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[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who identified himself to [redacted] as an SA of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), upon his arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) on BWIA flight 422 originating at Port of Spain, Trinidad. [redacted] was interviewed regarding his knowledge of tape recordings of Short Wave Broadcasts between People's Temple in Guyana and San Francisco's Temple. [redacted] furnished the following information (u)

[redacted] stated that he is a member [redacted] of Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Radio Society. He advised that when he is off duty, he spends some of his idle time monitoring the Amateur radio bands (u)

[redacted] stated that in February of 1978, while monitoring his Amateur radio bands, he heard what appeared to be a woman's voice, transmitting on the band. He said he later heard a man's voice attempting to transmit. [redacted] said, at that time, he assumed that someone had gotten some Amateur radio equipment and was trying to enter the Amateur bands because it appeared to him that they did not know how to use the equipment. They were not using appropriate call signs. (u)

[redacted] advised when he noted that the person (s) transmitting was not using call signs, as required by the Amateur Radio Society, he began to challenge the transmitters only because he thought they were making an unauthorized entry onto the Amateur bands. He advised he asked the woman, who was then transmitting, for her call sign. He advised she gave her call sign as "WB6MID". [redacted] stated he then asked to speak to the licensed operator and was told he was not available, that he was asleep or something. He stated that after he challenged them, they began to use call signs. (u)

[redacted] advised that he checked the call book for Amateur radio operators, and found the call sign, "WB6MID" to be a valid call sign registered and licensed in California. (u)

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He advised he could not recall the name it was registered to but said that it can be ascertained by referring to a call book. He advised a copy of the Amateur radio operators call book can be obtained at any HAM station (example - Harrison's Electronics Corp.). (u/

[redacted] advised he assumed the transmissions were within Guyana. While they were talking to each other, even though they very seldom used call signs, he sometimes heard, "8R1, 8R1, do you copy?" He said this went on for a couple of days. [redacted] advised that normally the transmitter should use the call sign of the station he is calling and his own call sign. He advised he again challenged the transmitter because he was primarily interested in the unauthorized use of the Amateur Radio Band. He stated that at this time, a woman was transmitting, he broke in and asked for her call sign. He stated that she replied "Portable 8R3". He advised he asked her what she was doing and she said that she was doing an agricultural project. [redacted] stated he told her that this type of traffic should be transmitted on a commercial band, not on this band (Amateur band). A man's voice came back with what [redacted] described as "a lot of Mumbo Jumbo", and was very uncooperative. [redacted] said it was then that he decided to record the conversations and report the unauthorized use of the Amateur bands to the Amateur Radio Society. [redacted] advised he did all the recording from his home in Port of Spain, Trinidad. [redacted] advised that the Amateur Radio Society requires that the licensed operator must be in charge of the station and all transmissions going out of that station. He stated that when he asked for the licensed operator, he was never available. He said this is a violation of the regulations. [redacted] advised that Portable 8R3 is written WB6MID/8R3, which is the designator

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for Port Kaituma and Portable 8R1 designates Georgetown. This is one of the reasons he assumed all transmissions were within Guyana. (u)

[redacted] advised the operators had trouble with the frequencies on the radio at first but later became experienced in operating the equipment and started to transmit more frequently. He said he believed the People's Temple had a code book of some sort for their radio transmissions. He stated he got this impression because, during the transmissions, the transmitter would give a code and the receiver would say, "Stand by", and take what appeared to be enough time to decode the message, come back and say "Roger, Roger" if they understood, otherwise they would ask for the message to be repeated. [redacted] stated that he feels if this code can be found, the tapes can easily be decoded. (u)

[redacted] advised that while reviewing the tapes, he noticed what sounded like a little girl's voice. The little girl said, "There is a charter flight coming, can I get on?" [redacted] said he assumed that she was in either Jonestown or Port Kaituma and wanted to take the charter flight to Georgetown. [redacted] said this same little girl asked this over and over month after month. He said this was the only message not in code at that time. (u)

[redacted] stated that his last recording was made about a week before Congressman RYAN's arrival to Jonestown. He said it was after midnight in Trinidad when he heard the last transmission. When he heard it, he got his tape recorder and immediately connected it. He said the transmission was already in progress when he connected the (u)

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recorder and the frequencies were under very very noisy conditions, therefore, he missed part of the transmission.

[redacted] said that the last tape was a male's voice and the voice seemed to be that of someone in authority. He said this person was not speaking in code. He seemed to be transmitting a definite message which stated in general, "Don't interfere". [redacted] said he did not know who the transmission was directed to but the voice was very hostile.

[redacted] said he could not remember any details, however, reference can be made to the tapes for the exact statement.

[redacted] said this was the only time this person did not speak in code. He spoke in plain English. [redacted] stated that he feels that the last statement was a warning statement to whoever was involved to, "Don't interfere". (u)

[redacted] advised that he had two and a half hours of transmission on tapes which is equivalent to four to five hours of listening. He advised he transferred this to 120 minute tapes and deleted some of the static and void spots on the tapes. (u)

At this point, the interview with [redacted] was terminated. He advised that he flies BWIA to JFKIA, NY often (sometimes weekly) and stays at the Howard Johnson at JFK. He provided his home telephone in Trinidad as [redacted] (u)