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TO : *B* The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 25, 1979
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FROM : Philip B. Heymann
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Investigation into the assassination of Congressman Leo Ryan,
Port Kaituma, Guyana. *Ryan*

Attached is a copy of a teletype made available by our State Department from the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana indicating that a preliminary inquiry with respect to the prosecution of Larry Layton for the killing of former Congressman Leo Ryan and others in Guyana is set to commence on October 30, 1979. The government of Guyana has officially requested the appearances of [redacted] and [redacted] as witnesses for the preliminary inquiry. Efforts to persuade the named witnesses to participate in the preliminary inquiry have thus far been unsuccessful. However, the Criminal Division has received assurances from witnesses [redacted] and Vernon Dean Gosney of their willingness to participate in the upcoming preliminary inquiry in Guyana.

*Guyana
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The government of Guyana has also requested assistance from a liason officer from the United States. The Criminal Division intends to make available Assistant United States Attorney Dennis M. Nerney from the Northern District of California, as soon as practicable, to aid in this matter. Because of his extensive knowledge of all aspects of this investigation it has been recommended by the United States Attorney in the Northern District of California that Special Agent [redacted] of your San Francisco, California office be permitted to accompany Assistant United States Attorney Dennis M. Nerney to Guyana. The availability of Special Agent [redacted] will permit the Guyanese prosecutors

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office to fully develop all of the essential evidence necessary to insure that Larry Layton is bound over for trial in Guyana in connection with the killing of Congressman Ryan.

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REF: (A) STATE 275625, (B) STATE 275054

1. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY (PI) WILL BE HEARD BY MAGISTRATE SAHODRA DOOBAY-DIAL. PROSECUTION WILL BE LED BY VISHNU PERSAUD.

2. PI NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 30, 1979. GOG READY TO BEGIN EVEN IF [redacted] ARRIVAL DELAYED.

3. GOG ESTIMATES 5 DAY-LONG STAY ALL THAT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR U.S. WITNESSES.

4. THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH [redacted] ATTENDING THE PI. HE WILL NEED ONLY A VALID US PASSPORT TO ENTER GUYANA.

5. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO SEEK RESPONSES FROM GOG TO REMAINING QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL. WHEN MAY WE EXPECT U.S. LIASON OFFICER?

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