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TAGS: CARR, GY(LAURENCE JOHN LAYTON) (PEOPLES TEMPLE)

SUBJ: WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS (LARRY LAYTON) DE-5 89-4286-2223

6 JUN 22 1979

REF: GEORGETOWN 2023.

1. DURING REGULAR CONSULAR VISITATION ON JUNE 12, VICE
CONSUL WAS INFORMED BY PRISON OFFICIAL THAT AMCIT LARRY
LAYTON, BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING OF
CONGRESSMAN RYAN AT PORT KAITUMA NOVEMBER 18, "WOULD BE
RELEASED IN A FEW DAYS." PRESSED FOR FURTHER DETAILS
OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE HAD NONE AND HAD MERELY HEARD FROM
HIS SUPERIORS THAT LAYTON'S RELEASE WAS IMMINENT.

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2. SUBSEQUENTLY CONSUL CALLED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION EMMANUEL RAMAO AND ASKED HIM ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE LAYTON CASE. RAMAO SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL SOME DAYS AGO FROM "THE U.S. ATTORNEY IN SAN FRANCISCO" WHO HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY THAT CHARGES AGAINST LAYTON IN GUYANA MIGHT BE DROPPED, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT LAYTON,

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AFTER HIS RELEASE, WOULD BE PLACED ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR THE U.S. WHERE, PRESUMABLY, LAYTON WOULD THEN BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY U.S. OFFICIALS, RAMAO INFORMED THE CONSUL THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE U.S. ATTORNEY THAT THIS MATTER HAD POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS WITH WHICH HE WAS UNQUALIFIED TO DEAL. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY CALL THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. RAMAO CLAIMS THAT HE HAS HEARD NOTHING SINCE THAT CONVERSATION. SEPARATELY, A MEMBER OF THE TEAM OF GUYANESE LAWYERS DEFENDING LAYTON HAS EXPRESSED THE

VIEW TO A MISSION OFFICER THAT THE CASE IN GUYANA
AGAINST LAYTON WOULD PROBABLY BE DROPPED.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND SEE WHERE IT
STANDS. AS OF NOW THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY
INFORMED OF ANY CONTACTS BETWEEN THE U.S. ATTORNEY IN
SAN FRANCISCO AND GUYANESE OFFICIALS EXCEPT BY DPP
RAMAO. AS EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT IN REF CAELE, THE
GOG WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD PREFER TO PASS THE PROSECU-
TION OF THE LAYTON CASE OVER TO SOME AMERICAN AUTHORITY.
TRIAL HERE WILL BE COSTLY AND TIME-CONSUMING FOR THE
GOG INCLUDING AS IT DOES THE NECESSITY OF BRINGING
BACK FROM THE U.S. PEOPLES TEMPLE SURVIVORS TO TESTIFY
BEFORE GUYANESE COURTS. THUS, IF GOG WERE TO BE PRE-
SENTED WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT A U.S. COURT IS
PREPARED TO ACCEPT JURISDICTION, THERE IS A REAL LIKE-
LIHOOD THAT THE GUYANESE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WOULD BE
TEMPTED TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST LAYTON AND RELEASE
HIM. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ANY
"INFORMAL" ARRANGEMENT TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION IN
THIS MATTER FROM GUYANA TO A U.S. COURT IN THE
ABSENCE OF FORMAL EXTRADITION CARRIES WITH IT NO

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ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT LAYTON WOULD TRAVEL DIRECTLY
BACK TO THE U.S. THERE ARE NO NON-STOP FLIGHTS BETWEEN
GEORGETOWN AND AN AMERICAN PORT-OF-ENTRY.

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