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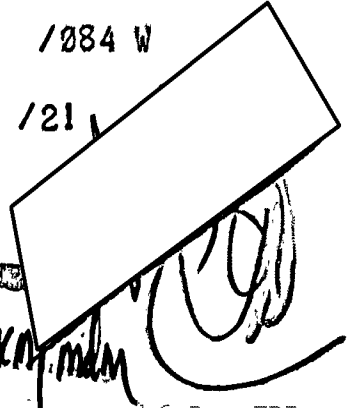
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SUBJ: PEOPLE' TEMPLE REQUEST TO THE USSR REVEALED AS

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE JONESTOWN DEATHS CONCLUDES

58 JAN 9 1979

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1. TESTIMONY IN THE CORONER'S INQUEST ENDED

AT 3 P. M. LOCAL DECEMBER 17 WITH THE VERDICT PROMISED BY PRE-  
SIDING MAGISTRATE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20. WHILE MOST OF  
THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE INQUEST  
PRODUCED LITTLE INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE LAST  
WITNESS, ASST POLICE COMMISSIONER CECIL ROBERTS, UNEXPECTEDLY  
INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE LETTERS WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED ALONG WITH  
A SUITCASE FULL OF AMERICAN AND GUYANESE CURRENCY FROM THREE  
SURVIVORS WHO HAD FLED JONESTOWN ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS/  
SUICIDES (NOVEMBER 18). THESE LETTERS REVEAL THAT  
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAD MORE THAN \$7,000,000 IN ACCOUNTS WITH  
BRANCHES OF TWO SWISS BANKING FIRMS IN PANAMA, AND THAT  
THE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE' TEMPLE, ON THE FINAL  
DAY, HAD DIRECTED THAT THESE FUNDS BE PAID TO FEODOR TIMOFEYEV,  
PRESS AND CONSULAR ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN

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FOR ULTIMATE TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR.

2. OF THE LETTERS SUBMITTED AS HAVING BEEN FOUND BY THE POLICE IN THE POSSESSION OF TIMOTHY AND MICHAEL CARTER AND MICHAEL PROKES, TWO ARE ADDRESSED TO OFFICES OF THE BRANCHES OF THE UNITED BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND THE SWISS BANKING CORPORATION, BOTH IN PANAMA.

THE LETTERS DIRECT THAT THE FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THESE ACCOUNTS, AS THE DEPOSITS MATURE, BE PAID TO TIMOFEYEV. A COVERING LETTER, ADDRESSED

TO TIMOFEYEV, STATES THAT WITH THE LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE BANKS, HE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE CLAIMING THE FUNDS AND THAT HE SHOULD FORWARD THE FUNDS FOR THE USE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR FOR THE PARTY'S VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. ANOTHER LETTER, ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY

PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER- MARIA KATSARIS DIRECTS THAT ALL OF THE MONEY IN ANOTHER ACCOUNT IN THE BANCO UNION DE VENEZUELA ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION. NO AMOUNT IS SPECIFIED IN THIS DOCUMENT WHICH IS HAND-WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF A WILL.

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3. THE CONSULAR OFFICER PRESENT AT TODAY'S SESSION

FO THE INQUEST WAS PRIVATELY ADVISED BY ASST COMMISSIONER ROBERTS  
THAT THE TEXTS OF ALL OF THESE LETTERS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE  
AVILABLE TO THE FBI TECHNICAL TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN IN GOERGETOWN  
UNDER THE TERMS OF AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GOG TO SHARE EVIDENTIARY  
MATERIAL RELATING TO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PROSECUTIONS

4. TODAY'S INQUEST WAS WELL COVERED BY FOREIGN PRESS

CORPS INCLUDING REPORTERS FROM THE ASSOCIATES PRESS, NEW YORK TIMES,  
CHICAGO TRI-

BUNE, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, LOS ANGELES TIMES.

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5. COMMENT: INTRODUCTION OF THESE LETTERS BY THE GOG AT A CORONER'S INQUEST

IS INDEED CURIOUS. IT DOES PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOG TO PLACE THESE DOCUMENTS ON THE PUBLIC RECORD UNDER THE GUISE OF A LEGAL PROCEEDING. HAD THEY BEEN RELEASED PUBLICLY TO THE PRESS BY THE GOG THE SOVIET EMBASSY WOULD HAVE PROTESTED THE DISCLOSURE AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT. AT LEAST LAMELY, THE GOG CAN NOW ARGUE THAT THE EVIDENCE WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE INQUEST AND THE DETERMINATION OF ITS FINDINGS. THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS ALREADY SHOWN ITSELF HERE IN GEORGETOWN TO BE ACUTELY SENSITIVE TO THE "JONESTOWN CONNECTION." AFTER TODAY'S REVELATIONS, THAT DISCOMFORT IS CERTAIN TO GROW.

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