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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL REPLIES TO GRITICISM OF JOJ RE JONESTOWN.

BEGIN SUMMARY.

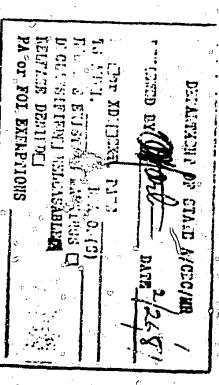
CHRISTOPHER (KIT) NASCIMENTO MINISTER IT THE OFFICER OF THE PRIME MINISTER. HAS WRITTEN A LENGTRY LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF CARIBBEAN CONTACT: RESPONDING TO ANSARTICLE BY GORDON LEWIS CARRIED IN THE MAY ISSUE WHICH CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF JUYANA'S ROLE IN THE JONESTOWN AFFAIR. MASCIMENTO IDENTIFY SEVERAL "ERRORS" INTHE LEWIS PIECE AND RIDICULES THE NOTION NASCIMENTO IDENSIFIES THAT AS MUCH INFORMATION WAS KNOWN, OR COULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN, ABOUT JONESTOWN BEFORE NOVEMBER 18, 1979, AS IS KNOW NOW. HE ALSO DRAWS AN INTERESTING PARALLEL BETWEEN THE INHABITANTS OF JONESTOWN AND THE PILIRIM FATHERS WHO SETTLED IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 1620. END SUMMARY.

2.0 HACIMENTO'S LETTER TO CONTACT APPEARS UNDER THE "GUZANESE GOVERNMENT MINISTER COMPARES JONESTOWN .. HEADLINE SETTLERS' WITH PILIRIM FATPERS'." NASCIMENTO BEGINS

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GEORGE 02693 1715522 HIS LETTER BY SAYING THAT JONESTWON WILL ... CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS TO PROVIDE A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR ANALYSTS ... (WHO WILL WRITE ARTICLES) FULL OF WISDOM BORN OF HIMPSIGHT. AND INDICATES HE IS RESIGNED TO THIS FACT. THE TAKES EXPECTION, HOWEVER. TO WHAT HE TERMS AS PROPESSOR LEVIS' CONFUSION OF SPECULATION WITH

3. CHALLENGING THE CONTENTION THAT PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM HAD HAD "FRIENDLY RELATIONS" WITH JIM JONES, NASCIMENTO STATES THAT BURNHAM AND JONES MET ONLY ONCE. WHEN JONES WAS INTERODUCED TO HIM BY THE THEN LT. GOV. OF CALIFORNIA, MERVIN DYPALLY. A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING JONES AND BURNHAM TOGETHER WHICH ILLUSTRATED PROF. LEVIS'S ARTICLE WAS TAKEN ON THE OCCASION BUTO UNCLASSIFIED



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UNCLASSIFIED VASCIMENTO CLAIMS THAT DIMALLY'S IMAGE WAS CROPPED FROM HE PHOTO TO INPLY A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JONES AND BURNHAM THAN EVER EXISTED. (COMMENT: THE PROTO AS COPIED FROM A PEOPLES TEMPLE PUBLICATY PROCEURE.)

E DERIDES LEVIS STATEMENT THAT "XIT NASCIMENTO..."

AD BEEN IMPRESSED BY JONES. STATING FLATLY THAT HE NASCIMENTO) NEVER MET JONES. THOSE WHO HAD MET JONES. AND HAD VISITED THE COMMUNE, HE POINTS OUT, INCLUDED PRESIDENT OF A FAMOUS UNIVERSITY. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF A MAJOR COUNTRY, THE CONSUL OF ANOTHER MAJOR CUNTRY. PROMINENT OVERSEAS CONSULTATIONS AND SPECIALISTS. LL OF WHOM SIGNED THE GUEST BOOK WITH STATEMENTS SUCH S A VERY IMPRESSIVE START. THIS SHARED PERCEPTION OF JONESTOVE AS A WHOLESOME INDEAVOR, NASCIMENTO CLAIMS, IS THE ANSWER TO LEWIS'S 'TESAING QUESTION' WHY DID GUYANA 'ALLOW ITSELF

'O BECOME A VILLING COLLABORATOR IN SUCH A VENTURE'. INCLASSIFIED

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GEORGE 02593 1715522 'AGE 03 A SERIOUS HISTORICAL ANALYSIS. AIMED AT DISCOVERING HY DINSANITY REIGNED FREE IN ONE SMALL PART OF GUYANA... COULD BE MORE PROPERLY DIRECTED TO AN EXAMINATION)F THE ORIGIN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE, THE POLITICAL. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PORCES WHICH FRAMED THEIR DAN PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPERATIVES WHICH INFORMED THEIR BEHAVIOR. NASCIMENTO ASKS WHETHER, IN ESTORICAL TERMS. . TETITIMATE PARALLEL MIGHT NOT BE DRAWN BETWEEN THE BETTLEMENT OF THE PILGRIMS IN MASSACRUSETTS IN 1528 AND HAT OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE IN GUYANA IN 1974....THEY WERE URAL PEOPLE, ARTISANS FROM THE DISPOSSESSED CLASSES FITE WIRTUALLY NO SEDUCATION. ONE CAN ONLY SPECULATE . SHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE REACTION OF THOSE EARLY SETTLERS of American, fleeing from economic deprivation and religious ISCRIMINATION IN ENGLAND, IT THE GOVERNMENT OF INGLAND HAD SENT A POLITICAL ENVOY (READ CONG. RIAN) N° PURSUIT OF THEM.

NACIMENTO CONCLUDES BY SAYING "THE CARIBBEAN ISTORIAN SEARCHES FOR FANCIFUL MACHIAVELLIAN POLITICAL EXPLANATIONS. WHEN IT OUGHT TO BE APPARENT THAT ONESTVON SERVES AS A TRACIC REMINDER OF THE STRUGGLE 'OR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL IN THE THIRD WORLD AND THE BSENCE OF ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY IN THE FIRST WORLD. EPARTMENT (ATTN: ARA/CAR).

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