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SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: CHARLES EDWARD BEIKMAN-STEPHAN JONES

CONFESSES TO AMOS MURDERS DURING BEIKMAN HEARING

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1. PRELIMINARY HEARING INTO THE ALLEGED MURDERS OF LINDA SHARON HARRIS (AKA SHARON AMOS) AND HER THREE CHILDREN WAS RESUMED TODAY (DEC 18). SESSION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 19 WAS TO BE CANCELLED TO ALLOW SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY REGARDING THE MURDERS OF CONG. LEON RYAN AND OTHER PERSONS. (DEFENSE COUNSEL REX MCKAY IS ALSO DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR LARRY LAYTON, WHO IS ACCUSED IN THE

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2. AT TODAY'S HEARING STEPHAN JONES, SON OF THE LATE REV. JIM JONES CONFESSED TO KILLING SHARON AMOS AND HER THREE CHILDREN. JONES WAS RESPONDING TO A QUESTION PUT TO HIM BY PROSECUTING COUNSEL CARLTON WEITHERS, ASKING IF HE, JONES, CONSPIRED IN THE KILLINGS. JONES THEN CALMLY STATED, "I KILLED THESE PEOPLE AND AM TRYING TO PUT IT OFF ON CHUCK (CHARLES) BEIKMAN." WEITHERS ANNOUNCED IN COURT THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (DPP) WOULD CONSIDER IF JONES SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE MURDERS. AFTER COURT WAS ADJOURNED, WEITHERS ADDED THAT

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THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO CHARGE JONES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW IN COURT. IF JONES IS CHARGED, HE AND BEIKMAN MAY STAND TOGETHER AS ACCUSED AND IN THAT CASE THE INQUIRY WILL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN.

3. MAGISTRATE CHRISTIAN TODAY ALSO RULED THAT A SECOND STATEMENT REGARDING THE AMOS KILLINGS MADE BY BEIKMAN, ON NOV 23, WAS INADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE. CHRISTIAN AGREED WITH MCKAY THAT THE STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN MADE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

4. AS STATED ABOVE, THE INQUIRY IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME TOMORROW MORNING.

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