN PEOPLE'S TEMPLE COMMUNITY
EMBASSY CONCERN IS REQUESTED IN THE TRAVEL OF DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S SAIC FRANK BRIGGS TO GUAYANA
FROM CARACAS. HIS ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION
OF MEANS BY WHICH PEOPLE'S TEMPLE COMMUNITY OBTAINED
DRUGS EVENTUALLY ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS IN LETHAL PORTION.
BRIGGS WISHES TO CONSULT GUYANESE COUNTERPARTS AND TO
VISIT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (CONTAINERS, DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED
WITH DRUG STORAGE AND SHIPMENT).

DEA'S INVESTIGATION IS RESPONSIVE TO SEN INTEREST OF
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS (SENATOR WOLFE).

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AS WELL AS CONGRESSMAN PATROY'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUVENILE
DELINQUENCY (SENATOR CLEVER). BRIGGS WOULD PLAN TO CONFINE
HIS ACTIVITIES TO GEORGETOWN. FBI DEA HAS PARTICIPATED IN
INTERVIEWS WITH JOVESTOWN SURVIVORS IN THE U.S. BUT REPORTS
SURVIVORS HAVE PARTED WITH VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THIS
SUBJECT.

DEA SUPPORT NOT RECEIVED BUT BRIGGS WOULD PLAN TO
CONTACT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL AND TO REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS
TO AMBASSADOR.

RECOGNIZES THAT CONSIDERABLE NUMBER
ALREADY PRESENT IN GEORGETOWN AND DOES
TO COMPLICATE RELATIONS WITH GOI BY OVERLOADING
SAME TIME DEA HAS STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING
WELCOME AMBASSADOR'S VISIT.
IF ANY PROBLEMS FORESEEN. CHRISTOPHER