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TRIAL OF U.S. CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER, INFORMATION CONCERNING.					
BY TELETYPE MAY 20, 1980, AMERICAN EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:					
THE TENTH DAY OF THE TRIAL OF U.S. CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON SAW SENIOR COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE REX MC KAY CALL UPON THREE WITNESSES. MC KAY SUMMONED THE MAGISTRATE WHO HAD PRESIDED OVER THE FIRST PRELIMINARY INQUIRY (PI) IN DECEMBER, 1978, INTO THE SHOOTINGS AT THE PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP ON NOVEMBER 18, 1978. MC KAY CLAIMED THAT GUYANESE BALLISTICS EXPERT EUSTACE KENDALL HAD GIVEN TESTIMONY AT THE TRIAL WHICH WAS IN CONTRADICTION TO THAT GIVEN AT THE FIRST PI. MAGISTRATE					
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CHINTA SAID THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL WHAT KENDALL HAD SAID
 20 BUT THAT HER NOTES OF THE PI WOULD SHOW HIS TESTIMONY.
 18 PRESIDING JUDGE LINDSAY COLLINS RULED THAT MC KAY'S EXERCISE
 WAS POINTLESS AS THE CONTRADICTION INVOLVED WAS VERY MINOR.
 16 MC KAY THEN CALLED UPON A LOCAL DOCTOR TO TESTIFY AS
 AN EXPERT ON THE TYPE OF WOUNDS THAT A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER
 14 FIRED AT POINT BLANK RANGE WOULD CAUSE. THE DEFENSE ALSO
 SUMMONED DURKA PERSAUD WHO HAD BEEN A RURAL CONSTABLE AT
 12 PORT KAITUMA ON THE DAY LAYTON WAS ARRESTED. PERSAUD TESTIFIED
 THAT HE SAW LAYTON SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING AT THE AIRSTRIP
 10 "STARING AT THE SKY IN A DAZED MANNER". PERSAUD SAID HE HAD
 NOT HEARD LAYTON ADMIT TO THE PORT KAITUMA POLICE THAT HE
 8 HAD SHOT PERSONS AT THE AIRSTRIP. ACCORDING TO PERSAUD,
 LAYTON WAS IN AN EXTREMELY CONFUSED STATE AND CONTINUALLY
 6 REPEATED "CIA, CIA". UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION FROM THE
 PROSECUTION, DURKA PERSAUD ADMITTED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
 4 TESTIFIED AT THE PI THAT HE HAD ENTERED THE POLICE OUTPOST
 AFTER LAYTON HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN, AND THAT LAYTON COULD WELL
 2 HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO OTHER PERSONS WHICH HE WOULD NOT HAVE
 HEARD.

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

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