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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2084

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 12065: NA

TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LAURENCE JOHN), (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)

SUBJ: CONOFF'S VISIT TO LAURENCE LAYTON

REF: A) 78 GEORGETOWN 2075

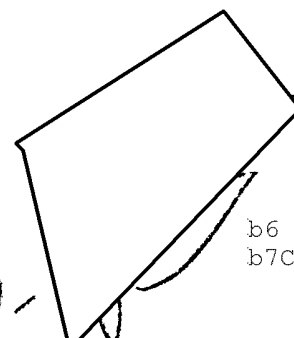
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1. CONOFF VISITED AMCIT LAURENCE LAYTON IN GEORGETOWN PRISON
MARCH 26, 1980, AND DELIVERED A LETTER FROM DR. L.L. LAYTON
RECEIVED C/O EMBASSY MARCH 24, 1980. AS ON PREVIOUS VISITS,
LETTER WAS HELD BY PRISON AUTHORITIES FOR CENSORSHIP PRIOR
TO DELIVERY (PEFTEL A). LAYTON AGAIN AFFIRMED THAT HE
RECEIVES MAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS. 79 APR 10 '80

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2. INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE OFFICE OF PRISON
SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED] WHO WAS PRESENT FOR THE FIRST
FEW MINUTES. ON CONOFF'S REQUEST, AND AS PER PREVIOUS GOC
AUTHORIZATION FOLLOWING EMBASSY INTERVENTION (REF. B),
SUPT. [REDACTED] LEFT THE ROOM FOR PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PRIVATE
CONSULAR MEETING WITH MR. LAYTON. MEETING WAS THIRD SUCH
WITH LAYTON OUTSIDE PRESENCE OF PRISON OFFICIALS SINCE HIS
DETENTION.

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3. CONOFF ASKED LAYTON PRIVATELY WHETHER HE WAS BEING SUBJECT TO ANY DELIBERATE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE. LAYTON SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY SUCH ABUSE, AND CONOFF DETECTED NO INDICATIONS THEREOF. CONOFF FOUND LAYTON'S GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION AND APPEARANCE MARKEDLY IMPROVED SINCE VISIT OF FEBRUARY 1, 1980. LAYTON HAD GAINED WEIGHT, AND IN RESPONSE TO CONOFF'S QUESTION EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS EMBASSY ARRANGED DIETARY ASSISTANCE PLAN. HE HAD NO NEW MEDICAL COMPLAINTS, AND STATED THAT HE WAS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE TWO OUTSIDE EXERCISE PERIODS PER WEEK AS PER PROVIOUS EMBASSY REQUEST.

4. CONOFF REQUEST TO CONTACT LOCAL ATTORNEY REX MCKAY, WHO HAD YET TO VISIT LAYTON AS OF MARCH 26, 1982. CONOFF CONOFF TELEPHONED MCKAY'S OFFICE MARCH 27, 1980, AND LEFT A MESSAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT LAYTON WISHED TO SEE MCKAY.

5. LATE THIS MORNING, FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1982, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (OPP) NOTIFIED CONSUL THAT TRIAL WOULD NOT BE NOT BEGIN APRIL 1, 1980. LAYTON'S ATTORNEY, MR. REX MCKAY, WAS ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS THAT WOULD REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN EARLY APRIL. (M.R. MR. MCKAY IS A MEMBER OF A TEAM OF ARBITRATORS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF LAWSUITS RESULTING FROM A USAID-CONTRACTED RICE SILO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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6. WE DO NOT KNOW, AS PAST EVENTS HAVE PROVEN, IT WOULD
BE DANGEROUS FOR US TO TRY TO GUESS, WHEN LAYTON MIGHT COME
TO TRIAL. CONSUL HAS DISCUSSED, CASE THIS MORNING WITH
DEFENCE ATTORNEY MCKAY AND IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHEN LEGAL

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PROCEEDINGS MIGHT BE USE.

7. FOR ARA/CAR: FURTHER TO OUT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 3/28A.M.
PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE PARAS 5 THROUGH END TO DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE FBI, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.
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