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E.O. 12065: ODS 5/23/86 (MYER, RICHARD A.) OR-M

TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LAWRENCE)

SUBJECT: US INTEREST IN LAWRENCE LAYTON

102 - 84 JUN 27 '80

REF: GEORGETOWN 2383 (NOTAL)

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1. (U) THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM REPORTED THAT AMERICAN CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON WAS ACQUITTED ON MAY 22 IN GEORGETOWN OF THE ATTEMPTED MURDERS OF VERNON GOSNEY AND MONICA BAGBY AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978. LAYTON, A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE GROUP FROM JONESTOWN, REMAINS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF CONGRESSMAN LEO RYAN AND FOUR OTHERS ON THE SAME DATE. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE REMAINING CHARGES AGAINST LAYTON OR TO DISMISS THEM LEAVING LAYTON A FREE MAN. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, THE GOG'S DECISION IS EXPECTED PROMPTLY.

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2. (C) EMBASSY GEORGETOWN ANTICIPATES THAT THE REMAINING CHARGES AGAINST LAYTON WILL BE DISMISSED. IN THE LAY OPINION OF THE EMBASSY, THE CHARGES OF WHICH LAYTON WAS ACQUITTED WERE BASED ON EVIDENCE MORE SOLID THAN THAT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MURDER CHARGES.

3. (C) THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE GOG INFORM IT IMMEDIATELY AS SOON AS A DECISION IS TAKEN REGARDING THE REMAINING CHARGES AGAINST LAYTON. IF THE CHARGES ARE DISMISSED, LAYTON OF COURSE WILL BE FREED PROMPTLY. LAYTON WOULD THEN BE FREE TO STAY IN GUYANA UNLESS THE GOG DECIDED TO CANCEL HIS RESIDENT STATUS AND VISA. THE GOG COULD THUS REQUIRE HIS DEPARTURE OR WOULD DEPORT HIM. IN THE FORMER CASE, LAYTON PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE A CHOICE REGARDING HIS DESTINATION (ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT HE WOULD BE UNWELCOME IN A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES), WHILE IN THE LATTER CASE THE GOG MIGHT MAKE

THE DECISION FOR HIM. A UPI REPORTER WHO HAS COVERED  
THE TRIAL AND WHO INTERVIEWED LAYTON AFTER HE WAS  
ACQUITTED INFORMED AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT LAYTON  
EXPRESSED A WISH TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND  
HIS FAMILY. LAYTON'S PASSPORT, INCIDENTALLY, REMAINS  
IN THE POSSESSION OF OUR CONSULAR SECTION FOR THE

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY GEORGETOWN WOULD APPROPRIATELY  
BEING INFORMED SHOULD THERE BE ANY FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS  
WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER USG AGENCIES MIGHT  
CONCERNING MR. LAYTON.

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