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TAGS: GARR (LAYTON, LARRY) (PEOPLES TEMPLE)
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: LARRY LAYTON
REF: GEORGETOWN 4316

1. PRELIMINARY HEARING INTO THE MURDERS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND FOUR OTHER PERSONS RESUMED DEC 16. TWO NEW WITNESSES TESTIFIED. HAROLD CORDELL RELATED HIS EXPERIENCES WITH PEOPLES TEMPLE AND HIS VIEW OF THE EVENTS AT JONESTOWN AND FORT MATHEMA ON NOV 16-19. HE WAS INTENSIVELY CROSS-EXAMINED BY SENIOR COUNSEL REX MCKAY, WHO ACCUSED THE WITNESS OF BEING PREJUDICED AGAINST LAYTON. GERALD PERNS ALSO TESTIFIED, FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.

2. THE INQUIRY WAS POSTPONED UNTIL DEC 20 BY MAGISTRATE

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