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BY TELETYPE DATED MARCH 9, 1979, STATE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
AMERICAN EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA:

COPIES OF TWO TRAVEL REPORTS PREPARED BY HERGEN OF
JUSTICE HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO EMBASSY.

PLEASE ADVISE ON STATUS OF EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO GOG FOR
RETURN OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS IN AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY
DOLLARS 138,000, WHICH ARE NOW BEING HELD BY ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. (FYI. CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER
ASSUMPTIONS, WE HAVE NOW LEARNED FROM TREASURY THAT FOR
ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES U. S. GOVERNMENT CHECKS, AFTER

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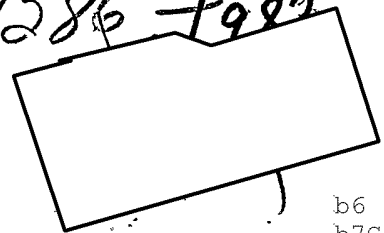
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JUSTICE AND STATE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO
DETERMINE PROPER DISPOSITION OF U. S. GOVERNMENT CHECKS NOW
BEING HELD AT EMBASSY. EMBASSY WILL BE CONSULTED REGARDING
FINAL DECISION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT PEOPLES TEMPLE SURVIVORS
ALLEGEDLY FILED COUNTER SUIT AGAINST GOG IN GUYANA. PLEASE
CONFIRM, AND IF POSSIBLE, POUCH SONNEST COPY OF COUNTER CLAIM.

PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY HAS YET HAD OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS FORTUNE'S MARCH 2, 1979, MEMO WITH ATTORNEY
GILLETT; IF SO, WHAT WERE GILLETT'S COMMENTS WITH RESPECT
THERETO.

JUSTICE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT REACHED FINAL DECISION
REGARDING LITIGATION IN GUYANA. {FYI. ONE OF THE PROPOSALS
UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT REFRAIN
FROM LITIGATION IN GUYANA, IF THE RECEIVER AGREES TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY
TO PRESERVE PT ASSETS AND RETURN ANY RESIDUE TO U. S. COURT.

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END FYI.]

JUSTICE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY CONTACT SKIP ROBERTS TO ASCERTAIN WHAT, IF ANYTHING, LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE DOING TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES OF PT SURVIVORS IN GEORGETOWN, E.G., ARE SURVIVORS UNDER SURVEILLANCE; ARE THEY FREE TO TRAVEL, AND IF SO, HAVE ANY OF THE SURVIVORS TRAVELED OUTSIDE GUYANA.

EMBASSY IS CORRECT. THAT DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION SOUGHT FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES ARE EXEMPT FROM PRIVACY ACT. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM JUSTICE FOR INFORMATION WHICH GOG HAS OR IS ABLE TO OBTAIN. TEXT OF REQUEST AS FOLLOWS: (u)

"IN CONNECTION WITH THE PENDING FBI AND GRAND JURY INVESTIGATIONS OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF UNITED STATES LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE MURDER OF CONGRESSMAN LEO RYAN AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND GUYANA, IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT IS IN POSSESSION OF, OR ABLE TO OBTAIN, CERTAIN INFORMATION AND/OR EVIDENCE WHICH MAY FURTHER THESE INVESTIGATIONS. (u)

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IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED THAT OUR EMBASSY IN GUYANA
LEND ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE OBTAINING OF THIS INFORMATION
AND/OR EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF THE FBI AND GRAND JURY. SUCH
INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE COVERAGE
OF THE PRIVACY ACT PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. 552A(B)(7). (u)

IN VIEW OF JUSTICE REQUEST, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO
SEEK FROM GOG RECORDS AND INFORMATION REQUESTED BY LEGAT,
CARACAS, AND TO TRANSFER THESE TO LEGAT WHEN RECEIVED UNDER
EXEMPTION TO PRIVACY ACT CONTAINED 5 U.S.C. SECTION 552A(B)(7),
AND TO RESPOND TO REQUEST CONTAINED IN PARA 7. (u)

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