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Enclosed for San Francisco are the original and two copies and for the Bureau two copies of requested FD-302 of interview of ROBERT HOMER STROUD. (u)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; SUICIDAL TENDENCIES (u)

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An individual who identified himself as ROBERT HOMER STROUD was contacted as he departed his Pan American flight at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, and was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and Secret Service Agent [redacted] (u)

STROUD stated that he became acquainted with the People's Temple in 1968, while he and his family were residing in San Francisco, California. His mother and father, at that time, had become members of the People's Temple (PT), whose leader was Reverend JIM JONES. In 1970, he and his family left the PT, and moved to Banning, Southern California. (u)

At the age of 18, STROUD returned to San Francisco and renewed his membership in the PT. In 1977, based on the information provided to him by the Temple in San Francisco, STROUD decided to leave California and join Reverend JIM JONES in Jonestown, Guyana. In August, 1977, he flew to Miami, and then to Guyana, airfare provided by the PT. Reverend JIM JONES met the new group of arrivees at Georgetown, where they then took a boat into the interior to Jonestown. (u)

STROUD remained in Jonestown until September, and then went to Georgetown where in December, he married DAISY LEE, a pre-med student at San Francisco State College, daughter of [redacted] San Francisco, California, [redacted] While in Jonestown, DAISY LEE taught in the medical unit and never related to STROUD anything of an unusual nature at the medical station. (u)

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STROUD and his wife stayed in Georgetown for a period of four weeks. While there, STROUD's job was to purchase parts and dry goods for the PT. STROUD paid for these goods occasionally by checks, drawn from the Bank of Guyana, and later in cash only. PAULA WILLIAMS and MIKE TOUCHETTE were the only individuals who could sign checks used to purchase goods. These goods were sent inland by two ships; the Cudjoe, a 20 foot, 30 ton capacity boat which usually carried meats and was captained by TIM SWEENEY and the El Jara, captained by [redacted] (u)

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DON SLY and CLIFFORD GREGG. (u)

STROUD returned to Jonestown in June, where he began to teach a science class to the children of the Temple. (u)

In July, STROUD sustained serious injuries to his right leg and left ankle after being run over by a truck in a freak accident. He was given emergency medical aid by Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT, and then sent to Georgetown, to recover in the Public Hospital, Mercy Hospital and Persuado Hospital. STROUD was confined to a wheelchair, and stayed in Georgetown until early November. STROUD returned to Jonestown, where he stayed until November 15, and then returned to Georgetown for medical treatment. STROUD stated that when he left Jonestown on November 15, Reverend JIM JONES looked sick. (u)

STROUD stated that Congressman RYAN visited 41 DENNIS Street, Georgetown, Guyana, on Thursday evening. STROUD stated that at the beginning of that week, it was rumored that Congressman RYAN might be arriving in Guyana, and that he had heard that Reverend JIM JONES specifically requested that the PT in Jonestown as well as in Georgetown be cleaned up. This rumor was further substantiated by increased radio traffic between Georgetown and Jonestown. While Congressman RYAN was at 41 Dennis Street, STROUD witnessed him speaking to SHARON AMAS, in the Public Relations Office. (u)

STROUD stated that during his brief stay in Jonestown in early November, as well as in Georgetown in mid-November, there was no sign of hostility or imminent danger to members of the Temple or to Congressman RYAN and his party. (u)

STROUD stated that on Saturday, November 18, 1977, SHARON AMOS committed suicide at 41 Dennis Street, and that as a result of this act and what he had heard had happened in Jonestown, the residents of 41 Dennis Street were placed under house arrest until he departed Guyana. (u)

STROUD stated that he knew very little pertaining to the financial business of the PT. The largest amount of money seen by STROUD was said to be \$15,000, carried by EUGENE SMITH (u)

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to purchase wood in Georgetown in order to expand the Jonestown complex by 50 cottages. (u)

STROUD stated that he knew very little about checks being taken from members of the PT, but he did remember one instance when one MARION CAMPBELL related to him that she had signed her check in Jonestown and that it was subsequently taken from her and never seen again. Passports were also relinquished by all members of the PT and never returned. (u)

STROUD stated that he had no knowledge of mail being censored, but if it was, the following individuals worked in the mailroom and had access to all written communications: (u)

MARY LOU CLANCY  
RITTA TAPPER  
RONDA FORTSON  
MARGORITA DAVIS (ROMANO)  
JOHNNY FRANKLIN

STROUD stated that PSU and ECU (Extended Care Unit) did exist in Jonestown. In PSU, individuals cut grass, and carried trees as a means of punishment, which could possibly last up to three weeks in duration. (u)

STROUD stated that in September, 1977, there was an incident in Jonestown known as the "7 Day Seige." At this time, shots were heard out in the surrounding bush, and Reverend JIM JONES attributed these shots as a CIA assault, and declared an alert known as a white night. STROUD stated that the PT members had no weapons except one registered shotgun, but that every member did carry a cutlas during this seige period. (u)

STROUD stated that Reverend JIM JONES used suicide as a threat. During one white night, STROUD remembered Reverend JIM JONES stated that if any of his followers defected, they would be harassed if they succeed in getting to the United

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States, and that if they did attempt to leave Jonestown by means of the jungle, they would not make it out alive. Reverend JIM JONES also stated that he had spoken to ANGELA DAVIS and DENNIS BANKS via radio, but STROUD could not remember what Reverend JIM JONES told the members what ANGELA DAVIS and DENNIS BANKS had said during this communication. (u)

On another white night, STROUD quoted Reverend JIM JONES as stating: How many would rather take their own lives, than have it taken from them? Although STROUD never witnessed any drills of suicide or poisoning, he did admit to hearing rumors of such drills. (u)

STROUD stated that the heavy equipment used in Jonestown was purchased by MIKE TOUCHETTE from the Massey Ferguson Company in Georgetown, Guyana. The only individuals authorized and trained to drive the Massey Ferguson tractor were as follows: (u)

MIKE TOUCHETTE  
STEVE JONES  
EMIT GRIFFITH

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Authorized and trained truck drivers were as follows: (u)

KIM BREWSTER  
CARL BARNETT

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(u)

Stroud stated that he believed that Reverend JIM JONES maintained control over the members of the PT in Jonestown by keeping them in a constant state of battle or war psychosis. (u)

STROUD stated that Reverend JIM JONES feared GRACE and TIM STONE, for JONES was afraid that GRACE and TIM would attempt to kidnap JOHN VICTOR STONE, who Reverend JIM JONES admitted to fathering. (u)

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STROUD stated that drugs were not used in Jonestown except for medicinal use. These drugs were purchased from the Guyana Pharmaceutical Company and that EVELYN LE ROY was responsible for picking up these supplies. STROUD stated that he never saw any poisonous drugs in Jonestown, and doubted that these sort of drugs could be purchased in appreciable quantity from the Guyana Pharmaceutical Company, but since customs was so lax in Georgetown, they possibly could have been smuggled into the country. (u)

STROUD stated that the following individuals were known to him to be radio operators in Jonestown: (u)

MARIA KASARAS  
TERRY JONES (LOU JONES' wife)  
SHARON AMOS  
TERRY BUFFORD  
HARRIET TROOP  
KAREN LAYTON

STROUD provided the following as a partial list of the code used while operating the radio in Georgetown: (u)

Code	Meaning
Hill	JIM JONES
White Night	Crisis
Maria	(Could not remember)
Sharon	Ann
Our Friend	JIM JONES
Mark	JIM JONES
Ann	SHARON AMOS
Mary Ann	KAREN LAYTON
Sara	HARRIET TROOP
Went to Barber-shop	(Could not remember)
Had Tang for Breakfast	(Could not remember)

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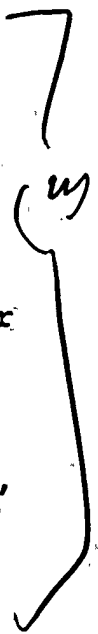
In addition, STROUD stated that he as well as BOB (LNU) burned all written radio transmissions at the end of each day as standard operating procedure. (u)

STROUD stated that he knew very little about Dr. LAWRENCE EUGENE SCHACHT except that he was the only doctor at the PT in Jonestown. STROUD stated that Dr. SCHACHT's medical diploma was not displayed in his office, but he believed that Dr. SCHACHT acquired his medical training in Mexico, his schooling being paid for by the PT. (u)

STROUD stated that to the best of his knowledge, SHARON AMOS was in charge of Public Relations for the PT in Jonestown, and that she was friendly with DOUG ELLIS and DICK MC COY. As to other officials, STROUD stated that DAVID (LNU), Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, painted propaganda material for the Temple, and that Judge BORLERS, Highest judge in Guyana, had visited Jonestown at least three times, but STROUD never saw him in Georgetown. (u)

The following description was obtained through observation and interview: (u)

Name	ROBERT HOMER STROUD
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 13, 1957
Place of Birth	Indio, California
Height	5'11"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	Left hip, scar, right foot, scar
Residence	Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California (two years prior to leaving)
Occupation	Housekeeper at hospital Post St. Convalescent Hospital, San Francisco





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Education	High School
Marital Status	Married
Mother	[REDACTED]
Father	
Brother	
Brother	
Sister	
Arrests	None
Destination Point	Holmdale, Idaho [REDACTED] [REDACTED] eventually to San Francisco [REDACTED]

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ROBERT STROUD provided the following names and descriptions of fellow PT members: (u)

JOE WILSON - black male, 5'1", Security Force, carried shotgun, medical building 23

ALBERT TOUCHETTE, Planning Commission, curly blond, 20's, 6', 160 lbs.

TOM KICE - Tall, 6'3", white male, receding grey hair, carried gun, SAT - 30's-40's.

BOB KICE - Son, 6'3", red hair, 180 lbs. 30's, rover in day time

TIM JONES - roved at nights - SAT - BB

JIMMY JONES, Jr. - night rover - SAT - BB

EDDY CRENSHAW - drove a truck - possible guard

JOHNNY COBB - rover, SAT, (Security Alert Team) 6'2" 170 lbs., thin black mustache, black male, age 18

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JOHNNIE JONES - Administrator, Coordinator, Inner Circle, 5'8", black male, thin, mustache, wears Benjamin Franklin glasses, age 27

LOU JONES - Korean, 5'7", 140 lbs., Rover, 21-22 years, Coordinator of SAT. Often gave orders to other SAT members.

JIM MAC ELVANE - 6'6", 250 lbs., Head of Special Security for JIM JONES. Black male, wore sunglasses. Mole on left side of face, lip area. in San Francisco, arrived Jonestown Wednesday night, early 40's.

GARY JOHNSON - "PONCHO", 6', 180 lbs., black male, sung in bank SAT, 19 years.

EMMIT GRIFFITH - 5'11", 160 lbs., black male, drove tractor, 20 years

BILLY OLIVER - SAT, 6'3", 190 lbs., black male, known to carry shotgun.

BRUCE OLIVER - brother of above, 6'1", 180 lbs., SAT, known to carry shotgun, 20 years. Thin mustache.

ED CRENSHAW - 6'3", 180 lbs., black male, drove Bedford pickup truck.

STEVE JONES - 6'4", 200 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, drove Catipillar, known to accompany JIM JONES whenever anything went wrong.

TIM TUPPER JONES - 6'3", curly blonde hair, 180 lbs., SAT, known to carry shotgun, Inner Circle.

CHRIS NEWELL - 5'8", 180 lbs., black male, student played basketball, brother of HERBERT and CLEVELAND NEWELL, 16 years.

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DOUG SANDERS - 6'2", 180 lbs, electrical crew, by US or San Francisco, he was Security Guard, known to carry rifle.

STANLEY GIEG - drove yellow dumptruck, 5'7", blonde hair, blue eyes, 18 years, brother of CLIFFORD GIEG.

DON SLY - Worked in ECU, 6'3", white male, 175 lbs., wore glasses, black to gray hair, 40's.

LEE INGRAM - Coach of Basketball team, 6', 170 lbs., black male, 33 years, good friend of JOHNNY JONES, Assistant Administrator. Gave people jobs, made sure they were at work.

CHRIS ONEAL 6', 175 lbs., white male, brown hair, blue eyes, worked in brick factory.

DANNY MOTEN - SAT, 6', black male, 175 lbs., night rover, known to carry a rifle, 22 years.

CALVIN DOUGLAS - in Georgetown, 6'3", Basketball team, SAT, carries rifle, 18 years, med., black male.

CLEVELAND NEWELL - Basketball, 6'1", med; rover, no weapon, 23 years, black male.

WESLEY (LNU) possible BRIEDENBACH (dead) - Radio room technician, no SAT, no security, had information on Jonestown - knew code, 6'1", 170 lbs., blond, med., 18 years.

YVONNE HAYDEN - member of SAT (days) - 5'5", black female; scar on chest, 20 years, med.

BONNIE SIMON - Day SAT; 5'9", big, white female, blonde, curly, 28 years.

PAULINE GROOT - very intelligent, chemist; taught; white female, 5'6", 120 lbs., 23 years.

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DON FIELDS - Pharmist; bald, glasses, white male, 5'6", 130 lbs., a chemist; had keys to cabinets in med. building, drugs kept in medical bond - had access.

TOM GRUBBS - School teacher; white male, 5'9", 160 lbs., 28 years, Principal of School before, had a crossbow; often questioned JONES authority.

MARIE RANKIN aka DUCKETT - in charge of PSU - greatly feared; 5'9", big, black female, 34 years.

ROBERT RANKIN 6'2", 180 lbs., black male, worked on PSU then to fence building; no weapons.

TERRY BUFFORD - white female, 5'5", slim; Inner Circle, defected to States; 29 years.

RENNIE KICE - in charge of medical storage room; 140 lbs., 5'5", black female, 34 years (dead) (u)

LORA JOHNSTON - white female, 5'6", brown hair, med; also did pick ups of supply - drove van for supplies, 30 years.

AVA JONES, nee BROWN - once married to JOHNNY, black female. BROWN JONES - 5'8", med. build, a coordinator. Would determine living arrangements and possible living together of lovers.

SANDY COBB - blackfemale, worked on radio, in Jonestown; 5'5", medium, 22 years.

MIKE PROOKS - Public Relations members, white male, 5'8", 135-140 lbs., 35 years, Inner Circle, escaped from Jonestown. Technician in Jonestown Radio Room.

TIM CARTER - White male, 5'8", 145-150 lbs., bald spot, forehead. Public Relations work. Escaped with MIKE PROOKS and MIKE CARTER, both lost their own wives and families.

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SANDRA INGRAM aka BRADSHAW - LEE INGRAM's wife, to Jonestown twice, 5'7", blue eyes, medium build, located in San Francisco.

JUDY FLOWERS - 5'6", 160 lbs., black female, in charge of medical "bond" (storage), early 30's.

CAROLYN LAYTON - JIM JONES, private Sec., Inner Circle, 5'8", thin taught French and Current Events, mid-30's.

LEONA COLLIER - Based in San Francisco, Private Sec. to JIM JONES, 5'6", 160 lbs., black female, Inner Circle, mid-30's.

JACK and RAVINA BEAM - Jack, 56, farm manager, Inner Circle, livestock, bald. RAVINA, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, 130 lbs., mid-50's. (u)

DALE PARKS, Respiratory TEch., 5'10", black hair, 150 lbs., mid-30's, lost mother at Airport, PATRICIA PARKS.

BURRELL WILSON - 6', basketball team, 150 lbs., 17 or 18 years.

JUDY and NORMAN IJAMES - NORMAN a pilot, black male, 5'8", thin, flew cargo planes out of Venezuela.

CAROL STAHL - school teacher, 5'6", 130 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, one time sec. to JIM JONES, 45 years.

CLARA JANARO - lives in San Francisco. Arrived day of incident was lodged in hotel at time of incident. No knowledge of incident, returned to California.

RICHARD JANARO - husband of above, on Albatros. In Trinidad at time of incident.

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MARIE KASARAS - 5'7", thin, long black hair, Inner Circle, radio room, private secretary.

PAULA ADAMS - handled the money; 5'7", blond, 30's, in Georgetown mostly, secretary to JIM JONES, Inner Circle.

KAREN LAYTON - secretary to JIM JONES, white female, worked radio, red hair, 5'5", 110 lbs., Inner Circle, 30's.

RITA TUPPER - 5', 120 lbs., white female in charge of letters, Inner Circle, 50's.

TISH LEROY - 5'6", white female, 140 lbs., greying hair, the one who would transcribe notes for meetings, farm committee, 50's, in charge of supplies.

CHUCK BIKEMAN - 5'9", 150 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, accused of murdering SHARON AMOS, 40's, not Inner Circle, not very intelligent. (W)

SHARON AMOS - 4'11" black hair, in charge of Public Relations, white female, worked radio in Georgetown.

JOYCE TOUCHETTE, a coordinator on housing, 5'7", 130 lbs., brown hair, 50's.

CHARLIE TOUCHETTE, both were privileged, 135 lbs, 56 years, farm manager, 5'8", grey hair

MICHELLE TOUCHETTE - laundry, 5'6", 110 lbs., black hair, 20 years.

MIKE TOUCHETTE, Caterpillar driver, 5'9", blonde, 160 lbs., trainer for Basketball Team in Georgetown, early 20's.

TEENA BOGUE - 5'7", 130 lbs., in Georgetown, 22 years, short brown hair.

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ODELL RHODES - 6'1", 30 years, black male, 150 lbs.,  
escaped by hiding under kitchen floor. Witnessed poisoning of  
children. Mid-30's, still in Georgetown.

EUGENE CHAIKON 5'6", 130 lbs., graying hair,  
Legal advisor, Inner Circle.

BIBBY MARGUARETE - deceased, child of MARGARITA, six  
years, Arrived with approximately four kids. Originally  
from Philadelphia, 5'7", black hair, Italian, 27-28 years.  
PRESTON WADE took care of baby BIBBY.

LIZ ROZZARO - nurse, Italian, 5'8", 145-150 lbs.,  
27 years.

PAM BRADSHAW - sister of SANDY, 5'7", 150 lbs.,  
Mechanic, 23 years.

WAYNE PIETILA - Defected. Brother of TOMMY KICE.