

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Arthur Norton
Director, FBI

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April 20, 1979

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- (Attn: Mr. [redacted])

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PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 12, 1979, captioned as above in which items were forwarded to you relative to the investigation of the incident in Guyana. These items were to be forwarded to the Committee on International Relations, House of Representatives. In the above referenced memorandum it was explained that a copy of the "death tape" was being transcribed at FBI Headquarters and that it would be made available to the Committee through you when available (u)

Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a true copy of the "death tape" which represents a recording of the last hour of the People's Temple at Jonestown, Guyana. This tape, as was previously agreed, should be furnished to the Committee. (u)

Enclosure

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NOTE: A copy of the above referenced memorandum is attached hereto for background and is self-explanatory. (u)

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Assistant Attorney General
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Attention: Art Norton
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April 12, 1979

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PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- ① - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Hintz

Reference is made to your communication of April 10, 1979, which communicated a letter from the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs (HCFR) to the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division. The letter requested certain items of information and evidence in the possession of the FBI regarding the assassination of Congressman Leo J. Ryan at Port Kaituma, Guyana, on November 18, 1978, be turned over to the Committee. As you will recall a meeting was held on March 29, 1979, between representatives of the Criminal Division, the Committee, and the FBI at which time it was mutually agreed that the FBI would furnish the copy of the "Death Tape," a 43-minute tape recording of the final hour of Jonestown; a statement as to FBI pre-tragedy knowledge of the activities of the People's Temple; FBI assistance to the Committee in locating one Stanley Clayton and one Odell Rhodes; and a copy of the NBC video tape film footage of the crime scene at Port Kaituma, Guyana. It was additionally agreed that the FBI would not turn over to the Committee the Jonestown guest book, however, the Committee would be allowed to view a copy of the book at FBI Headquarters. (u)

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Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a copy of the above-mentioned video tape film footage which may be transmitted to representatives of the Committee. (u)

The last known address for [redacted] is [redacted] [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, telephone number [redacted]. (u)

The last known address for [redacted] is [redacted] [redacted] Oakland, California, no telephone number. An additional address for [redacted] is in care of [redacted] Guyana. (u)

Also enclosed is a blind memorandum setting forth a statement as to the pre-tragedy knowledge by this Bureau of People's Temple activities. This blind memorandum is furnished to you for transmittal to the Committee. (u)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

1 - SAC, San Francisco (For Info)

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

The Jonestown guest book may be viewed by representatives of the Committee at a mutually agreeable time by contacting Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr., Criminal Investigative Division, FBI Headquarters, telephone 324-4260. (u)

A transcript of the "Death Tape" has previously been made available to the Committee by Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. A copy of the actual tape is being transcribed at FBI Headquarters at this time and will be made available through you to the Committee when available. (u)

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: A copy of the above referenced letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs is attached hereto and is self-explanatory. (u)

See Gow to Moore memorandum 4/4/79, captioned, "RYMUR" which sets forth the results of a meeting at the Department with members of the staff of the Committee on International Relations on 3/29/79. At that meeting a formal request was made for all items appearing in attached formal letter. It was agreed that upon receipt of the formal request as further described above, only those items which are being furnished by this communication would be given to the Committee. The remaining items would be withheld from the Committee at this time inasmuch as they are considered to be evidence of potential criminal activity which is being reviewed at this time by a Federal Grand Jury at San Francisco, California. (u)

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PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

FBI knowledge of activities of the People's Temple prior to the assassination of Congressman Leo J. Ryan at Port Kaituma, Guyana, on November 18, 1978, consists of a communication received in June, 1978, from the Office of Senator S. I. Hayakawa concerning an allegation by a constituent of Senator Hayakawa that Jim Jones was coaxing individuals into traveling to Georgetown, Guyana, where they were being held against their will for unknown reasons. The constituent was contacted by this Bureau and during personal interview it was determined that relatives of the constituent had voluntarily gone to Guyana and no evidence of forced confinement could be developed. It was determined that no violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute had occurred and no further investigation was conducted.

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March 30, 1979

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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Civiletti:

In connection with the comprehensive staff inquiry I have ordered into the death of Representative Leo J. Ryan and the resulting incidents at Jonestown, Guyana, the Committee respectfully requests the following information and materials:

- (1) The tape and transcript of the final hours at Jonestown;
- (2) Internal People's Temple memoranda concerning the Jonestown visits of U.S. Foreign Service Officers Richard McCoy, Richard Dwyer, Frank Tumminia, John Blacken, Doug Ellice, T. Dennis Reece and U.S. citizens, Mark Lane, Charles Garry, Joseph Mazor and Walter Thain;
- (3) Any data germane to shipments of cyanide and/or other toxic materials to Jonestown, especially in the period shortly before November 18, 1978;
- (4) People's Temple ham radio code book found in Jonestown and provided to you by the Department of State;
- (5) Pre-tragedy knowledge and investigation of the People's Temple by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (6) Copy of the People's Temple Jonestown guest book;
- (7) Copy of all NBC films taken in Guyana; and
- (8) Copy of Richard McCoy's interview and statements submitted to the FBI. Herein enclosed is a copy of Mr. McCoy's waiver of the Privacy Act requirements.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

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