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ON MARCH 15, 1979, FBI SACRAMENTO ADVISED FBIHQ AS FOLLOWS:
RESCTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 13, 1979
AT APPROXIMATELY 7 20 P.M., MODESTO, CALIFORNIA PD OFFICERS
DISPATCHED TO MOTEL SIX, MODESTO, WHERE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE (PT)
MEMBER, MICHAEL JOSEPH PROKES, WM, DOB MAY 31, 1947, 5'9", 155
POUNDS, 1701 CONCORD, MODESTO, HAD SHOT HIMSELF IN HEAD WITH .38
CALIBER SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER, TWO INCH BARREL, BEARING
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PROKES HAD ARRANGED WITH VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA ON MARCH 12,
1979, A NEWS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT ABOVE LOCATION AT 7 00
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PREPARED PRESS RELEASE WHEN HE EXCUSED HIMSELF AND WENT INTO BATHROOM, WHERE HE HAD APPARENTLY SECRETED THE ABOVE WEAPON AND PLACED A SUICIDE NOTE WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS: (u)

"DON'T ACCEPT ENYON'S ANALYSIS OR HYPOTHESIS THAT THIS WAS THE RESULT OF DESPONDENCY OVER JONESTOWN. I COULD LIVE WITH "DESPONDENCY" (u)

"NOR WAS IT AN ACT OF A "DISTURBED" OR "PROGRAMMED" MIND IN CASE ANYONE TRIED TO PASS IT OFF AS THAT. (u)

"THE FACT IS THAT A PERSON CAN RATIONALLY CHOOSE TO DIE FOR REASONS THAT ARE JUST, AND THAT'S WHAT I DID. (u)

"IF MY DEATH DOESN'T PROMPT ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT BROUGHT THE END OF JONESTOWN THEN LIFE WASN'T WORTH LIVING ANYWAY" (u)

PROKES IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO DOCTORS HOSPITAL AND WAS LATER PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 10:44 P.M. (u)

INTERVIEW OF NEWS MEDIA PRESENT BY MODESTO PD (u) SUBSTANTIATED PROKE'S PRIOR ARRANGEMENT OF PRESS CONFERENCE AND READING OF FIVE PAGE STATEMENT. PROKES WAS ASKED BY A NEWS-MAN "WAS JIMMY JONES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING THE MURDERS IN GUYANA?" AT THAT POINT PROKES EXUSED HIMSELF TO GO TO THE BATHROOM AND AFTER ABOUT ONE OR TWO MINUTE INTERVAL THEY HEARD

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A SHOT RING OUT. (u)

PROKES' BROTHER, THOMAS PROKES, JR., PERFECTLY DESCRIBED WEAPON, STATING IT HAD BELONGED TO HIS BROTHER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WAS OBTAINED FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS OF PT IN SAN FRANCI-

SCO. (u)

PROKES' FIVE PAGE PRESS RELEASE IS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS"

HE BEGAN BY ASKING QUESTION "WHY DID JONESTOWN END THE WAY IT DID?" PROKES BELIEVED THAT A GREAT PART OF THE ANSWER CAN BE FOUND ON THE TAPE RECORDING OF THE LAST HOUR OF LIFE IN JONESTOWN BUT THE TAPE WAS NEVER PLAYED AND IS LOCKED UP BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR FBI. (u)

HE DID NOT FIND IT SURPRISING IN LIGHT OF WHAT AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL, CHARLES ENGLISH, TOLD IN DECEMBER TO MIKE CARTER, TWO UNRECALLED REPORTERS AND HIMSELF OF WHAT WAS ON THE TAPE. (u)

HE CONTINUED THAT PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING ENGLISH SAID WAS THAT THE TAPE WOULD NEVER BE MADE PUBLIC BECAUSE IT WOULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES. ENGLISH SAID THE PEOPLE OF JONESTOWN WERE NOT COERCED INTO TAKING THEIR LIVES, RATHER THE PERCEPTION THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS DOOMED AND THERE WAS NO USE TO CONTINUE. (u)

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ENGLISH SAID THAT WHILE HE AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS LISTENED TO THE TAPE IN GEORGETOWN, U. S. AMBASSADOR JOHN BURKE CAME INTO THE ROOM AND LISTENED. AFTERWHICH BURKE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS TOLD THOSE IN THE ROOM THAT THEY HAD BETTER NOT BREATH A WORD OF WHAT THEY HEARD. BURKE TOOK THE TAPE INTO HIS PERSONAL CUSTODY. ENGLISH WOULD BE RISKING HIS POSITION TO ADMIT THAT HE TOLD HIM AND OTHERS ABOUT THE TAPE AND AMBASSADOR BURKE. (u)

SKIP ROBERTS {GUYANA'S CRIMINAL CHIEF} CORROBORATE WHAT ENGLISH SAID WAS ON THE TAPE. THE TAPE ORDERED SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE OF JONESTOWN AND ROBERTS WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY WHAT HE HEARD, PLUS BELIEVED THERE WAS SOME OUTSIDE PLAN TO DESTROY JONESTOWN. HE DOUBTED THAT ROBERTS WOULD PUBLICALLY ADMIT WHAT HE SAID WAS A TOUCHY POLITICAL ISSUE. FURTHER, GUYANA FEELS IT CAN ILL AFFORD TO OFFEND OR EMBARRAS THE UNITED STATES WHILE IT HAS OUTSTANDING I.M.F. LOAN AND IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL AID. (u)

IF THERE IS NOTHING TO HIDE THEN WHOEVER HAS THE TAPE SHOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE IT PUBLIC, AS IT SEEMS THAT A RECORDING OF THE LAST HOUR OF LIFE FOR OVER 900 PEOPLE IS EXTREMELY RELEVANT AND CRUCIAL FOR THE PUBLIC TO HEAR. (u)

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PROKES BELIEVED RECORDING WAS MADE INTENTIONALLY SINCE JIM JONES ASKED THAT ALL MEETINGS BE RECORDED. (u)

AN ARTICLE IN THE "ROLLING STONE" MAGAZINE SAID IT CONCISELY "THE MASS SUICIDES OF HISTORY, MADAGA AND SAIPAN, HAD OCCURRED WHEN PEOPLE WERE UNDER SEIGE AND SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES." THAT JONES AND THE PEOPLE OF JONESTOWN WERE NO EXCEPTION. FOR MONTHS THEY HAD BEEN HARRASSED, PER SECUTED, SURROUNDED AND BESEIGED BY SHADOW FORCES. WHEN THE FINAL ATTACK WAS IMMINENT AND UNDENIABLE, THEY CHOSE TO DIE. (u)

PROKES BELIEVED THE TAPE WOULD CORROBORATE THIS INFO AND WAS CONVINCED THAT ITS CONTENTS HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY MISREPRESENTED TO THE PRESS, BECAUSE ITS CONTENTS WOULD REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT JONESTOWN. (u)

PROKES BELIEVED THE PRESS SHOULD DEMAND THE TAPE BE MADE PUBLIC. IN ORDER TO BE PROPERLY EVALUATED AND UNDERSTOOD THE ENTIRE FIFTY MINUTES OF TAPE SHOULD BE PLAYED TO THE PRESS, UNEDITED AND UNCENSORED. (u)

PROKES BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF PRESSURE FOR THE TAPE TO BE PLAYED AND WOULD REVEAL CLEARLY SOMETHING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO ADMIT AND CANNOT ADMIT -- IN (u)

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THAT JONESTOWN REPRESENTS A SYMBOL OF THE MASSIVE
 INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE OF THIS COUNTRY TO MEET THE NEEDS
 OF ITS OWN CITIZENS. HE FELT IT NO COINCIDENT THAT MOST
 OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PT WERE BLACK WHEN YOU CONSIDER
 THAT MOST OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE HIGH SLUMS AND GHETTOS
 IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CITY ARE BLACK. PT PROVIDED THE
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO ESCAPE THE MISERY OF THEIR LIVES
 IN THE GHETTOS. (u)

JIM JONES JUMPED INTO THE VACCUM CREATED BY THE
 FAILURE OF THIS SYSTEM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BLACK
 PEOPLE AND MET THESE NEEDS OF THE NEGLECTED. THE U. S.
 INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS WOULD OBVIOUSLY FEEL DUTY-BOUND
 TO STOP JONES IN PARTICULAR IN LIGHT OF THEIR HISTORY
 AND REPUTATION OF GOING AFTER PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL AND
 CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. (u)

BEYOND THE SATISFACTION OF THEIR MATERIAL NEEDS, PEOPLE
 FOUND DIGNITY AND PRIDE IN THE TEMPLE THAT RACISM HAD PREVIOUSLY
 DENIED THEM. ATTEMPT TO DENY TEMPLE MEMBERS THEIR NEW FREEDOM

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10 --AND TO US IT WAS FREEDOM--STILL PERSISTED EVEN AFTER THE MOVE

8 WAS MADE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. HE BELIEVED THIS WAS THE REASON

6 SO MANY WERE TO DIE IN THE END, AS IT WAS A MORAL ACT OF

4 COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO THEIR BELIEFS "THEY WERE NOT GOING

2 TO TAKE IT ANYMORE." "WE'LL DIE BY OUR OWN HAND RATHER THAN BE

DESTROYED OR BROKEN UP BY THE LONG ARM OF THE OPPRESSOR." HE

SAID THIS WAS THE REASON SO MANY PEOPLE DIED AND TOOK THEIR

CHILDRENS LIVES BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THEIR COMMUNITY THAT THEY

HAD BUILT WAS UNDER SEIGE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,

WHICH PROKES AGREED WAS THE CASE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS WELL

AWARE OF THE TEMPLES NEGOTIATIONS TO MOVE TO THE SOVIET UNION IN

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ORDER TO ESCAPE THE THREATS TO ITS SECURITY IN GUYANA.

25 UNDOUBTEDLY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE CIA WANTED TO PREVENT
 18 A TREMENDOUS SOVIET PROPOGANDA VICTORY BASED UPON NEARLY ONE
 THOUSAND AMERICANS MOVING TO THE SOVIET UNION IN A QUEST OF
 12 HUMAN RIGHTS THAT HAD BEEN DENIED IN THE UNITED STATES. (u)

BUT WHAT LENGTH WAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO GO TO
 14 DISCREDIT JONESTOWN? WOULD THEY SACRIFICE A CONGRESSMAN?
 EVIDENTLY. OTHERWISE, WHY DID THEY ALLOW CONGRESSMAN RYAN TO
 17 GO TO JONESTOWN WHEN THEY WERE TOLD IN A LEGAL AFFIDAVIT THAT
 THERE WERE ARMS THERE AND HE KNEW A VISIT WOULD BE CONSIDERED
 10 AN ACT OF PROVOCATION. WHY DID THEY ALLOW IT? BECAUSE THE
 STATE DEPARTMENT WANTED AN INCIDENT. WELL, THEY GOT IT.

8 PROKES WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT THEY GOT MORE THAN BARGAINED FOR.
 SINCE THE AFFIDAVIT TOLD OF SUICIDE REHERSALS AND WARNED THE
 4 STATE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. IN A
 LETTER FROM THE PT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IT WAS STATED THAT
 TEMPLE MEMBERS WOULD RATHER DIE THAN BE HARRASSED FROM
 CONTINENT TO CONTINENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURPOSEFULLY
 CALLED THE BLUFF BY SENDING RYAN; IT WAS A DELIBERATE ACT OF
 PROVOCATION. PROKES BELIEVED IN A BASIC RIGHTNESS IN THE LIFE

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AND WORK THAT WENT ON IN JONESTOWN AND COULD NOT DISASSOCIATE
 HIMSELF FROM THE PEOPLE WHO DIED OR DID HE WANT TO. THEY WERE
 BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE WHO CARED FOR EACH OTHER AND IDENTIFIED WITH
 ALL PEOPLE WHO SUFFER OPPRESSION AND PERSECUTION AROUND THE
 WORLD. THE PEOPLE WERE NOT BRAIN WASHED FANATICS OR CULTISTS.
 THE TEMPLE WAS NOT A CULT, BUT A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THAT
 BUILT ITS OWN SOCIALIST COMMUNITY. AFTER MOVING 6,000 MILES TO
 GET AWAY FROM RACISM AND HARRASSMENT, THEY WERE NOT GOING TO BE
 PUSHED ANYMORE, BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND CIA COULD NOT
 AFFORD TO LET SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF SOCIALISTS FROM THE UNITED
 STATES FIND FREEDOM IN ANOTHER LAND SO THEY HARRASSED THEM BY
 SENDING THEIR LACKEYS, THROUGH TIM STOEN, TO GUYANA AND
 DELIBERATELY BUILT UPON THE PARANOIA THAT EXISTED IN JONESTOWN
 UNTIL THEY FINALLY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED (U)

THE TALK ABOUT JONESTOWN IS BEING COVERED UP BECAUSE OUR
 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WERE INVOLVED IN ITS DESTRUCTION UP TO
 THEIR NECKS. PROKES WAS CONVINCED OF THIS, ALONG WITH MANY
 OTHER REASONS SINCE HE WAS AN INFORMANT WHEN HE FIRST JOINED
 THE PT, BUT DID NOT REMAIN ONE BECAUSE HE REALIZED THAT THE
 TEMPLE WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY HOPE FOR MANY PEOPLE IT WAS

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HELPING OFF THE STREETS. PROKES LEARNED TO IDENTIFY WITH THESE
 PEOPLE UNTIL THEY BECAME HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THEN HE
 UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANT TO BE BLACK, OLD AND POOR IN THIS
 SOCIETY--THE HELL OF LIVING EVERYDAY IN FEAR--. (u)

THE PEOPLE OF JONESTOWN DIED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT
 ALLOWED TO LIVE IN PEACE. THEY DIED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT
 TO BE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO COME BACK TO LIVE IN THE RAT
 INFESTED GHETTOS OF AMERICA. THEY DIED FOR ALL THOSE WHO
 SUFFER OPPRESSION. PROKES REFUSED TO LET HIS BLACK BROTHERS
 AND SISTERS AND OTHERS IN JONESTOWN DIE IN VAIN. (u)

SUMMATION OF HANDWRITTEN NOTE FOUND IN MOTEL WHICH
 ALLEGED AS FOLLOWS: (u)

" ONE MAN THEY TRIED TO USE OF JOS. MAZOR, PRIVATE
 DETECTIVE, WHO SAID HE WAS HERE TO GET THE CHILDREN OUT OF
 J/T BY USING SOPH WEAPONS AND MERCENARIES. MAZOR ABANDONED
 THE PLAN WHEN HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO BARBED WIRE, NO GUN
 TOWERS, OR ARMED PATROLS, AS HE WAS LEAD TO BELIEVE. MAZOR
 KNEW THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY AND THAT HE INSISTED ON GETTING
 J.J. A BP VEST AND OFFERING J/T SECURITY IN THE USE OF
 WEAPONS." (u)

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SUMMATION OF ADDITIONAL THIRTY PAGES : PROKES SPOKE OF HOW

20 HE ATTEMPTED TO MEET JIM JONES IN OCTOBER, 1972. A FEW DAYS
18 LATER HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A GARY JACKSON, WHO STATED
HE WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT BUT WOULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC.
16 PROKES QUESTIONED HOW JACKSON WAS AWARE OF HIS INTEREST IN THE
PT AND WAS TOLD THAT THERE ARE WAYS, WHICH LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE
14 THAT JONES' TELEPHONE WAS TAPPED. AT THAT TIME PROKES'
INTEREST IN JONES WAS FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW SO THAT HE
12 COULD DO AN EXPOSE FOR THIS TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM. JACKSON
INDICATED TO HIM THAT THE PT WAS A REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION
10 LEAD BY A DANGEROUS MAN BENT ON DESTROYING OUR SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT. THEY TALKED AND WAS AGREED THAT IF HE WERE
8 SUCCESSFUL IN JOINING THE TEMPLE FULL TIME AS A STAFF MEMBER,
AND REPORTING REGULARLY ON WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE THE
6 ORGANIZATION, JACKSON WOULD ARRANGE TO PAY HIM \$200 A WEEK. (u)

LATER HE HEARD JONES PREACH AND GOT TO TALK WITH HIM
5 PRIVATELY AND DURING A CONVERSATION JONES INDICATED HE COULD
USE PROKES WHO WOULD WORK VOLUNTARILY WITH THE TEMPLE PROVIDING
ONLY LIVING EXPENSES. (u)

JACKSON CALLED SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT WHICH TIME HE

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INFORMED HIM HE WAS QUITTING HIS JOB AND ACCEPTING THE OFFER TO
 WORK FOR THE PT. (u)

AS TIME PAST, PROKES GRADUALLY BEGAN TO FEEL CONFLICT
 OVER HIS ROLL AS INFORMANT EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT PROVIDING
 WHAT ONE MIGHT CALL VALUABLE OR SENSITIVE INFORMATION. FURTHER,
 HE WAS BEGINNING TO IDENTIFY WITH THE PROBLEMS AND SUFFERINGS
 OF THE MEMBERS AND HIS CONFLICT TURNED TO A FEELING OF GUILT.
 HE COULD NO LONGER JUSTIFY BEING AN INFORMANT ON JONES AND HIS
 ORGANIZATION AND DURING HIS NEXT CONTACT WITH JACKSON TOLD HIM
 OF THIS, AFTERWHICH JACKSON DESPIRATELY ATTEMPTED TO CONVINC
 HIM HE WAS WRONG. (u)

PROKES SPOKE OF JONESTOWN TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WERE
 NUMEROUS UNANNOUNCED VISITORS EVERYDAY OF THE WEEK, BUT THE
 POSITIVE TESTIMONIES FROM JONESTOWN FROM SUCH PERSONS WERE NOT
 ENOUGH TO HALT THE ORGANIZED EFFORTS OF THOSE DETERMINED TO
 DESTROY JONESTOWN. (u)

PROKES GOT THE FEELING IN JONESTOWN OF BACK TO THE WALL,
 NOT BEING ABLE TO WIN FOR LOSING, BUT WHEN CONGRESSMAN RYAN
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WHOSE MAY, 1978, LETTER TO THEM DECLARED HIS SYMPATHY FOR TIME
STOEN ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTIONS TO COME WITH THE MEDIA, THE
FEELING OF BEING ENTRAPPED TURNED TO BELIEF. (u)

HE BELIEVED STOEN WAS A CIA OPERATIVE WHO ALWAYS HAD TOO
MUCH MONEY. STOEN'S ANNOUNCED GOAL WAS THE DESTRUCTION OF
JONES AND THE TEMPLE AND WAS USING THE SO CALLED "CONCERNED
RELATIVES" METHOD TO KEEP PRESSURE ON BY HITTING AGAINST WHAT
HE KNEW TO BE JONES' MOST VULNERABLE AREA, HIS LOYALTY TO HIS
MEMBERS. STOEN HAS NOW QUIETLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE SCENE. (u)

FOR CLARIFICATION, PROKES WAS CONVINCED BEYOND ANY DOUBT
THAT THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY FROM WITHIN THE PT TO KILL RYAN.

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TIM CARTER WAS SENT TO THE STATES TO DELIVER SOME LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND WHILE THERE, TERRY BUFORD LEFT THE TEMPLE, STATING SHE WAS GOING UNDERGROUND TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE TEMPLE. WHEN CARTER RETURNED TO THE PROJECT, HE TOLD JONES THAT STOEN AND "CONCERNED RELATIVES" WERE COUNTING ON AN OVER-REACTION BY JONES AND THE TEMPLE TO RYAN'S VISIT. FROM THAT PERIOD ON, JONES DESPERATELY TRIED TO KEEP RYAN FROM COMING SINCE HE FELT THAT RYAN WAS COMING TO DELIBERATELY PROVOKE AN INCIDENT AND BRING THE MEDIA TO RECORD IT. ONE THING THAT ADDED CREDENCE TO JONES' AND OTHERS FEARS WAS THAT RYAN SHOWED UP TOTALLY UNANNOUNCED AT THE TEMPLE JONESTOWN HEADQUARTERS ONE NIGHT. THE NEXT DAY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IT WOULD APPEAR EVIDENT THAT RYAN WAS ATTEMPTING TO SET THE STAGE WITH THE TYPE OF INVESTIGATION HE WOULD SEEK TO GET INTO JONESTOWN. RYAN SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT A CHURCH THAT HAD NO SIGNS OF RELIGION AT THE HEADQUARTERS AND MADE DEPRECATING REMARKS ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE GEORGETOWN HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE OF THEIR STAND-OFFISHNESS. AT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE, JONES AND STAFF WERE CONVINCED THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS IN FOR A ROUGH TIME FROM RYAN. THEN RYAN ANNOUNCED HE WAS COMING IN

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WELCOME OR NOT WITH THE MEDIA. THAT WAS THE WORST THING HE
 COULD HAVE SAID, AS IT CAME ACROSS AS A VIRTUAL THREAT MADE BY
 AN ARROGANT WHITE PERSON REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT.
 RYAN'S ACTION ONLY SERVED TO CONFIRM THE SUSPICION THAT HE WAS
 COMING TO DISCREDIT JONESTOWN BY PROVOKING AN INCIDENT WHICH,
 IF IT DID NOT SERVE TO PRE-EMPT THE PLANNED MOVE TO THE SOVIET
 UNION AT LEAST WOULD LESSEN OR ELIMINATE THE PROPOGANDA VALUE
 FOR THE SOVIETS. *U*

A FINAL EFFORT TO PREVENT RYAN'S VISIT CAME VIA INSTRUCT-
 IONS FROM JONES TO BLOCK THE RUNWAY AT PORT KAITUMA SO THAT HIS
 PLANE COULD NOT LAND. THE INSTRUCTIONS COULD NOT BE CARRIED
 OUT BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE GUYANA OFFENSE FORCE WERE ON THE
 AIRSTRIP REPAIRING AN AIRPLANE. IT WAS FELT BY JOHNNIE JONES
 AND JIM MC ELVANE THAT THEIR PRESENCE WOULD INTERFERE WITH ANY
 ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT GUYANA AIRWAYS PLANE FROM LANDING. THE
 PLANE LANDED AND AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED IT WOULD
 BE BETTER TO LET RYAN COME IN THAN HAVE HIM GO TO THE ENTRANCE
 OF THE PROJECT WITH THE MEDIA AND CREATE A SCENE FOR THE
 BENEFIT OF THE CAMERAS. THUS, RYAN AND HIS STAFF WERE ALLOWED
 IN AND LATER JONES SUCCEDED TO THE PRESSURE TO ALLOW THE *at*

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MEDIA IN ALSO. THE REST IS HISTORY. (u)

PROKES DID NOT KNOW HOW THE FINAL ATTACK AT THE AIRPORT
CAME ABOUT, BUT REMEMBERED HEARING JONES SAY FOLLOWING RYAN'S
DEPARTURE FROM JONESTOWN SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT THE LID
WAS OFF AND HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD KEEP THE LID ON ANY
LONGER. HE TOOK THIS STATEMENT TO BE IN REFERENCE TO THOSE WHO
ALWAYS WANTED TO ANSWER THE TEMPLES PROBLEMS WITH VIOLENCE (u)

PROKES FURTHER SPOKE OF THE OPPRESSED, OLD, POOR AND
MINORITIES AND HOW JONES DEALT WITH THIS PROBLEM. HE THOUGHT
HIGHLY OF JONES AND HIS ABILITY IN HANDLING THESE PERSONS IN
HIS MINISTRY. HE ALSO COULD HEAL PERSONS SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS
THINGS. (u)

PROKES WENT ON THAT IF YOU CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING ANYONE SAYS
ABOUT JONESTOWN, YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT IT WAS AN INTEGRATED
COMMUNITY, POPULATED BY A VIRTUAL CROSS SECTION OF HUMAN RACE,
THAT WAS RACIALLY HARMONIOUS. IT WAS BASED ON A CODE OF
CONSIDERATION, RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR PEOPLE AND THE PROGRESS
BEING MADE ALONG THESE LINES WERE REMARKABLE. THE VAST
MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE LOVED JONESTOWN AND THERE WAS A
TREMENDOUS WILL FOR IT TO EXCEED AGAINST ALL ODDS. (u)

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ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE CAME TO THE PT WITH EVERY TYPE
PROBLEM. FOR MANY IT WAS THEIR LAST RESORT. SEEING THEIR
PROBLEMS MADE HIS WORST ONES SEEM PETTY AND AS A RESULT BECAME
CONSCIOUS STRICKEN AND REALIZED THERE WAS NOTHING MORE WORTH-
WHILE THAT HE COULD DO WITH HIS LIFE AND DECIDED TO STAY
INDEFINITELY. A DECISION HE DID NOT REGRET. (u)

PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS MADE BY VARIOUS PERSONS
TOWARDS THE PT AND THE RESULTS BEING RETAINED BY THE PT.

ADDITIONALLY SEVERAL PRESS RELEASE TYPE TRANSCRIPTS BY OR FOR
THE PT. (u)

STATE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH COMMENTS REGARDING
THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS TO FBI HEADQUARTERS. (u)

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