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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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February 6, 1979

Commissioner, Guyana Police Department Georgetown, Guyana South America

Attention: Mr. Cecil A. Roberts

Assistant Police Commissioner Criminal Investigation Division

Dear Commissioner:

RE:

LAWRENCE JOHN LAYTON;

ET AL;

CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN - VICTIM (deceased);

ALL INFORMATION .

HEREIN IS DECEMBED

CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE;

FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

During conference with Assistant Police Commissioner, Cecil A. Roberts and FBI Personnel at Washington, D.C., on January 31, 1979, Mr. Roberts requested the following information to assist in his investigation of the assault and assassination of U.S. Congressman Ryan and the murder of four other individuals at Port Kaituma, Guyana. (\mathcal{U})

Subjects developed through FBI interviews of participants in the assault are: Wesley Karl Breidenbach (deceased); Eddie Joe Crenshaw (deceased); Ronnie Dennis (deceased); Stanley Brian Gieg (deceased); Ronald De-Val James (deceased); Ernest Jones (deceased); Robert Edward Kice (deceased); Thomas David Kice (deceased); Larry John Layton (alive); Anthony Simon (deceased); Ronald Tally (deceased); Albert Ardell Touchette (deceased); and Joseph Lafayette Wilson (deceased). Also identified was Don Sly, who assaulted Ryan with a knife at Jonestown, Guyana. (U)

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ENCLOSURE

Concerning the \$1,000.00 in Ryan's briefcase, FBI investigation has determined that the \$1,000.00 was not taken from the briefcase at any time and that the money, actually \$1,350.00 was returned to Ryan's Office, San Francisco, California, with the briefcase. FBI, to date, has not been able to locate the tape recorder or tapes that were reported missing from Ryan's briefcase. (\mathcal{V})

In connection with the three additional weapons seized from Prokes and the Carters at Port Kaituma, FBI investigation has determined the following: $/\chi$

Smith and Wesson Model 36 .38 Caliber Special 3" barrel Serial Number 60J953

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) records disclosed that this weapon was last sold to Paulino Parajas Elegadl of

Smith and Wesson Model 36 .38 Caliber Special 2" barrel Serial Number J298732

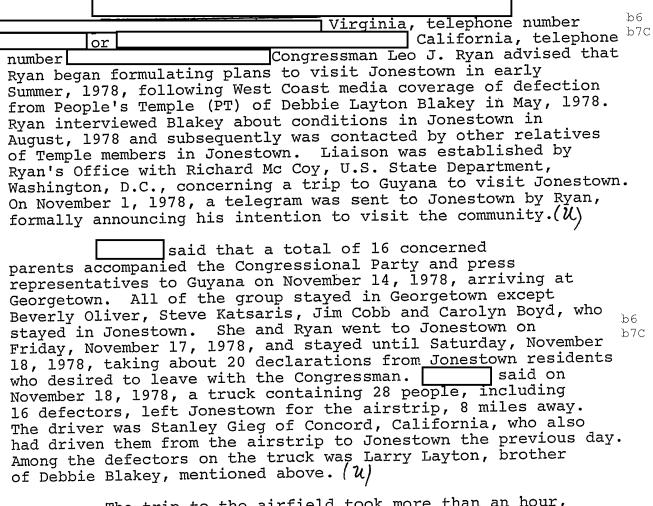
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ATF records determined that this weapon was last sold to Beverly Maria Livingston, 387 North Oak, Ukiah, California.

Smith and Wesson Model 36 .38 Caliber Special 2" barrel Serial Number 5J4831

ATF records determined that this weapon was last sold to Clarence L. Swinney, Redwood, Valley, California.

Mr. Roberts also requested the following eyewitness statement from individuals who departed Guyana immediately following the assault and were not available to furnish statements to his office: (*\mathcal{U})



The trip to the airfield took more than an hour, due to poor road conditions. Two planes were at the airstrip, a large and a small aircraft. was handling departure arrangements, placing defector families in the large airplane and single defectors in the smaller airplane. It was obvious all present could not leave on the two planes, and that a return trip would be necessary. Layton insisted on leaving on the

first plane to take off. All defectors were checked for weapons before boarding. Layton, wearing a poncho, entered the smaller plane prior to search and was challenged. Layton pulled a pistol and began firing inside the plane, before the gun was wrestled from him by Dale Parks. Layton then fled the area. A few minutes later a tractor with flatbed on the rear, arrived at the airstrip with about ten men, both white and Negro. The truck began circling the planes as the men on the truck fired upon those not yet on board the two planes. Speier, Ryan and NBC newsman Don Harris attempted to hide behind the plane wheel. Both Ryan and Harris were hit by gunfire and killed. Speier played dead but was struck by bullets in the right forearm and right thigh. The attack lasted a few minutes.

b6 and several other wounded stayed near b7C the planes following the assault, and a few others went to a nearby disco bar to await help. (U) San Francisco, California, of the concerned relatives group advised that he prepared to leave Jonestown in a dump truck on Saturday, November 18, 1978, at approximately 2:00 pm. The truck was to take the visitors back to Port Kaituma, with various defectors who wanted to leave the compound. At that time, stated that he heard that someone had tried to stab Congressman Ryan and that Attorneys Garry and Lane subdued the assailant. At that time, everyone got onto the dump truck, including one of the close followers and alleged hitman of Reverend Jim Jones, Larry Layton. Layton evidently told the individuals that he wanted to leave the compound, stating that it was a hell hole. stated that Dale Parks and Jerry Parks, who At that time, were defectors from the compound, said that it was bad, that Layton was a plant and should not be trusted. _____stated that at hearing this, he told Bob Flick and Tim Reiterman, who were with the news media, to watch Layton. stated that he was very uneasy and things began to drag. When they got to the gate to the compound, he observed Joe Wilson standing by the gate and as the truck arrived Wilson asked everyone to spread out so he could see who was in the truck. _____related that he was in a hurry to get to the airstrip and he was afraid something was going to happen. He advised that at various times he bumped up against Layton to determine if Layton had a gun, however, he did not believe Layton had one at that time. Parks stated that he heard that Layton had asked Jones if there was anything he could do and Jones put him on the truck. According to they got to the airstrip at Port Kaituma, Layton wanted to be put on the first plane to leave and was adamant about his desire to leave first. (U)

When they first got to the airstrip, there was only a small plane which could only carry five passengers. Various individuals of the entourage got on the small plane. The larger plane was now coming in for a landing and was five minutes late. It landed on the strip and parked stated that he then with one engine running. At this time, observed that a tractor pulling a trailer with PT individuals on the trailer had pulled onto the edge of the clearing at b6 the far end of the runway. ____stated at this point he told b7C Congressman Ryan to hurry up, as he felt fearful that something was about to happen. At this point, Congressman Ryan was searching the individuals getting onto the plane and his aide was taking a list of names for boarding. According to the individuals whom he knew personally and identified as being on the trailer are as follows: Bob Kice; Tom Kice; Joe Wilson; Albert Touchette; Ron James; Eddy Crenshaw; Wesley Breidenbach and Ron Tally. (U) stated that while the tractor and trailer were a distance away from the airplane, he was able to identify certain individuals as being hitmen for the PT. Because of this, he urged Ryan to hurry operations to depart the airfield. stated that at this time, he noticed that local Guyanese natives were being pushed back into the brush by PT representatives. After seeing this, he tried to warn stated he then everyone he felt was in immediate danger. attempted to help people get on the plane, and at this time, b6 stated he noticed that Greq Robinson was on the far side of the plane near the wheel. |came around stated the tail of the aircraft to assist Greg Robinson. The engines of the aircraft were drowning out all other noise on the airfield. stated that he turned around and then observed that the tractor and trailer had approached to approximately thirty feet from the aircraft and at that time he heard the first shots. He immediately observed that Congressman Ryan fell that people were just hitting to the ground. It seemed to the dirt all over the airfield. Don Harris then fell at approximately the same time as Congressman Ryan. stated that he saw some of the guns that the individuals on the trailer were carrying and thought that someone was aiming at him. this time, _____related that he then observed another individual

fall down at this point he sprinted for the jungle which was approximately fifty yards away from the aircraft. arriving at the edge of the clearing, he looked back and observed that Tom Kice shot Don Harris in the head at point blank range with what appeared to be a shotgun. He stated that he observed Tom Kice, Bob Kice, Joe Wilson, and Albert Touchette shooting the victims in the head at point blank |stated that he dove into the jungle range. At this point, and ran for approximately two hours into the dense jungle and swamp. He then climbed a tree where he stayed until approximately 9:30 am the next day, when he went back to the airstrip. Upon arriving at the airport, he observed what he hoped to be Guyanese soldiers checking the bodies lying on the airstrip. At that point, he decided that he would take the chance that the individuals he observed were indeed Guyanese soldiers and not followers of the PT, as he was totally exhausted and demoralized from the ordeal. These individuals b6 were determined to be Guyanese soldiers and he was afforded b7C protective custody at that time. $/\chi$

Jose, California, telephone number a member of the concerned relatives group advised that after visiting at the Jonestown compound for several hours on November 18, 1978, _____ was informed by Jackie Speiers that some of the Jonestown people wanted to leave with the Ryan delegation. They were passing notes stating their desires to members of the delegation. Don Harris, NBC news reporter, was one of the persons who had received a note from one of the people who wanted to escape. As the delegation was preparing to depart Jonestown for Port Kaituma Airport, additional Jonestown residents tried to get on, but there was not enough room. Congressman Ryan then decided to remain with the group that was left behind until they could be transported to the airport. The truck pulled out and there was some commotion back in the group where Congressman Ryan was located. Don Harris left the truck and went back to see what the commotion was all about. Someone had tried to kill Ryan at the compound with a knife. The two lawyers, Mark Lane and Charles Garry, took the knife away from the assailant and it was decided at this time that The first Congressman Ryan should leave with the first group.

group included an individual identified as Larry Layton. of the departing Jonestown residents expressed apprehension about Layton's presence inasmuch as he was an avowed temple member. He was reportedly very close to Jones and was considered one of his trusted inner circle. When the group arrived at the airport, everyone got off the truck and all the baggage was removed from the truck. At this time, Congressman Ryan met with the news media and explained the commotion that took place inside the compound. A short time thereafter, a small plane arrived for the group. Larry Layton made a concerted effort to get on this plane. Jackie Speiers advised him that he was not one of the first individuals indicating a desire to leave Jonestown and accordingly, he would have to wait for the next plane. Layton then went to Congressman Ryan and apparently convinced him that he (Layton) would be the best source of information regarding the Jonestown group and accordingly, he should be allowed to leave immediately. Congressman Ryan then instructed that Layton be allowed to leave on the first plane. Layton was thereafter observed shaking hands with a group of spectators who had arrived at the airport, prior to boarding the plane. Because of fear of Layton's true intentions, he had previously been searched prior to his shaking hands with spectators. At that time, no weapon was noted to be in the possession of Layton. (U)

Prior to the first plane departing, a second and__ and larger plane arrived. this plane. At this time, some of the PT defectors said that members from the temple who were at the airport had guns and were going to kill them. Larry Layton said they had to get the plane off the ground immediately. At this point, shooting started. Someone yelled "hit the dirt". b7C in the doorway of the second plane and both headed for the rear of the plane and got on the floor. Mrs. Oliver had been hit in the legs. Those who were standing in the doorway were shot by individuals on a tractor and flatbed, which appeared to be circling the plane. After the tractor left, they got off the plane and saw Anthony Katsaris, who was still alive, but who had been shot in the chest. They carried Jackie Speier who had multiple gunshot wounds, away from the plane. They knew that the tires were shot out and the plane received numerous hits in the engine and compartment area. The next thing she remembers is running into the jungle and thereafter, observing the five seater plane taking off with the pilots and some crew members from the larger plane. (\mathcal{U}

There were three or four Guyanese Army personnel located at the airport, camped out in a tent by a Guyanese Air Force plane which they were guarding. The Guyanese told them what to do relative to hiding out and the military personnel provided three stretchers. While they were rendering first aid to Jackie Speier and Steve Sung, Larry Layton approached the group and he was told to leave by the others. Layton attempted to talk to the group, but they were fearful Some of the group accused him of being involved in the shooting. At this point, at the direction of the Guyanese people, the group decided to leave the injured members of Ryan's group in the tent with the Guyanese Army personnel and the remainder would be taken into Guyanese homes in Port Kaituma. Mr. Dwyer and one of the members from Ryan's group remained with the injured. When help arrived on the morning of November was informed of this Mr. Dwyer or someone who had been at the airport. They thereafter went to the b6 Port Kaituma Airport, boarded a Guyanese military aircraft and b7c were flown to Georgetown. On the same date, she departed Georgetown, Guyana on a United States medivac aircraft, which brought her and several of the other members of the group to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland (21)

advised that she did not observe the shootings that took place at Port Kaituma and could not identify from personal knowledge any of the assailants. She explained that when the shooting began, she immediately concealed herself in the rear of the plane and did not exit the plane until after the shooting ceased. (\mathcal{U})

VERNON DEAN GOSNEY, 5076 Bonwell Drive,
Concord, California, was a Jonestown resident, wounded at Port
Kaituma, Guyana, advised that he had been planning to leave
Jonestown two to three weeks prior to Congressman Ryan's visit,
but in fact he was afraid to leave. Gosney indicated he wanted
to leave Jonestown since the first day he arrived there, but
knew if he did try to leave he would be stopped by members of
the PT. He noted that one day officials from the United States
Embassy came to Jonestown and he and his friend Monica (last
name unknown) (LNU) wanted to tell them they wanted to leave,
but he and Monica just did not have the nerve to do it. Gosney
stated he felt like it was not hard to do, but he knew that if

they did something would happened to him and Monica. He noted that there were literally hundreds of people who wanted to leave, but many knew what would or could happen to them if they did leave. No one ever talked about leaving because if they were overheard they would be punished. Punishment many times was beatings, however, Jones eventually stopped the beatings because of public criticism. However, one to be punished would be put in a center surrounded by other members of the PT and everyone would ridicule, criticize, and humiliate that person being punished. Jones always stated that he would kill all of the traitors who left even if he had to hire the mafia to do this.

He advised that the Congressman and members of the party arrived at the camp on Friday, November 17, 1978. The general feeling at the camp during Ryan's visit was that of excitement because of Ryan's notoriety, but the atmosphere was very tense because if one person approached the Congressman or his party and told them how they truly felt against Jones, everything would be "messed up". Gosney recalled that when Jones talked with Ryan he told Ryan anyone could leave at any However, Gosney reiterated that in fact they could not because Jones had seized everyone's passport. Gosney had no direct knowledge of any plan by Jones or his followers to cause any trouble if anyone wanted to leave. However, Gosney had no direct knowledge of any plan by Jones or his followers to cause any trouble if anyone wanted to leave. However, Gosney noted at this point that many people of the temple were very suspicious, especially when Jones appeared to be letting those people who wanted to leave, go. What aroused Gosney's suspicions was the fact that on the group's way to the airstrip on the day that they were all leaving, the truck appeared to be deliberately stalled and then it appeared to be deliberately stuck in the mud. Following that, Congressman Ryan was attacked by someone back at the camp. His suspicions were also aroused by the fact that Stanley Gieg, the driver of the truck that was transporting everyone from the camp to the airstrip, was driving very slowly and when the truck arrived at the front entrance of the camp, the security guards made everyone in the back of the truck shift around so as to count everyone and note who was on the One of the security guards used the story that he was looking for his sons. Gosney stated that this always The visitors would happened when visitors came to the camp. always have to wait until Jones wanted them to come to the camp and they would also be delayed after they came and wanted to leave the camp. It was very easy to delay visitors because there was only one way in and one way out. ///

Gosney, who was on the truck and planning to leave with Ryan, knew that the group was definitely being Also, when the group left for the airstrip the day stalled. of the shooting, an assembly was called by Jones at the temple. This assembly, as in the past, was called so a decision could be made as to what could be done about the traitors and Ryan's group. Gosney stated it always happened this way. someone was to leave, there was always an assembly called and a decision would be made about what to do with that person. Usually, if the person left, a group of Jones' security men would search for that particular person until he was found and bring him back to the camp. When they were returned to the camp, they would be severely punished. Gosney, as he was leaving, knew that an assembly was being called because everyone was gathering at the pavillion / 21)

As they were leaving the Jonestown camp that Saturday afternoon, November 18, 1978, Gosney recalled the following persons being on the truck en route to the airstrip: Vernon Dean Gosney; Monica Bagby; Tommy Bogue; Jimmy Bogue; Edith Bogue; Juanita Bogue; Timmy Bogue; Harold Bogue; Chris O'Neil, and Larry Layton. Everyone knew Larry Layton was a plant as Layton was stuck on the truck at the very last minute. Gosney said, "There was no possible way Layton would be defecting, as he was extremely loyal to Jones". Also on the truck were: Edith Parks; Patty Parks; Dale Parks; Terry Parks; and Brenda Parks.

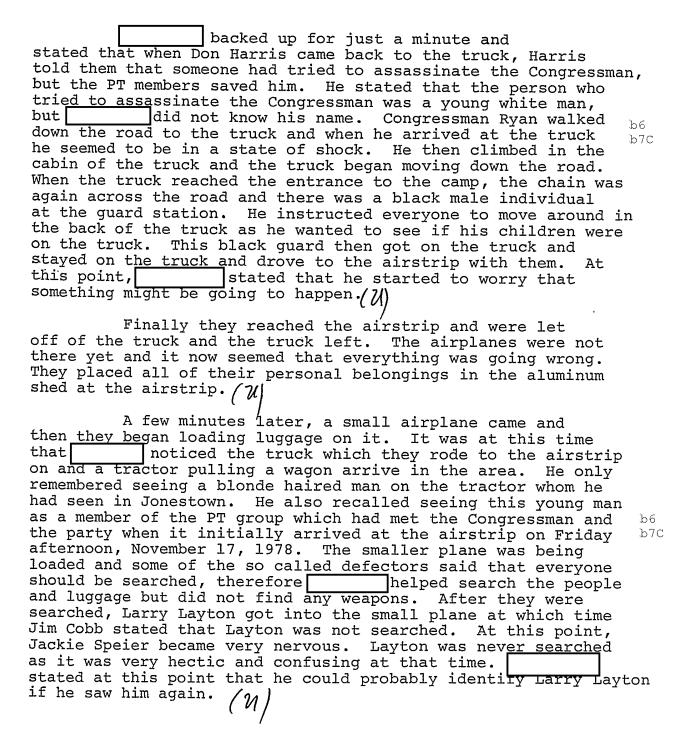
Gieg is described as a white male, about 18 years old, 5'8" tall, 160 lbs, blond hair, very muscular and very hairy. When Gosney and the rest of the group, along with Ryan and the others arrived at the airstrip, it was approximately 5:30 pm, as best as he could recall. They unloaded their belongings from the truck and put them in the aluminum shed located near the airstrip. The airplanes were not there at the time of their arrival on the truck. After everyone got off of the truck, Wilson and Gieg departed for a short while.

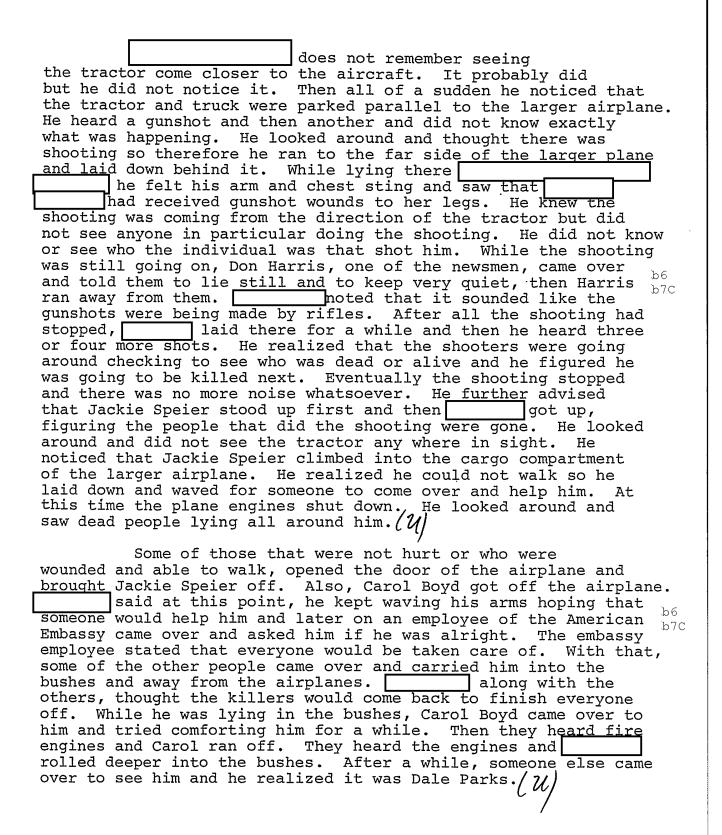
By this time the aircraft had arrived and Congressman Ryan's assistant, Jackie Speier was making a list of people who were to go on either the large or small airplane. She obtained the list but Layton insisted that he wanted to go on the small airplane. Gosney thought that Layton wanted to go on the plane because he felt like Wilson's job was to shoot up the big one. At this point, Gosney recalled that on the trip to the airstrip, Joe Wilson asked the departing members of the PT why they wanted to leave. Gosney told Wilson that the people did not have any freedom or free will to decide if they wanted to stay or go. Wilson told Gosney that the people could have left at a better time or done it in another way. He said the group of PT members that were leaving would make the PT look bad. Several people were put on the small plane, including Gosney and his friend Monica, who were the first to get on. engines started, at which time Gosney noticed the tractor and truck return to the area of the two airplanes. Gosney at this point believed that Joe Wilson initially left to go back to get the guns. He stated that Wilson and the others were gone approximately thirty minutes (2)

Gosney indicated that initially there were three people besides himself that were to get on the small plane for its return to Georgetown, Guyana. The people who initially got on the small plane besides himself were his friend, Monica; There was a conflict at this time as to whether or not Larry Layton should be getting into the small plane, but since he insisted he did board the aircraft. Once he (Gosney) and the others were on the small plane, then he noticed the larger plane arrive. By this time the tractor and truck came back to the airstrip and passed by the small plane and went directly to the vicinity of the large plane, circling it once. On the tractor Gosney noticed Joe Wilson, who was holding a rifle. Wilson began shooting and "kept shooting at the people, the airplane, the tires of the airplane, and everything". At that point, Larry Layton shot Gosney twice. Layton was sitting in the smaller aircraft directly beside Gosney and to Gosney's left. Gosney stated that he was shot with some type of small handgun and immediately following his being shot, he (Gosney) and Dale Parks struggled with Layton and took the gun away from Layton. The pilot told everyone to immediately get out of the airplane, but they could not get the doors of the plane open so they crawled out the front of the aircraft.

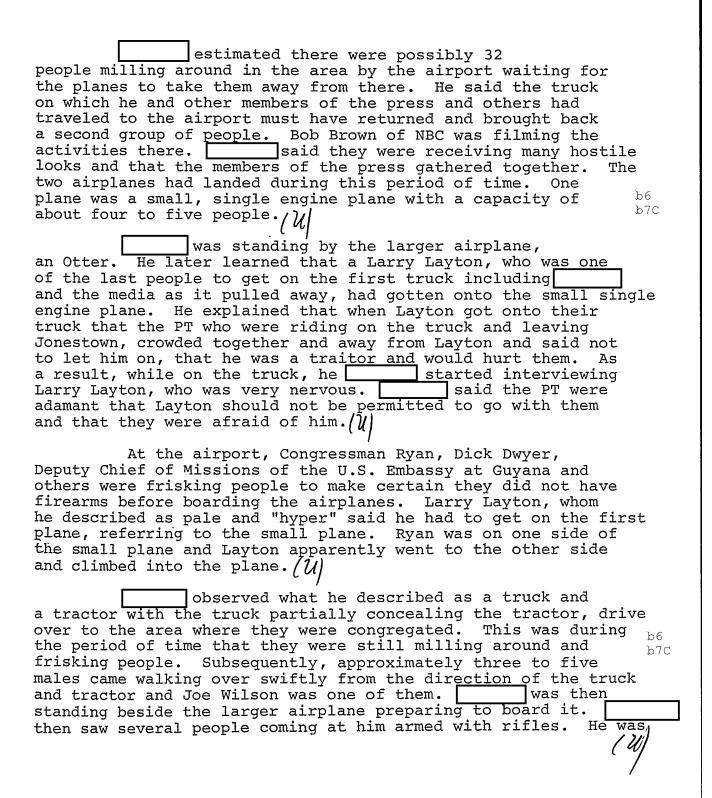
At this point, Gosney stated that he recalled that there were approximately ten individuals on the tractor. Some of those on the tractor are as follows: Stanley Gieg; Wesley Breidenbach; Tom Kice; and Bob Kice. At this point Gosney advised that only certain people within the camp were authorized to have guns. Those authorized were: 'Joe Wilson; Bob Kice and his brother Tom Kice; Stanley Gieg; and Wesley Breidenbach. He noted that the above individuals who were doing the shooting stayed on the tractor while the shooting was going on. At least he saw them stay on the tractor and there might have been others who got off of it. After Gosney got out of the small plane, he ran into the bushes and stayed there until a Guyanese person found him and took him into a both and tent, where he saw of whom had been wounded. /

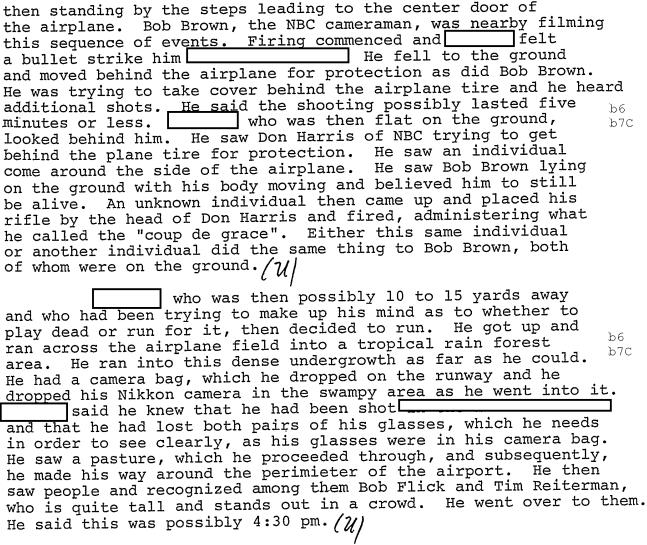
Chico, California, telephone number a member of the concerned group, advised that on November 18, 1978, while preparing to leave Jonestown, he noted two or three members of the PT getting on the truck. He recognized two of The two were Wesley Breidenbach and Larry Layton. Layton was the very last one to get on the truck. While they were all on the truck, it did not start moving for quite some time and Vernon Gosney, who was also a member of the PT, who was going to return with the group to the United States, kept insisting that everyone should get going and get out of the camp. All the so called defectors kept saying, "Let's get going, let's get going". But as soon as the truck began to leave, it b7C stalled and then it got stuck in a ditch. The defecting PT members told him that this thing about the truck stalling and getting in a ditch was a setup. As they reached the top of the looked back and saw people running hill near the camp, around and heard people yelling. did not know what was happening. The truck stopped and Don Harris, the NBC News Reporter, went to see what had happened. Soon afterwards, a bulldozer came and pulled the truck out of the ditch. felt as if they were deliberately being delayed this point,



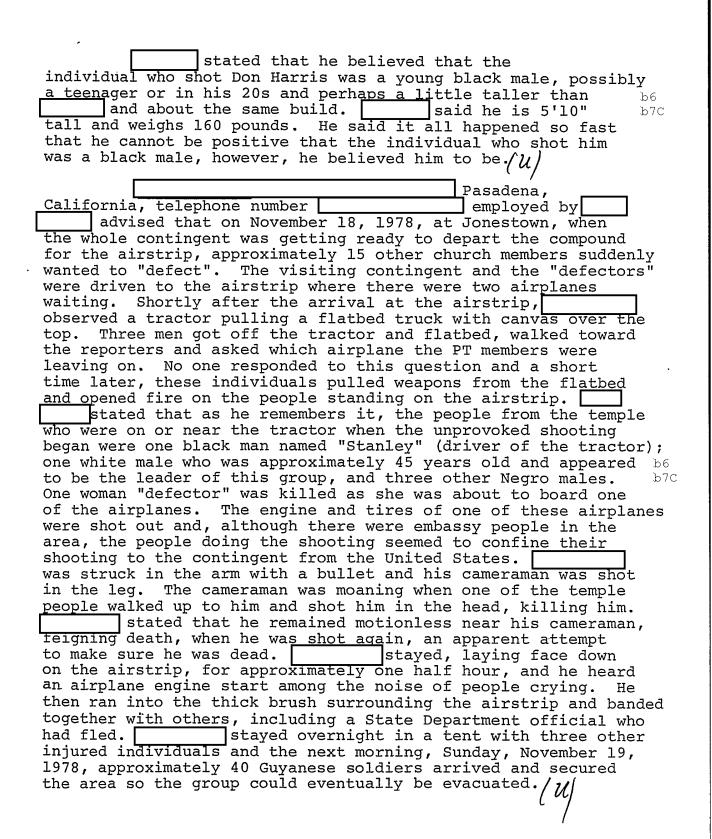


lay on the ground for a while in the bushes and as it was becoming dark, a few Guyanese people came over to him. They took him to where a tent had been set up and when he arrived, he saw Vernon Gosney, who had been wounded, who had been wounded, who had been wounded, who had been wounded, and two Guyanese officials. They stayed at the tent the remainder of the evening while the rest of the non-wounded people went into town and stayed with someone there. Document Document
San Francisco, California, a member of the press, advised that on November 18, 1978, he was leaving Jonestown, en route to Port Kaituma by a PT truck. The truck on which and the other media and other individuals were riding proceeded about 100 yards before it became stuck in the mud. He then heard a loud cheer, saw a commotion and people running. About five to ten minutes later, Attorney Lane came up the path to the truck hustling Congressman Ryan with him. Congressman Ryan's shirt was pulled up to his waist and there was blood on the left side of the shirt, however, it was later learned it was not the blood of Congressman Ryan.
Congressman Ryan got into the truck and said someone had thrust a knife at him. The truck then traveled to the airport, but the plane on which they were to depart had not yet arrived. Congressman Ryan and the others sat down in a little shed and Congressman Ryan told them what happened to him back at Jonestown. He said a young white male had lunged at him with a knife, that he had fallen back and that Mark Lane, who had been his opponent in this matter, had saved his life, as he had wrestled the knife wielder to the ground. The knife wielder was cut during this attack and it was apparently his blood that was on Congressman Ryan's shirt.
recalled also that before the truck in which be was riding pulled away from Jonestown to drive to the airport, a Negro male got onto the truck and clung to the side of it staring at him. A female temple member inside the truck identified this individual as being Joe Wilson related that Wilson's wife and child had left Jonestown earlier that date trying to make their way to Port Kaituma. Wilson rode all the way out to the airstrip on this truck with them.





He observed that the larger twin engine Otter plane was disabled as the tires had been shot out. The small plane managed to take off and he was told that it had one passenger, a female temple dropout member. He was not certain as to when the small plane took off, but understood it summoned help. He observed Congressman Ryan's body as well as the bodies of Harris, Brown, Greg Robinson, San Francisco Examiner photographer, and the body of a woman beside the plane. He said he could not see who shot Congressman Ryan or even himself.



California, employed by advised that on November 18, 1978, in Jonestown, he boarded a truck to return to Port b6 Kaituma airstrip. Just prior to leaving, Congressman Ryan returned to the pavillion which was approximately 500 yards from the truck where I was sitting. I could hear a scuffle but did not witness any of the happenings. Congressman Ryan came from the compound with blood on his shirt in a shaken He climbed into the truck and at this same time, condition. a white male described as approximately 5'6" tall, weighing 135 pounds, in his late twenties with a slight build and dirty blond curly hair, got into the truck. He was wearing a white shirt and white pants which were partially covered by a rain poncho. Later, this man was identified to me as Larry Layton. He stood in the back of the truck and did not speak to anyone. / u

Congressman Ryan returned and told me that he had been assaulted with a knife. The truck departed for Port Kaituma.

During preparation for flight, Larry Layton had remained off to the side leaning against a building. When the choosing of passengers was made, he demanded to be a member of the passengers for the single engine plane. He advised the Congressman's aide that he had been promised by Congressman Ryan a seat on this plane. The aide checked with Congressman Ryan and confirmed this. Four other passengers and Larry Layton were put on the plane and the plane taxied to a takeoff position.

Jim Cobb called to my attention, a tractor pulling a metal trailer and the truck in which we had been brought to the airport. I saw the same driver who drove us from the compound driving this truck and a blond haired male standing on the trailer, whom I cannot identify. These vehicles stopped approximately 50 yards from my location, i.e., the Otter aircraft. A police vehicle drove to my location and a police officer with a shotgun stood near the twin engine Otter as though he were guarding the plane. I was talking with the pilot of the twin engine Otter when I heard two shots. At that point, I was standing on the ground in front of the aircraft talking to the captain, who was sitting in the captain's seat. I turned around and saw the left tire had been shot out. The single engine plane was at a 90 degree angle to the runway making preparations for departure.

After the two shots there was a pause and then there was a barrage of fire which originated from the area of the truck and spread out around the immediate area of the twin engine Otter and into the "bush". It seemed to me as though the shots were coming from the whole surrounding area of the aircraft. I ran from under the plane approximately 15 yards to a metal shed and laid on the ground for protection. From this location, I could see the assailants shooting at the news party and shooting point blank at the wounded as they lay on the ground $\langle \chi \rangle$

I got up and ran to the other end of the airfield remembering I had previously seen a damaged aircraft being guarded by a Guyanese soldier who was carrying what I thought to be an automatic weapon. I tried to persuade him to assist us by firing at the assailants; however, when he refused I tried to persuade him to give me the weapon, to no avail. At this location I was approximately 10 to 15 yards from the single engine plane which had come to rest. I heard gun shots from within the plane. The pilot leaped from the plane and shouted for everyone to get out, but no one else exited the plane.

I crossed the runway into the "bush" and ran back towards the twin engine Otter. The assailants climbed onto the trailer and truck and departed. When I got to the twin engine Otter, I found Congressman Ryan lying beside the right front landing gear. It appeared he had been wounded and shot in the head. I found Bob Brown shot in the head lying under the tail of the plane. I found Don Harris lying centership under the plane. I found Greg Robinson lying behind the wheel which had been flattened by gunfire.

and I helped the wounded to a location approximately 50 yards from the runway into the "bush" for safety. In speaking with the pilot of the Otter, I was informed he had radioed that Congressman Ryan and other people were dead and the severity of the assault.

Mr. Roberts cooperation and candor at the referenced conference is greatly appreciated and it is hoped that the above information requested by him is helpful in your investigation into this matter. (γ)

Very truly yours,

CHARLES R. MC KINNON Special Agent in Charge

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