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On December 4, 1978, RICHARD MARTIN, Vice Consul of the United States of America assigned at Caracas, Venezuela, but on temporary duty at Georgetown, Guyana, made available to Special Agents (SAs) ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR. and [redacted] one seven-inch reel of tape with take-up reel. MARTIN advised that he removed these reels from tape recorder at Jonestown, Guyana, on November 24, 1978. MARTIN further advised that on November 24, 1978, he gave these reels to American Ambassador JOHN BURKE at the Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana. (u)

On December 4, 1978, United States Ambassador BURKE gave custody of the above mentioned reels and tape to SA [redacted] [redacted] who then marked both reels and tape for identification purposes. (u)

Interviewed on 12/4/78 at Georgetown, Guyana File No. CAR 89-4

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SAs ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR. and [redacted] RJO/mdh Date 12/4/78
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On December 4, 1978, RICHARD MARTIN, Vice Consul of the United States of America assigned at Caracas, Venezuela, but on temporary duty at Georgetown, Guyana, advised that on Thursday, November 23, 1978, he traveled to Jonestown, Guyana for the purpose of securing items of interest to the United States Government. MARTIN advised that he gathered tapes, papers and other items he felt would be of interest and with the help of several American soldiers loaded these items into bags and left them at the helicopter pad at Jonestown. MARTIN further advised that on Friday, November 24, 1978, he secured the help of several American soldiers and they went from house to house at Jonestown gathering additional tapes, papers and personal identifications. MARTIN advised that all of the items that he had gathered on Thursday together with those found on Friday were then transported via United States Army helicopter to Georgetown, Guyana. (u)

MARTIN stated that with the exception of two small packets of papers and one reel of tape, all of the items were placed in a room in the United States Consulate. This room was locked and all of these items are in the custody of DOUG ELLICE, Consul of the United States of America. (u)

The two small packets of papers which MARTIN did not place in this room were turned over to Ambassador JOHN BURKE. (u)

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Georgetown, Guyana
December 4, 1978

I, Richard Martin, a Vice Consul of the United States of America, was temporarily assigned to the United States Embassy at Guyana on 19 November 1978. I was assigned responsibility for the preservation and protection of the personal estates of the deceased American citizens pursuant to 22 USC Sec. 1175 et seq. and 7 FAM Sec. 444, and for the identification of the American citizen survivors there. In this capacity, I visited Jonestown, Guyana, on 23 November 1978 and again on 24 November 1978. (u)

Among other items of property which I collected at Jonestown on 24 November 1978 was a tape recording. This recording was of the reel-to-reel type and was found on a tape recorder situated on a raised platform at the end of an open-air building known as the "Pavilion". The recorder was situated on ^{A TABLE} ~~the floor~~ ^{12/4/78} of the platform and was not running when I first observed it. Approximately 1/4 of the tape was on the take-up and the other 3/4 was on the rewind reel. The recorder was located less than two feet from a chair on the platform. (u)

I removed both reels from the recorder and placed them in a bag which I was carrying. On 24 November 1978, when I had completed my duties in Jonestown, I returned to Georgetown. The tape was in my custody from the time I departed Jonestown until


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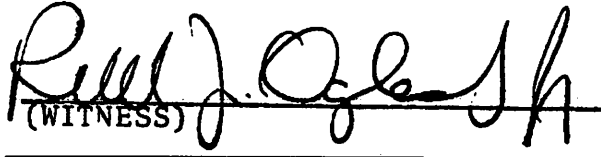
I transferred it to John Burke, United States Ambassador to Guyana, on the evening of 24 November 1978. The tape was played at that time and then locked in the Ambassador's safe. (u)

On 4 December 1978 at approximately 10:00 A.M. the tape was removed from the Ambassador's safe. I was able to identify it as the tape which I had removed from the Pavillion both by the appearance of the reels and by the contents of the tape when it was subsequently played. At that time the tape was transferred to the custody of Federal Bureau of Investigation

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