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TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LAWRENCE)

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR

ATTEMPTED MURDER

1. THE TENTH DAY OF THE TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE

LAYTON SAW SENIOR COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE REX MCKAY

CALL UPON THREE WITNESSES. MCKAY SUMMONED THE MAGISTRATE

WHO HAD PRESIDED OVER THE FIRST PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

(PI) IN DECEMBER OF 1978 INTO THE SHOOTINGS AT THE

PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978. MCKAY

CLAIMED THAT GUYANESE BALLISTICS EXPERT EUSTACE KENDALL

HAD GIVEN TESTIMONY AT THE TRIAL WHICH WAS IN CONTRADIC-

TION TO THAT GIVEN AT THE FIRST PI. MAGISTRATE CHINTA

SAID THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL WHAT KENDALL HAD SAID BUT

THAT HER NOTES OF THE PI WOULD SHOW HIS TESTIMONY.

PRESIDING JUDGE LINDSAY COLLINS RULED THAT MCKAY'S

EXERCISE WAS POINTLESS AS THE CONTRADICTION INVOLVED

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2. MCKAY THEN CALLED UPON A LOCAL DOCTOR TO TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT ON THE TYPE OF WOUNDS THAT A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER FIRED AT POINT BLANK RANGE WOULD CAUSE.

THE DEFENSE ALSO SUMMONED DURKA PERSAUD WHO HAD BEEN A RURAL CONSTABLE AT PORT KAITUMA ON THE DAY LAYTON WAS ARRESTED. PERSAUD TESTIFIED THAT HE SAW LAYTON SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING AT THE AIRSTRIP "STARING AT THE SKY IN A DAZED MANNER". PERSAUD SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD LAYTON ADMIT TO THE PORT KAITUMA POLICE THAT HE HAD SHOT PERSONS AT THE AIRSTRIP. ACCORDING TO PERSAUD, LAYTON WAS IN AN EXTREMELY CONFUSED STATE AND CONTINUALLY REPEATED "CIA, CIA". UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION FROM THE PROSECUTION, DURKA PERSAUD ADMITTED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED AT THE PI THAT HE HAD ENTERED THE POLICE OUTPOST AFTER LAYTON HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN, AND THAT LAYTON COULD WELL HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO OTHER PERSONS WHICH HE WOULD NOT HAVE HEARD.

3. THE DEFENSE HAS SUMMONED CLEMENT LILADHRIE, THE RURAL CONSTABLE THAT ORIGINALLY TOOK LAYTON INTO CUSTODY. THE TRIAL WILL CONTINUE ON MAY 21.

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