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SUBJECT: LAURENCE LAYTON

I. EMBASSY GEORGETOWN WISHES TO COMMEND US WESHALS HOWARD TURNER, PAUL PONERACE, AND STANLEY HOLLAND FOR THE EXEMPLARY + AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH THEY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES DUAING THEIR STAY IN GEORGETOWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPULSION OF LAURENCE LAYTON. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE AWARE, OUR EFFORTS TO GET LAYTON OUT WERE EARLIER COM-PLICATED BY UNTOWARD PUBLICITY IN THE U.S. THE MARSHALS WERE KEENLY AMARE OF THE PROBLEM THIS TIME AND TOTALLY CCOPERATIVE WITH US IN OUR EFFORTS TO ACT AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. AS A RESULT. LAYTON WAS WELL ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK BEFORE ANYONE IN GUYANA OUTSIDE OF THE EMBASSY AND A HANDFUL OF GUYANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED "GUYANA CHRONICLE," IN FACT, FINALLY REPORTED TWO DAYS LATER THAT LAYTON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE TWO FBI AGENTS WHO HAD BEEN HERE IN OCTOBER FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

2. ONE PROBLEM WHICH DID ARISE WITH THE EXPULSION
OF LAYTON WAS THE FACT THAT THE MARSHALS ARRIVED IN
GUYANA WITHOUT PASSPORTS. APPARENTLY THEY HAD BEEN
TOLD IN WASHINGTON THAT PASSPORTS WERE NOT NEEDED.
WHILE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WERE PERSUADED TO LET
THEM ENTER THE COUNTRY, THE DIFFICULTIES AT THE AIRPORT CAME CLOSE TO UPSETTING THE ENTIRE PROJECT.
EMBASSY GEORGETOWN WOULD WRGE THE RELEVANT U.S. AGENCIES
TO INSTRUCT MARSHALS OF THE NEED TO CARRY U.S.
PASSPORTS WHEN TRAVELING ABROAD IN THE FUTURE.

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