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TAGS: CARR, (BEIKMAN, CHARLES)(JONES, STEPHAN)
(PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)

SUBJ: W/W ARREST: CHARLES BEIKMAN, STEPHAN JONES

REF: GEORGETOWN 0496

1. FOUR WITNESSES TESTIFIED FOR THE PROSECUTION DURING THE FEB. 1 SESSION OF THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS OF LINDA SHARON HARRIS (AKA SHARON AMOS) ET AL. DR. CYRIL LESLIE MOTOO, WHO PERFORMED AUTOPTISIES ON THE DECEASED, GAVE THE FINDINGS OF THE EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS. CROSS-EXAMINATION WAS DEFERRED BY THE DEFENSE UNTIL FEB. 2. A POLICE CONSTABLE WHO ACCOMPANIED STEPHANIE JONES TO THE HOSPITAL ON NOV. 19 TESTIFIED. STEPHANIE JONES GAVE UNSWORN TESTIMONY CONCERNING HER EXPERIENCE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS. BECAUSE HER TESTIMONY IN THE EXAMINATION CONFLICTED WITH SIGNED STATEMENTS SHE MADE TO THE POLICE ON NOV. 18 AND 19, MAGISTRATE PERSAUD ALLOWED STATE COUNSEL WEITHERS TO CROSS-EXAMINE HER REGARDING THE INCONSISTENCIES. SHE WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY SENIOR COUNSEL REX MCKAY. MAGISTRATE DESMON CHRISTIAN, WHO PRESIDED OVER THE FIRST PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS OF HARRIS, ET AL., TESTIFIED CONCERNING THE CONFESSION MADE BY STEPHAN JONES IN COURT ON DEC. 18. HE WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MCKAY.

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2. PROSECUTION PLANS TO CONCLUDE ITS CASE AT THE NEXT SESSION, FEB. 2. MAGISTRATE PERSAUD HAS NOT YET RULED ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF BEIKMAN'S SECOND STATEMENT.

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