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TAGS: GY, JASSO
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE CRITICISING U.S.
1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE BY GREGORY ROSE ENTITLED
"GUYANAISE DEFECTORS TRYING TO LEAVE GUYANA CRITICIZE U.S."
WHICH APPEARED WASHINGTON POST, DECEMBER 21 AND DATE-
LINEAR GEORGETOWN, DECEMBER 22.
2. ROSE - MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER ESCAPING DEATH
AT JONESTOWN, 12 AMERICAN DEFECTORS FROM THE PEOPLES
TEMPLE CULT ARE STILL TRYING TO LEAVE GUYANA AND ARE
BLAMING THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE FOR THEIR PLIGHT.
DALE BRUCE, WHO HAD ASSUMED LEADERSHIP OF THE DEFECTORS,
SAID HIS WIFE AND HIS RELATIVES, TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY
THAT THE DEFECTORS WERE LIVED ON A DAILY BASIS BY U.S. CONSULAR
OFFICIALS IN GEORGETOWN.
THEY IN COMPANY WITH OTHER DEFECTORS, WHO INCLUDE SEVERAL TEEN-
AGED CHILDREN, HAD LEFT THE JUNGLE COMPOUND NOV. 19
AFTER THE DEATH OF J. RYAN (D-CALIF.) AND SURVIVED THE

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THE STRET AMBUSH IN WHICH RYAN, PARKS, MOTHEE, PATRICIA,
AND THREE NEWSMEN WERE KILLED. MORE THAN 900 OTHER
JONESTOWN RESIDENTS DIED LATER THAT NIGHT IN THE
MASS POISONING DIRECTED BY CULT LEADER JIM JONES.
ACCORDING TO PARKS, THE DEFECTORS HAVE BEEN TRYING
FOR THREE WEEKS TO ARRANGE THROUGH THE EMBASSY FOR
THEIR DEPARTURE OUT OF GUYANA. THE DEFECTORS ARE
UNDER INVESTIGATION BY GUYANESE AUTHORITIES AND
ARE NOT AMONG THOSE JONESTOWN SURVIVORS IDENTIFIED
BY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS AND DEFECTORS IN THE UNITED
STATES AS BEING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS LOYAL FOLLOWERS
OF JONES.
UNWARRANTED. ACCORDING TO PARKS, THE U.S. CONSULAR
OFFICIALS TOLD THEM AT ONE POINT THAT THE EMBASSY
COULD NOT GIVE THEM THEIR PASSPORTS BECAUSE THEY HAD
NOT BEEN CLEARED FOR RELEASE BY GUYANESE OFFICIALS.
ONLY AFTER HE TOOK A GUYANESE LAWYER WITH HIM TO THE
EMBASSY TO COMPLAIN, PARKS SAID, DID THE CONSULAR
OFFICERS PROVIDE THE PASSPORTS AND NECESSARY TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS. "WE HAD TO TAKE A GUYANESE LAWYER INTO
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THE EMBASSY," PARKS SAID, "TO GET OUR U.S. CIVIL

RIGHTS. THE PAST WEEK, PARKS SAID, THE DEFECTORS WERE
BORED BY THE EMBASSY, WHICH MUST PROVIDE THEIR AIR
TRIP HOME UNDER A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR THAT PURPOSE,
THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM ON U.S.-BOUND FLIGHTS.
MEXICO AND OTHERS HAVE HAD NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING
AIRLINE BOOKINGS ON SHORT NOTICE.

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PARKS SAID THE DEFECTORS ALSO WERE TOLD BY THE EMBASSY
THAT PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM ON
THEIR FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING U.S.
MARSHALL. BUT PAN AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK SAID
THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO CARRYING THE DEFECTORS WITH-
OUT A SECURITY ESCORT.

TODAY, THE DEFECTORS WERE TOLD BY THE EMBASSY THEY
WOULD BE FLOWN TO NEW YORK ON A PAN AM FLIGHT WITH A
U.S. MARSHALL AND TWO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS FROM
THE CULT'S GEORGETOWN HEADQUARTERS HOUSE FROM THE
DEFECTORS WERE:

PARKS SAID HE TOLD ONE CONSULAR OFFICIAL THAT HIS
GROUP DID NOT WANT TO TRAVEL ON THE SAME PLANE WITH
SOMEONE WHO THEY FEARED MIGHT POSE A DANGER TO THEM.
PARKS SAID, "THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED
TO GO. IS THEY WISH TO GO ON THE EARLIER FLIGHT,

THEY HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS YOU HAVE.
ON EVERY OCCASION," SAID JIM BOGUE, ANOTHER OF THE
DEFECTORS, "THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS 'LET US KNOW
WHAT THEY COULDN'T DO FOR US, NOT WHAT THEY COULD.'
I THOUGHT A PUBLIC SERVANT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE."
THE CONSULAR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BARRIED REPORTERS
FROM THEIR MEETINGS WITH THE DEFECTORS, WERE NOT AVAILABLE
FOR COMMENT.

END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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