

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. O. Cregar <sup>woc</sup>  
<sub>RM</sub>

DATE: 2/6/79

FROM : [Redacted] <sup>RTG</sup>  
<sub>RM</sub>

SUBJECT: RYMUR

- Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Serv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Crim. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Fin. & Pers. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ident. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tech. Servs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Training \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Affs. Off. \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached to this memorandum is the daily log maintained by SA [Redacted] during the period 11/21-27/78 while assigned at the National Military Command Center (NMCC), Crisis Action Team (CAT), Pentagon, in the course of the RYMUR investigation. (u)

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- Enclosure
- 1 - Bufile 89-4286
  - 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
  - 1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.  
(Attn: Mr. [Redacted])
  - 1 - Mr. [Redacted]
  - 1 - Mr. [Redacted]

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89-4286-1838

DAILY LOG OF

SA [redacted]

NOV. 21, 1978  
(Tuesday)

Re: RYMUR

Buf. 89-4286

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AT National Military  
Command Center (NMCC) / CAT, Pentagon

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DATE 12/7/92 BY 10480/CM/ada

11:35 AM

established direct liaison with [redacted] and Col. [redacted] of Crisis Action Team, National Military Command Center (NMCC).

12:05 PM

Received briefing from NMCC on current situation re RYMUR, Buf. 89-4286.

12:30 PM

Telephoned Supr. [redacted], FBIHQ, and informed him of my telephone # here at NMCC. [redacted] was also advised by me of request by [redacted] to be informed of any planned violence, manifestation, etc. by "People Temple" sect against arrival in SF of Cong. Ryan's body, or against the proposed return to Oakland or Dover of unidentified bodies (maybe 100 in total) from Jonestown. [redacted] replied that there is no planned violence, manifestation, etc. by "People Temple" (PT) in USA, however, there is a "People Temple (PT)" in SF and the PT defectors have expressed that they are fearful of their lives - retaliation by PT followers here in USA. This was relayed to Col. [redacted] NMCC.

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NOV. 21, 1978  
(Tuesday)

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1:25 PM FBI Supv. [redacted] advised that the total membership of PT is 1200-1500. However, reportedly there are only 200 active PT followers in LA and SF, although there are no indications, as of now, as to any planned violence by PT, the religious teachings of PT include that they will retaliate against anyone who brings harm to Jimmie Jones and/or his church PT. This was relayed to Col. [redacted]

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4:10 PM I was advised that both <sup>the</sup> identified & unidentified bodies of American citizens in Guyana will <sup>now</sup> be airlifted by the military to Dover AFB. Govt of Guyana does not want any burials in Guyana of these Amer. citizens. Supv. [redacted] of FBI H.Q. so advised and memo was dictated by me to sten. "Wanda" in FBI office. Also notified that FBI agents were not permitted to board the military aircraft at MacDill AFB, Florida, destined for Guyana, per U.S. Ambassador at Georgetown.

7:15 PM U.S. AF representative advised that FBI Disaster Team may be called into action, to assist in the identification of bodies at Dover AFB.

NOV. 21, 1978  
(Tuesday)

5:20 PM FBI Supv. [redacted] alerted to possibility of DOD request for assistance at Dover AFB of FBI Disaster Team.

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5:25 PM USAF representative at Crisis Action Center at NMCC, Pentagon, advised by me of fact that FBI Disaster Team is available and will be activated at specific request of DOD. This action was confirmed by FBI Supv. [redacted]

NOV. 22, 1978  
(Wednesday)

11:25 AM Crisis Action Team (CAT) Supervisor advised that first C141 with 81 bodies scheduled to leave Georgetown, Guyana at 4:30 PM today, and arriving Dover AFB at approximately midnight tonight. He also advised that FBI should send teletype to State Dept. and to JCS (atten: JCS/CAT Super) asking if assistance of FBI Disaster Team needed by DOD at Dover, to effect identification of bodies. This info was relayed to FBI Super. [redacted]

12:30 PM FBI [redacted] advised that teletype has been sent to USDS & JCS (CAT) advising of availability of FBI Disaster Team

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3:50 PM 1<sup>st</sup> C141 leaving Georgetown at 10 PM 11/22/78, scheduled to arrive Dover AFB 3:45 AM 11/23/78. This info relayed to FBI Super [redacted]

4:00 PM 6 flights of C141's scheduled to return bodies to Dover at 6 hr intervals. Mr. <sup>Wm.</sup> Courtney, USAF Contracting Service, Dover AFB, tel # (302) 678-1075 (airtown 8-455-6681) will handle military service for DOD upon arrival of bodies, after which he will turn bodies over to USDS. FBI Super [redacted] so notified.

NOV. 22, 1978  
(Wednesday)

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4:30 PM FBI Liaison Officer [redacted] told to have  
USDS approval for representative of  
National Institute for Drug Abuse to conduct  
examination of Jim Jones body which at  
Dover AFB.

4:35 PM FBI #1 man [redacted] advised that  
USDS approved us requesting for military  
to arrange airlift of additional FBI agents  
destined for Guyana. Also that USDS must  
send communication to JCS/CAT to  
so arrange this transportation.

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6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> airlift of survivors will be performed  
on Saturday (subject to change) (tentative)  
NOV. 25, 1978, destined from Georgetown  
by C-141 to Charleston S.C. This  
relayed to FBI Supr. [redacted]

11:05 PM DOD is very concerned about security of aircraft  
with "hard core" element of 40 PT sect members,  
between Georgetown and Charleston AFB.  
DOD informally inquired as to whether or not  
civilian law enforcement would assist in affording  
security in this transportation. This info relayed to  
FBI Supr. [redacted] who said that if U.S. marshals  
are to be used, then DOD should consult DOJ atty (Liaison)  
Mike E. Abbell, home phone [redacted] Ans: 633-3729.

NOV. 23, 1978  
(Thursday)

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8:35 AM DOD attorney Mike Abbell advised he saw no role for civilian law enforcement (FBI or US marshals) to offer security during transportation of survivors from Georgetown to Charleston AFB. Abbell said the security aspect is responsibility of DOD. This info relayed to CAT Supervisor Capt. (USN) [redacted]

9:30 AM Mr. Wm. Courtney, AF Chief of Maternity Service, Dover AFB, requested to directly contact FBI Disaster Team captain Conrad S. Bauner (Inspector - Dep. AD, Identification Division), as he has 40 bodies (unidentified) at Dover + would like FBI Team to appear tonight at Dover to assist in identification. This relayed to FBI Super [redacted], who said he would put Mr. Bauner in direct contact with Mr. Courtney.

10:35 AM Jim Jones body will arrive at Dover AFB on 2<sup>nd</sup> of flight military airlift at 1:15 AM on 11/24/78. Also, DOD instructions are to release the survivors to FBI, USDS, and HEW upon arrival at Charleston AFB. They will have to be processed off base per DOD. The fact that Jim Jones body is on 2<sup>nd</sup> of flight + that Charleston AFB is the site for landing of survivors is "close held" info. This was relayed to FBI Super [redacted]



NOV. 23, 1978  
(Thursday)

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12:05 PM DOD plans to ask DOJ for assistance of U.S. marshals on airlift of survivors to Charleston AFB. Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> airlift of bodies will arrive (scheduled to arrive) at Dover AFB at 9:15 PM tonight with body of Jim Jones. This relayed to FBI Supers [redacted] & [redacted]

12:40 PM I relayed to [redacted] (JCS/CAT) that DOJ atty Mike Abbell is amenable to having [redacted] fly marshals on flight of survivors to Charleston AFB. Also, [redacted] said he is agreeable to a facility being provided FBI at Charleston AFB for interviews of survivors, provided there is no requirement that the AF have survivors under house arrest. This is in full agreement with FBI Supers [redacted]

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NOV. 24, 1978  
(Friday)

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9:05 AM USN Captain [redacted], Naval Mil Command Center, CAT Chief, advised that this AM his team was notified by military at Georgetown that body count is now doubled from the original 409 count. It is now estimated at about 800. <sup>(this is classified "confidential")</sup> Survivors are 24 (dead) just released by Guyana Gov't to Amer. Emb., Georgetown, which group will be transported by C-141 to Charleston AFB later today or early AM of 11/25/78, with 2 sky marshals + about 4 air police. The 44 remaining survivors (head one-off-fellow) are still in custody of Guyana Gov't, and it is unknown at this time as to when they will be released, but military will also transport this latter group of 44 with 4 sky marshals + 4 air police to Charleston, S.C. This info relayed to FBI Tech Fore men SA [redacted] and Inspector Jim Byrum, stressing the new high (unnamed) body count is classified "confidential" by DOD. b6 b7C

9:42 AM SA [redacted] stated that USDS plans to make public release re destination (Charleston AFB) of survivors.

9:45 AM SA [redacted] said Amer. Emb., Georgetown, notified that DOD conducted medical (pathologist) report in Georgetown re bodies + FBI wants to get it.

NOV. 24, 1978  
(FRIDAY)

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11:08 AM USN Capt. [redacted] (CAT) advised that as of last night 4-C141 flights brought in 270 bodies into Dover. As of 9 AM today, 341 bodies have been counted in Jonestown, and more are being uncovered. This is total so far counted of 611. DOD estimates total could be increased to 800 bodies. It appears that Oakland mortuary (Army) will not be necessary, as Dover can handle bodies for processing. This info relayed to Inspector Jim Ingram over secure phone, since above body count figure is classified "confidential".

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1:20 PM Received telephone call from SA [redacted] that AF Driver Mr. [redacted] will arrive at Pentagon, Rear Entrance, from Dover AFB with the suicide letter (in plastic case, within 4 envelopes, and odors) recovered by DOD from body of [redacted]. USDS Task Force member [redacted] will instruct [redacted] to turn this evidence over to SA [redacted] at Pentagon. This info relayed to Inspector Jim Ingram who instructed that I accept this evidence from [redacted].

1:25 PM NO airlift has been scheduled for survivors as [redacted] has not released any as yet for [redacted] at Georgetown. This info relayed to [redacted].

NOV. 24, 1978  
(Friday)

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2:00 PM I received 8" X 11" brown manila envelope, classified "Confidential" and sealed, from Mr. [redacted] (negro, male, civilian AF employee, driver for 436<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron, Dover AFB) at Rear Entrance of Pentagon. [redacted] said he received this package (envelope) from USAF Major [redacted], The Information Officer at Dover AFB & who tel# is [redacted]. [redacted] analyzed the envelope is classified but does not know what is contained in the envelope. <sup>2 yrs</sup> [redacted] a receipt for the envelope. He gave envelope to me upon the advice of Mr. [redacted], USDS Task Force, Tel # [redacted]. I initialed the lower right hand corner of envelope, dated it, and put "RYMUR" also on it.

2:35 PM I turned the above envelope over to SA [redacted], Document Section, FBI Laboratory Division.

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4:25 PM SA [redacted] advised that new FBI HQ RYMUR Task Force Hdqrs tel. nos. are: 324-4190, 4191, 2808.

5:00 PM Col. [redacted] advised that he received verbal notice from Jointstown DOD personnel that body count is now a "little over 800", & that official communication is forthcoming with actual figure. Also, 4-C141's developed at Dover with total of 290 bodies, 2 more C141's on way + by 8<sup>30</sup> pm tonight total w/4 422. FBI Subm. [redacted] so informed.

Nov. 24, 1978  
(Friday)

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5:05 PM Myanmar govt still has not released any of the survivors, so no military airlifts have been scheduled by DOD. It is possible, per Col. [redacted] (JCS/CAT), that survivor airlift could commence Sat night or Sunday. FBI Supv. [redacted] so notified by me.

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5:40 PM Body count at JMWILL now given as 802 and survivor count at 78. All 78 survivors are at Georgetown, and Myanmar govt intends to release small group (24?) of non-violent survivors to American Embassy. This info relayed to SA [redacted]

NOV. 25, 1978  
(Saturday)

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10:15 AM Unofficial body count (per Col. [redacted] JCS/CAI) is 909. Survivor count is 76 (28 docile & 48 hard core) who are all in control of Guyana Gov't. The release of 28 survivors to Amer. Embassy is expected on Monday, 11/27, or Tuesday, 11/28/78. This info relayed to FBI SA [redacted]

11:50 AM Body count now 910. Breakdown is:  
at Bover AFB 718  
at Georgetown 122  
at Jonestown 60-70  
910 (unofficial)

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Survivor count is 80. Breakdown is:  
Hard Core 46  
Docile 25  
Arrested 4  
Hospital 3  
"CUDSOE" 2 ~~at Jonestown, Trinidad~~  
80 (TOTAL) (84 per USDS)

} at Georgetown in control of Gov't of Guyana.

This info relayed to SA [redacted] (SA [redacted])  
advises that above survivor count of 80 does not include the 4 survivors on Trinidad with the boat "Albatross". Therefore survivor, per USDS, is 84.

NOV. 25, 1978.  
(Saturday)

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12:55 PM Pentagon is proposing to USDS that HEW Rep. at Charleston AFB be designated as the central coordinator for Public Affairs matters re pertains to survivors upon arrival at Charleston. SA [redacted] at FBI HQ so informed.

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1:40 PM SA [redacted] informed that FBI in accord with HEW rep at Charleston being designated by USDS as central coordinator re Public Affairs on survivors.

NOV. 26, 1978  
(Sunday)

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11:20 AM Body count is now being at 912, and all are at Dover AFB. There are 84 survivors. SA [redacted] so informed.

12:05 PM DOD begins its withdrawal of equipment & manpower from Guyana today and hopefully by tomorrow all of DOD will be removed from Guyana. <sup>b6</sup>  
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No definite info as yet about survivor removal, but DOD is proposing that a 36-hr notice be given for organization of military airlift of survivors from Guyana, if no commercial aircraft deemed feasible available.  
SA [redacted] was so informed of this info.



NOV. 27, 1978  
(Monday)

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9:45AM Per USN Capt. [redacted], Crisis Action Team,  
this Myanmar matter, at NMCC will cease at  
12 noon today. New tel nos. for JOINT  
OPERATIONS DIV. JCS, will be  
[redacted] alerted # for ADDO,  
NMCC, will be [redacted] and [redacted].  
3 large Jolly Green Giant Helicopters (4453)  
will remain in Myanmar till early AM 11/28/78,  
after which only 2 helicopters will be left  
there to render support to Amer. Emb. at <sup>b6</sup>  
Georgetown. All other DOD personnel & material <sup>b7C</sup>  
will be removed by then. An 84 yr-old  
survivor left yesterday via commercial to NYC.  
NO C-141's as yet have left Charleston AFB,  
as SW of Myanmar has not released any survivors.  
DOD has asked for & will have 24-hr  
response time for C-141 to be available at  
Georgetown for removal of survivors. DOD believes  
survivors may more economically use commercial  
air for return to CONUS (precluding arrival  
at Charleston AFB). This info relayed to  
FBI [redacted]

10:40AM Per USN Capt [redacted] at NMCC/CAT,  
AF will provide security around hangar  
being used by FBI on Charleston AFB. This relayed  
to SA [redacted]

12:00 NOON NMCC/CAT ceased operation.