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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S TEMPLE REQUEST TO THE USSR REVEALED AS  
CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE JONESTOWN DEATHS CONCLUDES

1. TESTIMONY IN THE CORONER'S INQUEST ENDED

AT 3 P. M. LOCAL DECEMBER 17 WITH THE VERDICT PROMISED BY PRE-  
SIDING MAGISTRATE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20. WHILE MOST OF  
THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE INQUEST  
PRODUCED LITTLE INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE LAST  
WITNESS, ASST POLICE COMMISSIONER CECIL ROBERTS, UNEXPECTEDLY  
INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE LETTERS WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED ALONG WITH  
A SUITCASE FULL OF AMERICAN AND GUYANESE CURRENCY FROM THREE  
SURVIVORS WHO HAD FLED JONESTOWN ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS/  
SUICIDES (NOVEMBER 19). THESE LETTERS REVEAL THAT  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAD MORE THAN \$7,000,000 IN ACCOUNTS WITH  
BRANCHES OF TWO SWISS BANKING FIRMS IN PANAMA, AND THAT  
THE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE, ON THE FINAL  
DAY, HAD DIRECTED THAT THESE FUNDS BE PAID TO FEODOR TIMOFEYEV,  
PRESS AND CONSULAR ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN

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FOR ULTIMATE TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR.

2. OF THE LETTERS SUBMITTED AS HAVING BEEN FOUND BY THE  
POLICE IN THE POSSESSION OF TIMOTHY AND MICHAEL CARTER AND MICHAEL  
PROFFS, TWO ARE ADDRESSED TO OFFICES OF THE BRANCHES OF THE UNITED  
BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND THE SWISS BANKING CORPORATION, BOTH IN PANAMA.

THE LETTERS DIRECT THAT THE FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THESE ACCOUNTS, AS  
THE DEPOSITS MATURE, BE PAID TO TIMOFEYEV. A COVERING LETTER, ADDRES-  
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TO TIMOFEYEV, STATES THAT WITH THE LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE BANKS,  
HE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE CLAIMING THE FUNDS AND THAT HE SHOULD  
FORWARD THE FUNDS FOR THE USE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR  
FOR THE PARTY'S VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. ANOTHER LETTER, ALLEGEDLY  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR  
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PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER- MARIA KATSARIS DIRECTS THAT ALL OF THE MONEY  
IN ANOTHER ACCOUNT IN THE BANCO UNION DE VENEZUELA ALSO BE MADE  
AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION. NO  
AMOUNT IS SPECIFIED IN THIS DOCUMENT WHICH IS HAND-WRITTEN IN  
THE FORM OF A WILL.




4. TODAY'S INQUEST WAS WELL COVERED BY FOREIGN PRESS  
CORPS INCLUDING REPORTERS FROM THE ASSOCIATES PRESS, NEW YORK TIMES,  
CHICAGO TRI-  
BUNE, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, LOS ANGELES TIMES.

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