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E.9. 12065: GDS 4/3/85(DWYER, RICHARD A.) DR-M  
TAGS: PINT, PINR, GY  
SUBJ: COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY

REF: GEORGETOWN 0232

1. (UNC) APPEAL COURT JUDGE VICTOR CRANE HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE SOLE COMMISSIONER TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ON MARCH 31, 1979. THE GOVERNMENT HAD ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR THE COMMISSION ON JANUARY 16, 1979.

2. (UNC) THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND THE DATE FOR ITS COMMENCEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN SET, HOWEVER, THE PRESS RELEASE REPORTS THAT "THE COMMISSION WILL...HAVE...TO PROCEED IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THE RIGHT TO A

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FAIR TRIAL OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENCES,"  
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4. (UNC) JUDGE VICTOR CRANE, 59, IS A BRITISH-TRAINED  
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IN 1949. FROM 1957 TO 1963 HE WAS CHIEF MAGISTRATE IN NIGERIA.  
HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE APPEAL COURT IN GUYANA IN 1969 AND  
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5. (C) CRANE HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING THOROUGH AND  
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