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Re Bureau teletype to San Francisco, 6/1/79, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, 5/3/79. (u)

Enclosed are 6 copies of an LHM reflecting background and interview of captioned Subject. (u)

During interview, [redacted] advised TERRI BUFORD, was a [redacted] at Berkeley (UCB). He initially met her during 1972 when he was [redacted] and last saw her during the spring of 1976. He did not know of her affiliation with the People's Temple until the murder of Congressman RYAN and subsequent mass suicides at Jonestown brought JIM JONES and his followers to the forefront of public attention. (u)

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BUFORD's letter to [redacted] last name unknown, was [redacted] who expressed surprise at the letter's contents and commented it was his opinion BUFORD was attempting to impress someone by making statements which were nonsensical and inaccurate. [redacted]

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It should be noted that JIM JONES required and dictated that members of the People's Temple were to write incriminating statements implicating themselves in non-existent criminal activities and sexual perversions. (u)

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- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 6) (RYMUR) - NRC
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Regarding BUFORD's statement that she desired to kill Governor REAGAN, a lead was set forth under "RYMUR" caption to advise former Governor RONALD REAGAN of the threat. (u)

UACB. no further investigation will be conducted of

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[redacted] (u)
San Francisco will interview TERRY BUFORD under the auspices of the RYMUR investigation and will question her regarding the contents of her letter to [redacted] last name unknown, which served as the basis for this investigation. (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
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On November 18, 1978, U.S. Congressman LEO RYAN was assassinated at the Jonestown, Guyana, settlement of People's Temple. The same day, over 900 members of People's Temple, including its founder, JIM JONES, participated in a mass murder at Jonestown. It is publicly known that People's Temple, Disciples of Christ, originated in Indiana during the mid-1950s, traveled to California during the mid-1960s, and established an agricultural mission in Guyana during the early and mid-1970s. People's Temple dissolved during January, 1979, as a result of the assassination of a U.S. Congressman and the mass murders of over 900 people at Jonestown, Guyana. (u)

In March, 1979, during the course of an investigation conducted by the FBI into the assassination of Congressman Ryan, 15 crates of evidence were received from Jonestown. Included in that evidence were two statements from People's Temple member Terri Buford, who returned to the United States prior to the mass murders at Jonestown and is currently residing in this country. Terri Buford was born February 4, 1952, and was a member of the People's Temple planning commission. (u)

In the first undated handwritten statement, Buford stated she would like to kill Governor Regan "just as soon as possible". (u)

The second statement is an undated handwritten letter from Terri Buford to [Redacted] last name unknown, which reads as follows: (u)

[Redacted], Well, I've succeeded in getting enough information out of [Redacted] that I can assure any nation that has the right price that I will be able to give them the complete [Redacted] for the [Redacted]. (u)

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[Handwritten signature]

[Redacted]

Review of records of the [Redacted]

[Redacted] Oakland California disclosed
[Redacted] is employed at [Redacted]
[Redacted] was granted [Redacted]
[Redacted] based upon a [Redacted]
[Redacted] is active. Information con-
tained in the file is as follows:

Name
Aliases

[Redacted]

Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Hair
Eyes
Social Security

Male
White
[Redacted]
None

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Residences

Berkeley, California

[Redacted]

Menlo Park, California

[Redacted]

San Francisco, California

[Redacted]

San Francisco, California

[Redacted]

San Francisco, California

[Redacted]

Sacramento, California

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[Redacted]

Education

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Relatives

[Redacted]

References

[Redacted]

Berkeley, California

Employed [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Berkeley, California

Employed at [redacted]

[redacted]

Information contained in the [redacted] report discloses

[redacted]

On April 23, 1979, [redacted]

[redacted] was confidentially informed of the contents of Buford's letter. He advised her statement that she had succeeded in obtaining complete [redacted]

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[redacted] was not credible and was not descriptive of any [redacted] project. (u)

On May 18, 1979, records of the Alameda County Centralized Identification Bureau at Oakland, which covers all Alameda police departments, were reviewed but failed to disclose an arrest record for [redacted] during the past 10 years. (u)

On May 18, 1979, records of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters disclosed [redacted] registered to vote on [redacted] indicated he was born [redacted] and was employed as a [redacted] He listed a residence of [redacted] California, and a former residence of [redacted] Berkeley, California. (u)

[redacted] registered to vote on [redacted] and indicated she was born [redacted] at California. She listed her occupation as a housewife and listed the same residences as did [redacted]. (u)

On June 5, 1979, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. Results of interview are as follows: (u)

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence
[redacted]
[redacted] was present during interview. (u)

Interviewing Agents identified themselves verbally to [redacted]
[redacted] displayed their credentials to [redacted] He was
advised the interview concerned his knowledge of TERRI BUFORD who
has been identified as a member of People's Temple and a possible
[redacted] (u)

[redacted] advised he is employed as a [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] initially met TERRI BUFORD during 1972 when he was [redacted]
[redacted]
with the University Service and BUFORD was one of the individuals
who responded. BUFORD became one of [redacted] and functioned
as such from 1972 to 1974 while [redacted]

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[redacted] at UCB and BUFORD continued to [redacted] Late in 1974 [redacted]
[redacted] BUFORD as a [redacted] the Berkeley Campus
to have BUFORD [redacted] from public source material in the library.
Occasionally, BUFORD would read [redacted] from unclassified material
originating [redacted] advised he was [redacted]
[redacted] in his relationship with BUFORD and at no time did he
discuss with her or permit her to examine anything [redacted]
[redacted] He further advised [redacted] is of
an unclassified nature and he is not cleared for access to [redacted]
design information. [redacted] of BUFORD as [redacted] was done
with the knowledge and approval of his superiors at [redacted] (u)

[redacted] last saw BUFORD during April or May, 1976. She had
done some [redacted] and brought a tape recording of the reading
to his home in [redacted] This was the only occasion that TRUONG met
[redacted] (u)

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with BUFORD anywhere other than on the Berkeley Campus. She was en route to Los Angeles and brought the tape to his home since [redacted] was on her way. He has not seen or communicated with her since that day. (u)

[redacted] advised BUFORD never discussed her political philosophy with him and never asked him questions directed toward his work [redacted] in general. She was very devoted to her work at the University and was studying toward a degree in journalism with a specialty in scientific journalism. (u)

[redacted] was informed by the interviewing Agents of an undated letter from TERRI BUFORD to [redacted] last name unknown, which was recovered together with other evidence at the People's Temple settlement in Jonestown, Guyana. The contents of this letter which are as follows were read to [redacted] (u)

[redacted] well, I've succeeded in getting enough information out of [redacted] that I can assure any nation that has the right price that I will be able to give them the complete [redacted] (u)

[redacted] was surprised at the contents of the letter and advised it was his opinion BUFORD was attempting to impress someone by making statements which were inaccurate and nonsensical. He advised he had never knowingly discussed aspects of his work [redacted] with BUFORD and was certain he had not compromised the security of the [redacted] in his conversations with her. He reiterated that he does not work on classified projects at the [redacted] and he definitely did not have the ability to relay any information to BUFORD relating to anything such as [redacted]

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[redacted] as stated in her letter. It was [redacted]'s opinion that such as a statement was absurd since to the best of his knowledge, the [redacted] do not relate to anything which could be construed as [redacted].

(u)

[redacted] further defined his role at [redacted]. He specifically does work in the area of [redacted] or simply stated the [redacted]. The [redacted]

[redacted] works with perform [redacted]. His work is unclassified but may have application to classified research somewhere down the line as well as to other unclassified research. (u)

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From the reading assignments BUFORD did [redacted] she would have knowledge of the specific kind of [redacted] was working with and the [redacted]. She may have also deduced that [redacted] was interested in [redacted] referring to [redacted]. This knowledge certainly would not justify a statement such as [redacted] made in her letter. (u)

[redacted] advised he knew little of BUFORD's personal life and had never discussed personal philosophies with her. He did not know of her affiliation with People's Temple until the mass suicide in Jonestown brought JIM JONES and his followers to the forefront of public attention. BUFORD always impressed [redacted] as a deeply devoted individual who seemed to be searching for a cause or philosophy with which to identify. She mentioned occasionally that she had a sister on the East Coast who did work in the area of computer services. (u)

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[redacted] concluded by advising he had taken a leave of absence from [redacted] a few months ago to [redacted] at [redacted].

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