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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO) GY

SUBJ: SECRET SERVICE REQUEST TO ENTER GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE
OF INTERVIEWING JONESTOWN SURVIVORS

REF: GEORGETOWN 4282.

1. IN MEETING DECEMBER 20, AMBASSADOR AGAIN RAISED WITH
FORMIN RASHLEIGH JACKSON THE OUTSTANDING REQUEST OF THE U.S.
SECRET SERVICE TO SEND AGENTS TO GUYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF
INTERVIEWING JONESTOWN SURVIVORS

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

JACKSON SAID THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE/ATTORNEY GENERAL
MOHAMMED SHAHABUDDEN HAD INFORMED HIM THAT AFTER CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION GOG COULD NOT AGREE TO INTERVIEWS WITH

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHILE THEY ARE UNDER DETENTION AND IN
A TRIAL PROCESS. SUCH INTERVIEWS COULD PREJUDICE THE
PROSECUTION'S CASE AGAINST THESE TWO DEFENDANTS IN THE
OPINION OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

2. AS TO THE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE POLICE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL
BE FREE TO LEAVE GUYANA AS SOON AS THE CORONER'S
INQUEST INTO THE JONESTOWN DEATHS NOW BEING CONDUCTED

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AT MATTHEW'S RIDGE IS COMPLETED. THAT INQUEST WHICH
HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR THE LAST TEN DAYS IS NOW
EXPECTED TO END ON DECEMBER 21 OR 22. ON THE ASSUMPTION
THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WILL DEPART GUYANA AS SOON

AS THEY ARE GIVEN PERMISSION BY THE GOG TO LEAVE,
JACKSON SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCE REMAINS
THAT THEY BE INTERROGATED ON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH THE
GOG POLICE RE THE RELEASE OF THE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AS
MATERIAL WITNESSES. SHOULD IT DEVELOP THAT THEY CAN
FREE TO LEAVE BUT DECIDE TO REMAIN FOR REASONS OF
THEIR OWN, REQUEST FOR THE ADMISSION OF USSS AGENTS WILL
BE PROMPTLY REVIEWED.

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