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SUBJECT: COPY. OF TAPE RECORDINGS AND DOCUMENTS

OBTAINED FROM JONESTOWN

1. COPYING OF FOUR CRATES OF TAPE RECORDINGS OBTAINED BY U.S. CONSUL FROM JONESTOWN SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 2/2.

IF QUESTIONS ARISE IN DELAYS IN COPYING THESE TAPES IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT:

(A) COPYING HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF TAPE CAUSED BY HOT, HUMID STORAGE CONDITIONS AT JONESTOWN WHICH PREVENTS ORIGINALS FROM BEING COPIED AT HIGH-SPEED.

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(B) FBI HAS BEEN ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE QUALITY OF COPIES THROUGH TECHNICAL PROCESSES. THUS, COPIES ARE CLEARER THAN ORIGINALS.

(C) FURTHER STORAGE OF ORIGINAL RECORDINGS IN HOT AND/OR HUMID CONDITIONS COULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL DETERIORATION OF ORIGINAL RECORDINGS.

2. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, WE MAY ULTIMATELY WISH TO PROPOSE TO GCG THAT WE STORE ALL ORIGINAL TAPE RECORDINGS AT CLIMATE CONTROLLED FACILITY IN WASHINGTON AREA.

3. PROVIDE THE GCG WITH COPIES OF ALL TAPES FOR INVESTIGATIVE USE, AND PROVIDE WITH ORIGINALS OF TAPES AS NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH COURT PROCEEDINGS IN GUYANA.

4. FBI HAS REITERATED ITS INVITATION TO GCG TO SEND GCG POLICE OFFICIAL TO U.S. TO WORK WITH FBI IN CONNECTION WITH COPYING OF SEVEN CRATES OF TAPE RECORDINGS NOW IN POSSESSION OF GCG.

5. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GCG ON ABOVE SEVEN CRATES OF TAPES.

6. COPYING OF DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF NEED TO SORT THEM BY SUBJECT MATTER AND TO NUMBER EACH

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