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From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for San Francisco is one copy of a Departmental memorandum regarding People's Temple's assets.

Enclosure submitted for your information. (u)

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Erno A. Ristau
Director, Office of Foreign Litigation
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Peoples Temple Assets Abroad

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Further to our memorandum of February 23 1979
we enclose hereto an updated report on the status of
the PT liquid assets in Guyana. Please substitute the
updated TAB A for the TAB A which we furnished under
cover of our 2/3/79 memorandum.

Enclosures. a/s

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SUMMARY

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We have reason to believe that the Peoples Temple may have assets in the following foreign countries, as indicated:

1. Guyana	\$2,645,425 ^{*/}	TAB A
2. Panama	\$7,335,792 ^{*/}	TAB B
3. Switzerland	\$ 800,000 ⁻	TAB C
4. Nassau, Bahamas	\$ 206,000	TAB D
5. Grenada, West Indies	\$ 76,000	TAB E
6. Venezuela	\$ 33,757	TAB F
7. Trinidad & Tobago	-----	TAB G
8. Curacao	-----	TAB H
9. Other	-----	TAB I

TOTAL \$11,096,974

*/ Estimate, partially confirmed

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SUSPECTED PT BANK ACCOUNTS IN GUYANA

1. Guyana National Cooperative Bank,
Georgetown (GNCB)

- a. External Savings Acct. No. .29489/86, balance of:
 \$G324,955.86
- b. Current Acct., balance of:
 - (1)\$G 14,786.67
 - (2)\$G 3,561.32
- c. Savings Acct. No. 28549, balance of:
 \$G 513.12

2. Barclay's Bank, Georgetown

- a. Savings Acct. No. 9857/3, balance of:
 \$G1,886,252.44
- b. Local Dollar Acct., balance of:
 \$G 39,163.03
- c. External Acct., balance of:
 \$G 30,890

3. Bank of Guyana

Treasury Bill #148 in amount of \$G1,000,000
In name of PT. Automatically re-invested every
3 months.

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3. Cash from Dennis Street, Port Kaituma
and Russian Embassy:

a. Guyana Currency
Notes: \$87,619.00
72.45
\$87,691.45 (G) 33,727

b. U.S. Currency
Notes: \$15,022 15,022

SUB TOTAL U.S.\$1,037,647
(G\$2,650,566)

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4. Indorsed U.S. Government checks in the names
of PT members and found at or near Jonestown 338,501
5. Guyana National Cooperative Bank (Three
accounts) (\$G 343,816.97) 132,237
6. Barclay's Bank (Two accounts.)
(\$G1,956,305) 752,425
7. Bank of Guyana (\$G/million; Treasury bills) 384,615

SUB TOTAL U.S.\$1,607,778

GRAND TOTAL U.S.\$2,645,425

*/ \$200,00 of these checks are now in the custody of the AmEmb, Georgetown; the remaining checks are still in the custody of the Guyanese police, but will presumably be released to the AmEmb in the near future. We have taken action to have State return these checks to Washington forthwith pending a final decision as to their proper disposition.

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GUYANA

1. Cash confiscated from Michael Carter by Guyanese authorities on 11/20/78:

*/ U.S. Dollars

a. <u>**/ Guyana Currency</u>	
Notes: \$137,604.00	
Coins: 57.69	
<u>\$137,661.69 (G)</u>	52,947
b. <u>U.S. Currency</u>	
Notes: \$634,501.00	
366.47	
<u>\$634,867.47</u>	634,867
c. <u>Trinidad & Tobago Currency</u>	
Notes: \$ 2.00	
18.92	
<u>20.98 (\$G20.01)</u>	8

2. Cash confiscated by Guyanese authorities from Port Kaituma residents between 12/1/78 and 12/3/78: ***/

a. <u>Guyana Currency</u>	
Notes: \$11,898 (G)	4,576
b. <u>U.S. Currency</u>	
Notes: \$US 296,500	296,500

*/ Rounded off to nearest dollar.

**/ As of December 4, 1978 the official exchange rate was approximately U.S. \$1 = G\$2.6
G \$1 = U.S. \$38.46

***/ According to Asst. Police Commissioner Cecil A. Roberts, Port Kaituma residents may have succeeded in secreting additional sums, beyond those listed; however, it is unlikely, as a practical matter, that any such sums will ever be recovered.

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Updated as of 3/6/79

COUNTRY: Guyana

ESTIMATED
PT ASSETS: \$2,645,425 (Plus small amounts of jewelry, and real and personal property in undetermined amount.)

ACTIONS
TAKEN BY
USG: Repatriation of bodies of deceased PT members; repatriation of survivors; AmEmb retained local counsel for legal advice; 12/20/78 msg. to AmEmb re: protection of USG interests vis a vis PT assets in Guyana and request for inventory of same; 12/22/78 AmEmb letters to all Guyanese banks in which PT allegedly had deposits; obtained copies of articles of incorporation for three (3) Guyanese PT corporations; studying whether USG should join GOG in lawsuit filed by GOG in Supreme Court of Guyana on 2/9/79. Visit to Guyana 2/27-3/3, 1979. For details and results, see separate trip report.

ATTITUDE OF
FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT: Difficult to determine at this time. Polite, but generally noncommittal. It is entirely possible that the GOG claim will eat up all PT assets in Guyana, leaving nothing for USG or other claimants. Clearly, however, the GOG plans to forfeit all of the U.S. Currency seized by GOG authorities.

LOCAL COUNSEL: At early date, AmEmb retained solicitor Gordon Gillette for legal advice.

LITIGATION
INITIATED: 9 February 1979 GOG (AG) and Guyana Airways Corp. filed suit against PT and several individuals in Supreme Court of Guyana. We have not yet decided whether to sue the PT in Guyana.

RECOVERY
PROSPECTS: Uncertain, at best. The situation is complex and fraught with political and legal difficulties. See separate trip report for details.