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TAGS: CASC, GY, (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJ: CONSULAR OFFICER'S VISIT TO JONESTOWN
REF: STATE 316509

1. CONSULAR OFFICER WHO VISITED JONESTOWN NOVEMBER 7 PLANNED TO SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THE CODEL LEFT TOWN. SINCE NOTHING OF ANY (THEN) PERCEIVED SIGNIFICANCE TRANSPIRED DURING VISIT NO URGENCY WAS ATTACHED TO THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A TELEGRAM. PLEASE SEE GEORGETOWN 3669 WHICH REFERS TO THE FORTHCOMING PREPARATION OF SUCH A TELEGRAPHIC REPORT.

2. THEIR VERY FIRST MORNING IN TOWN, CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND BOTH OF HIS STAFFERS WERE INVITED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, CONSUL ELLICE, AND VICE CONSUL REECE. REECE HAD ACCOMPANIED THE CONSUL ON HIS NOVEMBER 7 VISIT TO JONESTOWN. AT THIS MEETING SLIDES WERE SHOWN THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE DCM DURING HIS VISIT TO JONESTOWN MAY 10, 1979. THE CONGRESSMAN AND HIS ASSISTANTS WERE ADVISED THAT CONSUL ELLICE AND VICE CONSUL REECE HAD JUST VISITED JONESTOWN AND THAT THEY STOOD READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE CONGRESSMAN OR HIS STAFFERS MIGHT WISH TO POST. NO SUCH QUESTIONS WERE FORTHCOMING.

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3. REGARDING THE STATE OF HEALTH OF THE REVEREND JIM JONES, THE PEOPLES TEMPLE REPRESENTATIVES IN GEORGETOWN IN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY CODEL RYAN HAD GIVEN THE POOR STATE OF JONES' HEALTH BECAUSE OF A RECENT "HEART ATTACK" AS ONE REASON THEY CONSIDERED THE TIMING INOPPORTUNE. THIS WAS REFERRED TO DURING CONVERSATIONS THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAD WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN ON NOVEMBER 15. JONES' PERSONAL COMPLAINTS OF HIGH FEVER AND ILL HEALTH WERE ALSO MENTIONED TO RYAN.

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