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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8641  
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SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE DELIVERY OF  
CASH TO SOVIET EMBASSY

REF: GEORGETOWN 4524 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWSPAPERS, THE EVENING "CITIZEN"  
AND THE MORNING "CHRONICLE," CARRIED SHORT ARTICLES ON JAN 2  
AND JAN 3, RESPECTIVELY, ON THE DELIVERY OF CASH, TAPES AND  
DOCUMENTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN  
GEORGETOWN.

2. THE ARTICLES, QUOTING A "GUYANA GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL,"  
STATE THAT THE CASH CONSISTED OF G\$87,000, AND TWO U.S. DOLLARS.  
THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENTS AND TAPES WAS NOT FURTHER  
SPECIFIED. THE "CITIZEN" REPORTS THAT THE CASH AND OTHER  
MATERIAL WAS HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG)  
FOREIGN MINISTRY BY THE SOVIETS ON DEC 9 AND, ACCORDING TO  
THE SOVIET EMBASSY, HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON  
NOV 18 BY AN UNNAMED FEMALE MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO OF JAN 2 STATED THAT THE  
MATERIAL HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON

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DEC 9 BY AN UNNAMED MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE WHO  
IS STILL IN GUYANA.

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