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TAGS: CDES, CGEN, GY (PEOPLES TEMPLE)

SUBJECT: JURY VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST INTO JONESTOWN

MASS DEATHS

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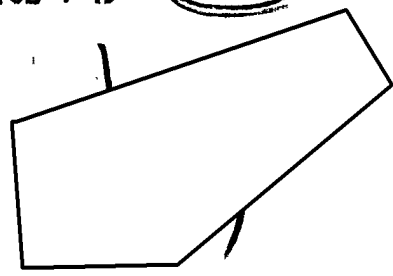
1. JURY VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST INTO DEATHS AT JONESTOWN
ON NOV 18 WAS RETURNED TODAY (DEC 22).

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2. ACCORDING TO PRESIDING MAGISTRATE HAROON BACCHUS, JURY
FOUND THAT 910 PERSONS WERE MURDERED BY REV. JIM JONES AND

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HIS ASSOCIATES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL TEAM AT
JONESTOWN. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY ACUTE POISONING

3. JURY ALSO DELIVERED VERDICT ON FOUR ADDITIONAL PERSONS.
REV. JIM JONES WAS MURDERED BY PERSON OR PERSONS UNKNOWN;
DEATH CAUSED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS. MARIA KATSARIS, THE JURY
DECIDED, COMMITTED SUICIDE BY TAKING POISON. ANN ELIZABETH
MOORE (AKA ANNIE MOORE) COMMITTED SUICIDE AND DIED OF GUN-
SHOT WOUNDS. THE FOURTH PERSON, AN UNIDENTIFIED CAUCASIAN
MALE, ABOUT SIX FEET TALL, DIED OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THE
JURY COULD NOT DECIDE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN HIS CASE, AND

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THEREFORE DELIVERED AN "OPEN VERDICT."

4. MAGISTRATE BACCHUS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE DIRECTED THE JURY TO FIND THAT JIM JONES WAS MURDERED, AND THAT BOTH KATSARIS AND MOORE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE. BACCHUS SAID HE FELT THAT ENTRIES IN MOORE'S DIARY INDICATED THAT SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE, AND THE FACT THAT KATSARIS WROTE A WILL JUST BEFORE HER DEATH INDICATED THAT SHE TOO COMMITTED SUICIDE. BACCHUS ADDED THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE IN THE CASES OF JONES, KATSARIS AND MOORE TO JUSTIFY ANOTHER DETERMINATION, AND THAT IF THE JURY HAD RETURNED ANOTHER VERDICT, THE ENTIRE DECISION OF THE JURY COULD HAVE BEEN LEGALLY CHALLENGED.

5. DURING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE JURY'S VERDICT, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE "SKIP" ROBERTS INFORMED CONSUL THAT HE MAY RELEASE LATER THIS EVENING (DEC 22) THE NAMES OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO ARE FREE TO LEAVE GUYANA.

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