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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-4286)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (89-152) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RYMUR (A)  
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Re Louisville teletype to the Bureau, 12/27/78 (u)

On 12/21/78, MELVIN WAYNE HEDGES, 2302 Langdon Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically advised that the January 1979 issue of "Ham Radio Magazine" published Greenville, New Hampshire, contained a request that all amateur radio operators who had communicated with or monitored Peoples Temple radio stations contact local FBI offices, providing latter with all available tape-recordings or transcripts of any such communications. (u)

For information of the Bureau and San Francisco, the following is verbatim request contained in "Ham Radio Magazine", January 1979: (u)

"Revelations that amateur radio was a principal communications tool of the Peoples Temple have heightened amateur sensitivity to abuses of the bands. FBI Agents concerned about possible violent aftermaths of the carnage in Guyana, have been talking to a number of amateurs who had worked or monitored Temple stations. The FBI would like tapes or transcripts of any communications from those stations. Any amateurs able to provide such information should contact the nearest FBI office." (u)

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - San Francisco (89-250)
- 1 - Louisville
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at Louisville, Kentucky: *mw*

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On December 28, 1978, MELVIN WAYNE HEDGES, 2302 Langdon Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, furnished the following information concerning amateur radio communications with Peoples Temple (PT) radio stations: *mw*

On 2/9/78, HEDGES (WD4 AWT) established contact with radio station WB6MNH/8R1 at 0410 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), utilizing radio frequency 14.332. HEDGES spoke with MIKE (LNU) and PAULA (LNU) who claimed to be transmitting from Georgetown, Guyana. Both MIKE (LNU) and PAULA (LNU) requested HEDGES to affect telephone patches to unrecalled telephone numbers in California. HEDGES refused to comply with above requests. HEDGES did not initiate radio contact with above station, but was speaking with another foreign radio station when MIKE (LNU) and PAULA (LNU) broke and identified themselves as PT. During conversation, either MIKE (LNU) or PAULA (LNU) identified PT as an agricultural mission and repeatedly asked for telephone patches to California telephone numbers. HEDGES has on unrecalled occasions overheard conversations between PT stations and California amateur radio stations, describing conversations as "weird". HEDGES noted that PT radio operators generally spoke in short, choppy sentences, making references to items such as "monkey" and "bird". HEDGES was of the opinion that persons involved in the above radio transmissions may have had previous knowledge of some type of unsophisticated code since conversations made no sense to him. Radio transmission on 2/9/78, was terminated at 0414 GMT. Subsequent thereto, HEDGES received QSL card which verified above radio contact. QSL card identified WB6 MNH/8R1 as "Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission", listing PAULA ADAMS, P. O. Box 893, Georgetown, Guyana, South America and containing the following remarks: *(u)*

"Nice to QSO with u Mel, wld appreciate if u cld encourage ur congressman to aid this country, they are definatly becoming pro U.S. and other forces are trying to pull Guyana down. Best wishes to u and to ur family. Tnx for the FBQSL."

Signed: "Mike" and "Paula" *Ch* *(u)*

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On 2/14/78, HEDGES (WD4 AWT) communicated with radio station WB6 MID/8R3, establishing contact 0223 GMT, utilizing frequency 14.320. Individual identifying self as AL requested telephone patch to California. However, HEDGES would not comply with same. AL (LNU) identified above station as that of PT. (u)

Above radio contact was terminated at 0228. Subsequent thereto, HEDGES received QSL card identifying WB6 MID/8R3 as "Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission" operated by ALBERT TOUCHETTE, Port Kaituma, N.W.R., Jonestown, Guyana, South America, and containing the following remarks: (u)

"Tnx for the QSL! This is a vry beautiful country, and they are vry friendly to the U.S. But they need all the help and encouragement they can get. Best wishes to u and to urs."

Signed: "Al" (u)

On 3/12/78, HEDGES (WD4 AWT) again communicated with radio station WB6 WID/8R3 at 0249 GMT. HEDGES spoke with SARAH (LNU), who was also associated with PT. HEDGES does not recall any of the conversation with SARAH (LNU). (u)

Subsequent to 3/12/78, HEDGES monitored several PT radio transmissions but has no recollection of same. (u)

HEDGES has had no further contact with PT radio stations since 3/12/78. (u)

HEDGES further advised that radio stations WB6 MID/8R1 and WB6 MID/8R3 are registered in California. (u)

HEDGES had no specific information concerning weapons acquisitions or shipments, firearms training, threats against public officials, contingency plans, weapons caches, narcotics or potential violence associated with RYAN visit, which may have been gained through monitoring PT radio station transmissions or direct conversations therewith. (u)

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(Reference to "monkey" overheard by HEDGES during PT radio transmissions could possibly relate to PT camp mascot identified by news media as chimpanzee who was shot during mass suicide at Georgetown, Guyana.) (u)

ADMINISTRATIVE: (u)

Louisville indices re PAULA ADAMS and ALBERT TOUCHETTE unidentifiable; however, PAULA ADAMS possibly identical to PAULA JEAN ADAMS, W/F, DOB 1/3/49, previously identified by San Francisco, as PT member as result of captioned investigation. (u)

San Francisco should consider identification of ALBERT TOUCHETTE and set appropriate lead for interview in accordance with current instructions governing investigation of captioned matter. (u)