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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON

1. THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF VERNON GOSNEY AND MONICA BAGBY AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978, WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY TAKEN UP WITH TESTIMONY FROM MORTIMER KASANALLY, A RURAL CONSTABLE.

2. KASANALLY TOLD THE COURT THAT ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978, LAYTON WAS BROUGHT INTO THE PORT KAITUMA PLICE STATION AND ADMITTED SHOOTING PERSONS AT THE AIRSTRIP. UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION FROM SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL REX MCKAY, KASANALLY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD FAILED TO COUTION LAYTON AGAINST MAKING ANY STATEMENTS NOR HAD HE TOLD LAYTON HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. KASANALLY ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NOT RECORDED IN THE POLICE STATION DIARY ANY STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY LAYTON. FURTHERMORE,

KASANALLY STATED THAT ON ONE ELSE HAD HEARD LAYTON CONFESS TO THE SHOOTINGS.

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3. MCKAY RECALLED TWO PROSECUTION WITNESSES TO CLARIFY
WHAT HE TERMED "INCONSISTENCIES" IN THEIR TESTIMONY.

PRESIDING JUDGE COLLINS RULED THAT HE COULD FIND NO
SUCH INCONSISTENCIES.

4. THE PROSECUTION RESTED ITS CASE AGAINST LAYTON.

THE DEFENSE WILL OPEN ITS CASE ON MAY 19. MCKAY SAID

HE WILL CALL ON DR. HARDAT SUKDEO, A GUYANESE-BORN

PSYCHIATRIST NOW DEAN OF THE DEPT. OF PSYCHIATRY

AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY.

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