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TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LAWRENCE)

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR

U.S.A.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

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REF: GEORGETOWN 2244

1. ON THE NINTH DAY OF THE TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE

LAYTON FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF VERNON GOSNEY AND

MONICA BAGBY ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978, AT THE PORT KAITUMA

AIRSTRIIP, SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL REX MCKAY OPENED ~~THE~~ MAY 22 1980

CASE BY FILING TWO SUBMISSIONS. THE FIRST CHALLENGED

THE ADMISSABILITY OF THE GUN ALLEGEDLY USED BY LAYTON

TO SHOOT BAGBY AND GOSNEY. MCKAY CLAIMED THE PROSECUTION

HAD FAILED TO ESTABLISH A "NEXUS" BETWEEN THE GUN AND

LAYTON. THE SECOND SUBMISSION ASKED THAT THE TESTIMONY

GIVEN BY DR. GOBIN (REFTEL) BE DECLARED INADMISSABLE

SINCE THE PROSECUTION HAD FAILED, ACCORDING TO MCKAY,

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TO ESTABLISH THAT THE MONICA BAGBY AT PORT KAITUMA
HAD BEEN THE SAME MONICA BAGBY TREATED BY GOBIN.

RESIDING JUDGE LINDSEY COLLINS REJECTED BOTH SUBMISSIONS.

2. JUDGE COLLINS OFFERED LAYTON THE OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE A STATEMENT PRIOR TO MCKAY'S CALLING UP OF CHIEF
DEFENSE WITNESS DR. HARDAT SUKHDEO. LAYTON MADE A
LENGTHY UNSWORN STATEMENT DECLARING THAT HE WAS INNOCENT
OF ALL THE CHARGES. THE PROSECUTION WAS NOT PERMITTED
UNDER GUYANESE PROCEDURES TO CROSS-EXAMINE LAYTON ON
THIS UNSWORN STATEMENT.

3. DR. SUKHDEO, A GUYANESE-BORN US CITIZEN PSYCHIATRIST
SPECIALIZING IN RELIGIOUS CULTS, DESCRIBED THE METHODS
OF MIND-CONTROL EXERCISED BY THE CULT OF THE LATE JIM
JONES. HE CLAIMED THAT A COMBINATION OF DRUGS, POOR
DIET, LACK OF SLEEP, NEARLY COMPLETE PHYSICAL ISOLATION,
AND LAYTON'S "HYSTERICAL PERSONALITY" COULD HAVE INDUCED
A TRANCE-LIKE STATE IN LAYTON DURING WHICH HE WOULD NOT
BE AWARE OF HIS ACTIONS.

4. UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION FROM STATE PROSECUTOR V.
PERSAUD, SUKHDEO ADMITTED THAT NOT ALL OF THE PERSONS
AT JONESTOWN APPEARED TO BE "BRAIN-WASHED". HE FURTHER
ADMITTED THAT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS AT JONESTOWN
WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON WHAT SURVIVORS HAD TOLD HIM AS
HE HAD NO PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT JONESTOWN.

5. THE TRIAL WILL CONTINUE ON MAY 20.

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