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SUBJ: GOG-CONTROLLED MEDIA TAKE EXCEPTION TO

POST JOVESTOWN STORY

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1. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO STATION AND THE
OF DECEMBER 29 HAVE PROMINENTLY LABELED A CHARLES
"WASHINGTON POST" STORY OF DECEMBER 24 AS "DISTORTED."
KRAUSE STORY STATED THAT THE WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER
AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PROLEMY REIN "PERSONALLY BROUGHT
BACK OVER US\$1 MILLION IN CURRENCY, GOLD AND JEWELRY FROM
JONESTOWN TO GEORGETOWN ON NOVEMBER 28 AND THE FEW PEOPLE
KNOW WHERE THE FORTUNE IS NOW "ALTHOUGH ... POLICE ASSURE
FOREIGNERS WHO ASK THAT THE FORTUNE IS STILL INTACT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE "CHRONICLE," THE KRAUSE STORY PROVIDES
A GRAPHIC EXAMPLE OF THE DISTORTION THAT FREQUENTLY OCCURS
WHEN POWERFUL MEMBERS OF THE MASS MEDIA SEEK TO REPORT
EVENTS WHICH AFFECT SMALL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES LIKE GUYANA.
THE "CHRONICLE" REPORTS THAT THE FACTS ARE THAT TWO SENIOR
POLICE OFFICERS BROUGHT BACK TO GEORGETOWN ON NOVEMBER 28
ABOUT US\$500,000 IN CURRENCY AND JEWELRY, AND THAT MRS.
BURNHAM AND THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WERE TRAVELING ON THE

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SAME AIRCRAFT; KRAUSE'S CONTENTION THAT FEW PEOPLE CURRENTLY
KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE FUNDS IS NOT TRUE AS, AT THE
INQUEST WHICH KRAUSE ATTENDED BEFORE HIS STORY APPEARED, THE
POLICE HAD TESTIFIED THAT THE MONEY AND JEWELRY WERE IN
POLICE CUSTODY; AND THAT MR. KRAUSE HIMSELF HAD CHECKED WITH
ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER ROBERTS "BEFORE HE FILED THE STORY" AND
WAS "TOLD UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT IT WAS THE POLICE THEMSELVES WHO
TRANSPORTED THE MONEY" TO GEORGETOWN.

3. THE "CHRONICLE" CONCLUDES THAT "THE WASHINGTON POST"
OR MR. KRAUSE OWES THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUYANA AN
APOLOGY AND A RETRACTION.

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