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Date 1/3/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-4286)
 FROM: R/R/SAC, ALBANY (89-70) (P)
 SUBJECT: RYMUR

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 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 11/6/92 BY 104902M/MLM

Re Bureau teletype to All Field Divisions dated
 12/12/78 (u)

Enclosed for San Francisco are copies of one press
 clipping from the Sun Bulletin, Binghamton, New York, and a
 Ham Operator's contact card received as an acknowledgement
 of radio contact with the Peoples Temple in Guyana. (u)

On 12/12/78, the Sun Bulletin of Binghamton, New
 York ran a news article stating that the FBI was seeking the
 aid of amateur radio operators throughout the country by
 providing records of transmissions they may have had with
 the Peoples Temple Cult. This request was apparently relayed
 to the Binghamton area via the Amateur Radio Relay League
 Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. (u)

On 12/29/78, [redacted]
 Binghamton, New York, telephone number [redacted] was contacted
 by BuAgents and he advised that he had two contacts with the
 Peoples Temple members in Guyana. He states that the first
 contact was in March and the other was in September of 1978.
 He provided a copy of a card forwarded to him after the first
 contact in March. He stated this card was sent as a reminder
 of the contact, and also for his personal records. (u)

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He recalled the conversation to be pleasant and it did not involve the asking for money or anything abnormal. [redacted] states that he uses the handle (Pete) and on both occasions he spoke with WB6MNH-8R1 located in Georgetown, Guyana, and the operators identified themselves only by the name MIKE and PAULA. (u)

[redacted] stated that the conversations were very short and consisted of conversation about where the parties were located and type of equipment used in the transmission. [redacted] states that he was surprised when he received the card from the Peoples Temple Mission and read the remarks re encouraging Congressmen to aid Guyana. He states that his radio transmission conversations made no mention of any political philosophy. (u)

He stated that in his dealings with other Ham Operators in the Binghamton, New York area, he will attempt to determine if any other contacts had been made with the Peoples Temple members. He also stated, that as a rule, he never tapes any of his ham radio conversations. (u)