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- Teletype
- Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- E F T O
- CLEAR

Date 12/8/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-4286 Major Case 16)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (89-96)

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(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] (u)

Enclosed for San Francisco are the following: (u)

1. FD-302 (original and two copies) reflecting interview of [redacted] (u)
2. 1A envelope containing notes of interview of [redacted]
3. 1A envelope containing cassette tape which is a copy of a tape made available by [redacted] as explained in the enclosed FD-302 (u)

For the information of the Bureau, any questions regarding the contents of the cassette tape should be addressed to San Francisco Division (u)

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2) (u)
- 2 - San Francisco (Encs. 3) REC-129
- 1 - Buffalo

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed at her residence regarding conversations she had monitored and made as an amateur HAM operator, and involving the People's Temple in Guyana. [redacted] had on December 5, 1978 telephonically contacted the Rochester, New York Office of the FBI stating she had recorded a transmission several months ago between a HAM operator with the People's Temple and other HAM operators in the United States. [redacted] provided the following information (u)

She advised that she and her husband, [redacted] are both licensed HAM operators, her call sign being [redacted] and her husband's call sign being [redacted]. As such she enjoys contacting other operators in foreign countries and frequently makes tape recordings of transmissions involving operators in foreign countries. She advised she first heard transmissions from the People's Temple in early 1978 and thereafter, on March 17, 1978 at 0320 hours (Zulu time) personally contacted the station, call sign WB6MID/8R3, in Guyana. She advised she could not specifically recall the contents of the conversation other than she talked to a female named SARAH who seemed to be familiar with New York State. (u)

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She stated HAM operators traditionally exchange cards referencing initial contacts with each other. After her contact with the People's Temple she sent them her card (addressed to Box 893, Georgetown, Guyana) referencing the contact on March 17 and shortly thereafter received two cards which contained the following pre-printed information (underlined data reflects information that was typed onto the pre-printed card): (u)

"Peoples Temple Agricultural/Medical Project working to assist the Guyanese Government to feed, clothe, and house its people, and further the human service goals that have characterized Peoples Temple. (u)

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by SA [redacted] jjd Date dictated 12/8/78

ENCLOSURE

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"Radio [] confirming our QSO on 3/17 1978
GMY 0320 URSSR X CW AM RST 58 MH 14
XMTR YAESU RCVR 101EE Antenna YAGI 80 Comments:

"Thanks for the QSL. This is a very beautiful country. The people are very friendly to the USA. They are doing a great job and appreciate whatever encouragement offered. Best wishes to you and yours. CUL73s.

/s/ Sarah & Al

"WB6 MID/8R3
Albert Touchette - Jonestown
Port Kaituna, N.W.R., Guyana"

[] stated she thought there may have been a second contact initiated by her []; however, her log of transmissions made by her only supported the one contact on March 17, 1978. [] advised that the 1977 Radio Amateur Callbook lists ALBERT TOUCHETTE as residing at 3747 Road-B, Redwood Valley, California 95470. (u)

[] advised that from early Spring, 1978, to mid Summer, 1978, she monitored her HAM operator's equipment virtually every night. During that period she heard transmissions from Guyana again virtually every night, which basically were general descriptions of the country. She stated there were also nightly contacts, assumed now by [] to be with stations in California, wherein the conversations consisted of short sentences in some form of code. She stated the transmissions made no sense to her, leading her to believe the two parties to the conversations knew exactly what they were talking about, but did not wish anyone else to know. (u)

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[] advised that shortly after her contact with the Peoples Temple she made a cassette tape recording of conversations between the Peoples Temple and other HAM operators in the United States. The tape, about nine minutes in duration, contains only the Peoples Temple operator's half of the conversation. [] advised the operator, possibly AL TOUCHETTE, talked to two different operators during the duration of the tape, one being possibly a pharmacist from North or South Carolina (call sign America America Four Oscar Delta) who was offering to send medical supplies to Guyana, and the other being an operator (call sign WBOYVB) in Duluth, Minnesota. (u)

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[] allowed the interviewing Agent to make a copy of the taped transmissions. She further advised she never heard anything regarding the visit of Congressman RYAN to Guyana, nor did she have any other information regarding the Peoples Temple. (u)