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Enclosed for San Francisco are original and two copies and for the Bureau two copies of interview of [redacted]

Also enclosed for San Francisco are original and two copies of FD-302 regarding service of subpoena upon JOHN RAPHAEL COBB

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[redacted] was contacted at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) Queens, New York immediately upon his arrival. Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves as SAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Secret Service Agent [redacted] was also present during the interview. [redacted] was advised that the FBI was investigating the events and actions of the Peoples Temple. Special Agent (SA) [redacted] advised [redacted] that any decision on his part to terminate the interview would be honored. [redacted] that he would volunteer whatever information he had in his possession.

[redacted] stated that he began attending the Peoples Temple with his mother about eight years ago when the Temple was located in Ukiha River Valley, California. [redacted] stated that JONES was not teaching from the Bible and was not taking offerings until the Temple moved to San Francisco. (u)

[redacted] said that he first heard about the move to Jonestown in 1974. He moved to Jonestown in August of 1977 and expected his mother to join him in November of 1978. [redacted] stated that the reason he went to Jonestown was because he liked the idea of being a pioneer and of building a different type of town to live in. He said the Temple paid his way to Jonestown. When he arrived there, he was allowed to keep the twenty-five dollars he had with him but had to hand over his passport and drivers license. He stated that when he first arrived in Jonestown he worked in the field and cleared the brush. (u)

When asked about firearms, [redacted] at first stated that he had seen only two rifles and two shotguns. He said the only ones he had seen with the guns were the following: (u)

JOHNNY JONES, Black, male, 28 years old, 5 feet 5 inches, 159 pounds, believed dead. (u)

STEVEN JONES, Indian and White, male, 19 years old, 6 feet 4 inches, 175 pounds, alive. (u)

JIMMY JONES, Black, male, 19 years old, 6 feet 3 inches, 170 pounds, alive (also known as, Zerzz) (PH) (u)

Investigation on 12/5/78 John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York File # BQ 89A-16
by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] AAG/can [redacted] Date dictated 12/11/78 4286-1384

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LOU JONES, Korean, male, 22 years old, 5 feet, 150 pounds, believed dead
TIM JONES, White, male, 19 years old, 6 feet 1 inch, 160 pounds, alive
JOE WILSON, Black, male, 22 years old, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds,
believed dead (u)

Although [] stated that these were the only ones he saw with guns, he thought that others could get them if they asked JIM JONES. [] also stated that the above named individuals and others were given licenses to use the guns by the Guyana government. (u)

Initially [] stated that all he knew about "Cottage 14" was the name of its residents: (u)

JIMMY JONES
JOHNNY COBB JONES
EVEET JONES (PH) (Wife of JIMMY JONES)
JOE JOE COBB
LISA WILLIAMS
BRENDA COBB (JOHNNY COBB's sister)

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[] stated that he never saw anyone threatened with weapons and saw no one beaten. He stated that the only type of punishment of which he was aware was when an individual was placed on Public Service. He also stated that he had heard of people being taken out into the bush and when they returned they would be screaming. He said he did not know what was done to these people. (u)

When asked what he knew about a security force, [] stated that there was a security force composed mostly of seniors who watched the animals. There was another group of security people who guarded the front gate. [] stated that he himself substituted for someone on gate security on one occasion. [] said he had never seen anyone on either of these security forces carrying weapons. (u)

[] stated that there were "day helpers" and "night helpers" whose job it was to insure that everyone was working. He named the following individuals as "helpers" (u)

BONNIE SIMON, Indian, female, 20 years old, 5 feet, 150 pounds, believed dead. (u)

BRUCE OLIVER, also known as Bruce Jackson, Black, male, 21 years old, 6 feet, 220 pounds, believed dead (u)

TINERTRA FAIN, also known as Tinertra Johnson, Black, female, 19 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, believed dead (u)

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YVONNE HAYDEN, Black, female, 5 feet, 140 pounds, 20 years old
believed dead. (u)

CHARLES MARSHALL, Black, male, 22 years old, 6 feet, 160 pounds,
believed dead. (u)

[redacted] stated that he was aware of three planning groups:
1) planning group for farming, 2) planning group for the future,
regarding food, et cetera 3) planning group for financial problems and
for handling any difficulties in moving members from the United
States to Jonestown (u)

[redacted] stated that those in the farming planning
group were: (u)

JACK BEAM, White, male, 60 years old, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds,
believed dead.

EUGENE CHAIKINS, (an attorney who did legal work for the Temple
in Jonestown, San Francisco and Los Angeles), White, male, 50 years
5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds, believed dead.

RUSSELL MOTON (an agronomist), Black, male, 37 years, 5 feet 8 inches,
240 pounds, believed dead

DANNY KUTULAS, White, male, 50 years old, 5 feet, 168 pounds,
believed dead. (u)

CHRISTINE LNU, White, female, 21 years old, 4 feet 9 inches 130
pounds, believed dead

SHIRLEY LNU, Black, female, 25 years old, 6 feet, 160 pounds,
believed dead.

JAMES SIMPSON, Black, male, 60 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds
believed dead.

[redacted] stated that those in the financial planning
group were: (u)

JOHNNY JONES

JACK BEAM

EUGENE CHAIKINS

SARAH LNU (an attorney), white, female, 28 years old,
4 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds, believed dead. (u)

MARIA CASARUS, white, female, 20 years old, 6 feet 1 inch,
160 pounds, believed dead.

TERRY BUFORD, white, female, 20 years old, 6 feet 1 inch.

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165 pounds, in the United States (believed to be a defector from the church) (u)

[redacted] stated that he never heard JIM JONES threaten those who might leave the Peoples Temple. Further, he heard of no threats against the President of any Congressmen, or any talk of assassination. He said he had never heard of the terms "hit team" or "Angels". He had heard of "Guardians" who were in San Francisco and would search any people who were attending Temple meetings. [redacted] also stated he had not heard of "Lady Satin". He said there was a "Caribbean Nightengale" (MARTHAIA HICKS (ph)) who sang with the Jonestown band which was known as the Jonestown Express (u)

[redacted] stated that he didn't know who would lead the Temple now that JIM JONES was dead. He thought that maybe STEVE JONES would take over the leadership although he admitted having heard STEVE JONES challenge his father, JIM JONES, at several meetings. However, [redacted] stated that it was not unusual for people to argue with JIM JONES at the meetings (u)

[redacted] stated that he planned to leave the Temple although he would continue to see some of his friends who might remain in the temple. He said that no threats had been made against him regarding his leaving the Temple. (u)

After several hours of questioning, [redacted] admitted that "Cottage 14" was where the guns had been kept. He said there were about 17 to 40 guns kept in the Cottage and the rest were kept in a large trunk. He did not know where the trunk was kept. He named the following individuals being on the security force (also known as "IS" or "SAT"):(u)

* TIM JONES
* JOHNNY COBB JONES
* JOE WILSON
BRUCE OLIVER
BILLY OLIVER
CHARLES MARSHALL
BOB KICE
LOU JONES
AMANDA GRIFFITH
CHRIS CORDELL
PANCHO JOHNSON
DANNY MOTEN
CLEVELAND NEWELL
GREG WATKINS
TONY WALKER
PATSY JOHNSON
YVONNE HAYDEN

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YVONNE HAYDEN
ROSY ROSARIO
*CALUIU DOUGLAS
*EMMET GRIFFITH
ALBET TOUCHETTE
RONNIE DENNIS
JIM McELVAIN - personal body guard

* Security Leaders (u)

When asked if he knew any wanted criminals that had lived in Jonestown, [redacted] named the following: CLEVELAND NEWELL (had been in jail), PAUL McCAN (perhaps had passed bad checks), TOMMY JOHNSON (jumped bail). (u)

[redacted] stated that Social Security checks were sent to Jonestown. After they were signed, they were handed over to KAY NELSON. [redacted] also said that probably TERRY BUFORD or MARIA THESARUS had the financial records for Jonestown. [redacted] also named MAIRE LAWRENCE as being in charge of the insecticide. (u)

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[redacted] stated that several people would have worked in the radio room. He advised that SARAH LNU, MARIA KASARIS, SANDY JONES, AVA JONES, TERRY BUFORD, and TERRY CARTER are individuals that would have worked there. He advised that the messages were sent out in codes of which he was unaware. (u)

He advised that the members of the Basketball team would have been: (u)

JOHNNY COBB
TIM JONES
JIM JONES
STEVEN JONES
PRESTON WADE
WALTER WILLIAMS
CLEVELAND NEWELL
MARK CORDELL
CALVIN DOUGLAS
LEE INGRAM (Coach)
MIKE TOUCHETTE

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He advised that TOM GRUBBS, CHUCK BEIKMAN, MARIE LAWRENCE, MIKE ROZINKO (ph), and KEVIN GRUBBS are individuals who would have had access to the second force that used bows and arrows and cross bows. (u)

He advised that he had no direct contact with the Peoples Temple director, LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACT. He advised that SCHACT's education was financed by the Peoples Temple for schooling in New Mexico. He stated that SCHACT had been licensed by the Guyana government. (u)

He advised that it had been rumored that SCHACT had married a girl by the name of JANICE JOHNSON. (u)

Description (u)

Name: [redacted]
Race: Black, dark
Sex: male
Date of Birth: [redacted]
Place of Birth: [redacted]
Height:
Weight:
Build: medium
Hair: black afro
Eyes: brown
Scars & Marks: none

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Residence:

Occupation:

Education:

Marital Status:

Brother:

Date of Birth:

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Believed dead in Guyana.