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SUBJECT: SECOND PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO MURDER OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN

1. THE SECOND DAY OF THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE MURDER OF
CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND FIVE OTHERS AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON
NOVEMBER 18, 1978 WAS TAKEN UP BY THE TESTIMONY OF FORMER PEOPLE
TEMPLE'S MEMBERS VERNON DEAN GOSNEY AND ODELL RHODES WHO RELATED
AT LENGTH THEIR EXPERIENCES IN JONESTOWN AND PORT KAITUMA. GOSNEY
AND RHODES FLEW INTO GUYANA ON OCTOBER 30 AS WITNESSES FOR THE GOG'S
PROSECUTION OF USC LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR THE MULTIPLE MURDERS.

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2. THE SESSION WAS AN EMOTION CHARGED ONE IN WHICH SENIOR COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE, REX MCKAY, CROSS-EXAMINED BOTH WITNESSES AT GREAT LENGTH

AT ONE POINT GOSNEY, BADLY SHAKEN BY MCKAY'S ROUGH TREATMENT, AND ALREADY ON THE VERGE OF TEARS THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDING, BEGAN SHOUTING AT MCKAY. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY THREATENED TO HAVE GOSNEY LOCKED UP FOR HIS BEHAVIOR IN COURT, MCKAY THEN ALSO DELIVERED A LONG HARANGUE ABOUT EXPATRIATES COMING TO GUYANA AND BREAKING THE COUNTRY'S LAWS. THE MAGISTRATE DISMISSED MCKAY'S CHARGES STATING THAT GOSNEY'S OUTBREAK WAS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THE EXPERIENCES HE HAD UNDERGONE.

3. THE INQUIRY WILL CONTINUE ON NOVEMBER 2.

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