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Bob Ford

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Jan. 15, 1979

TO: Bob Ford
FROM: Phil Jordan *Phil J.*
RE: Guyana/Drugs

Since you are the point man on Guyana-related matters, I think it would be appropriate for you to respond to this inquiry from Congressman Wolff's Chief Counsel, or to be in charge of preparing the response for someone else's signature. Call me at your convenience and we can discuss this further.

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U.S. House of Representatives

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
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ROOM 3287, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING ANNEX 2
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January 8, 1979

Honorable Philip Jordan
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Dear Phil:

You may recall our conversation on December 6 concerning the Chairman's interest in the large inventory of drugs that were stocked in Jonestown, Guyana. At that time, you said to me that no reporter had queried the Justice Department regarding this important facet of the tragedy at Jonestown.

I enclose a copy of a New York Times article on this subject dated December 29; and again request that the Department furnish the Committee with whatever information you may have received concerning this grievous subject.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph L. Nellis
Chief Counsel

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Enclosure *X*

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Various drugs were scattered over table at the Jonestown commune after most members of the cult in Guyana were murdered or committed suicide.

Jones Commune Found Stocked With Drugs to Control the Mind

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 28 (AP) — The People's Temple commune at Jonestown was stocked with thousands of doses of dangerous drugs, smuggled into Guyana. Two survivors of the sect said at least some of the drugs were used to control those who might defect.

A list of the drug inventory found in Jonestown shows large supplies of depressants. Survivors and law enforcement officials here said at least some of these were used to control the behavior of persons viewed as dangerous by the Rev. Jim Jones, the leader of the Temple.

Included in the drug warehouse were Quaaludes, Demerol, Valium, morphine and 11,000 doses of Thorazine, a drug used to calm people with extreme mental problems.

Checks with medical officials and medical journals produced a profile of a drug supply that promoted suicidal tendencies, could cause hallucinations, blurred vision, confusion, speech disturbances, involuntary movements and emotional euphoria and depression.

Since there were no records, it was impossible to determine how frequently or extensively the drugs were used.

Perhaps Imposed Forcefully

Strategy Council on Drug Abuse Prevention, said the list of drugs from the People's Temple indicated "there were a lot of psychotic patients, or they were using them to control people."

Dale Parks, a nursing supervisor at Jonestown who is a trained therapist for respiratory ailments, said that he knew some of the drugs were used to control would-be defectors in the commune's "extended care unit." But he professed shock at the extent of the drugs found there, saying, "Oh, my God, I don't believe it."

Mr. Parks fled Jonestown on Nov. 18 with Representative Leo J. Ryan, a California Democrat who had been there on a fact-finding mission. A short time later, Mr. Ryan, three American newsmen and Mr. Parks's mother were slain at a remote airstrip.

"Those are absolutely hard-line, hard-core drugs," Mr. Parks said when read a partial inventory from Jonestown.

"There's no way that many people were receiving treatment," he said in reference to the amount of drugs found in Jonestown. "I know they were using things to keep people under control, but not like this."

Control Sessions Explained

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Visitors to Jonestown have reported there were indications that these drugs were used liberally, and perhaps imposed forcefully in some cases, in the hourslong mass killings and suicides in which more than 900 people died. Some had drunk a punch laced with cyanide.

The drug inventory, which has not been completed, is being made by brand names. It shows that the majority of the drugs were manufactured by United States concerns. They were smuggled into Guyana by members of the People's Temple to avert this country's strict importation regulations on pharmaceuticals, officials said.

Drugs bought for use in Guyana must be registered with and cleared through a government agency. None of the drugs found in Jonestown were, according to officials in the drug industry here.

Spokesmen for United States concerns that manufactured the drugs found at Jonestown denied any involvement.

Dr. Joyce H. Lowinson, a psychiatrist and member of President Carter's

According to Mr. Parks, the control sessions took place in the extended-care unit of the commune, which consisted of eight beds separated from the regular medical facilities.

"If a person wanted to leave Jonestown or if there was a breach of rules, one was taken to the extended care unit," he said.

"It was a rehabilitation place, where one would be reintegrated back into the community. The people were given drugs to keep them under control."

After a few days or weeks, the patients lost their desire to leave and no further behavioral problems were anticipated, Mr. Parks said.

Another former Jonestown resident, who refused to let his name be used, said, "People who wanted to leave were fed drugs like Thorazine."

Many of the drugs are habit-forming, according to medical journals. Some are especially dangerous, according to the journals, and have precipitated unpredictable, severe and occasionally fatal reactions.

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