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E.O. 12266: NA

INFO: CASC, GY, OREP (RYAN, LEO)

SUBJ: CALIFANO LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
PEOPLES TEMPLE.

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH THE MINISTER OF  
INFORMATION SPIRLEY FIELD-RIDLEY REGARDING A LETTER OF  
RECOMMENDATION WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF REVEREND JIM JONES BY  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE JOSEPH  
CALIFANO. MINISTER FIELD-RIDLEY STATES THAT DESPITE AN  
INTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE FILES IN HER MINISTRY THEY HAVE NOT  
BEEN ABLE TO UNCOVER A COPY OF SUCH A LETTER. THE ONLY  
REFERENCE TO SECRETARY CALIFANO THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE  
TO LOCATE IN THEIR FILES IS CONTAINED IN A COPY OF A HAND-  
OUT PREPARED BY THE PEOPLES TEMPLE, A BOOKLET CONTAINING WHAT  
WAS PURPORTED TO BE QUOTES FROM CELEBRITIES ABOUT PEOPLES  
TEMPLE. THIS PAMPHLET IS ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT.

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