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TO : Mr. E. J. O'Malley *EOJ*

DATE: 12/31

FROM : [Redacted]

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (HPSCI) REGARDING JONESTOWN, GUYANA

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DATE 5/11/93 BY 9803 RDD/jch

Re R. S. Young - Mr. O'Malley memorandum 12/10/80, requesting INTD brief HPSCI regarding Albert Kahn's association with Reverend Jim Jones. *(u)*

DETAILS: *(u)*

Messrs. [Redacted] and [Redacted] met with Herbert Romerstein of HPSCI 12/22/80. He was advised that the Bureau was not investigating Kahn in 1977 and that the Bureau first learned Kahn was making arrangements for Jones to attend a World Peace Council meeting upon the receipt of referenced memorandum. Romerstein was provided a copy of an article dated 4/16/77 from the "People's World" newspaper reporting that Kahn, et.al., would speak on 4/17/77 at the People's Temple in San Francisco. *(u)*

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Romerstein brought up several other issues not related to above that were discussed by [Redacted] and [Redacted] *(u)*

ACTION: *(u)*

None, for information. *(u)*

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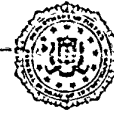
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To : The Director

Date 10/22/80

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From : R. S. Young

Subject : INQUIRY FROM THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REGARDING JONESTOWN, GUYANA

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the receipt of a letter from Chairman Boland and a list of questions from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and to recommend that the Records Management Division (RMD) prepare a response to both the letter and questions and coordinate this response with the Intelligence Division (INTD) and Criminal Investigative Division (CID). *(4)*

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**DETAILS:** The HPSCI has previously advised us that they are conducting an investigation regarding allegations of possible Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the events that took place at Jonestown, Guyana, on 11/18/78. The Staff of the HPSCI has reviewed at FBI Headquarters a voice-enhanced tape recording of Jim Jones which was recorded on 11/18/78. On 10/3/80, the Committee was furnished with copies of all documentary material available to the public on this matter in the FBI Headquarters reading room. On 10/17/80, based on Department of Justice approval, SA Donald Hale of San Francisco was interviewed by the Committee Staff in their offices in the presence of Arden Schell, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and SA [redacted] of the Congressional Affairs Unit. During this interview the Staff asked that the Department furnish them with answers to three questions. By a memorandum from Alan A. Parker, Assistant Attorney General, to Mr. [redacted] dated 10/20/80 (copy attached), the Department has requested that we provide them with answers to these questions for delivery to the Committee. *(2)*

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- 1 - Mr. Mullen (Encs. 5)
- 1 - Mr. Steel (Encs. 5)
- 1 - Mr. O'Mally (Encs. 5)
- 1 - Mr. Revell (Encs. 5)
- Attn: [redacted]

- 1 - Mr. Finzel (Encs. 5)
- Attn: Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] (Encs. 5)
- 2 - Mr. Moschella (Encs. 5)
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] (Encs. 5)

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RE: INQUIRY FROM THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REGARDING  
JONESTOWN, GUYANA

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By a letter dated 10/6/80 (copy attached), Chairman Boland, HPSCI, requested that we review our records to determine whether the House Committee on Foreign Affairs had previously been furnished material regarding the FBI investigation in this matter which was not furnished to the HPSCI. This letter was furnished to us by a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Parker to Mr. [redacted] dated 10/15/80 (copy attached). An interim response to Chairman Boland's letter has been prepared by the Congressional Affairs Unit. (u)

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Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs letter to Attorney General Civiletti dated March 30, 1979, and a copy of a memorandum from W.D. Gow to Mr. Moore captioned RYMUR dated 4/4/79. (u)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (u)

It is recommended that by the COB on 10/29/80, that the RMD in coordination with INTD and CID prepare and forward to the Congressional Affairs Unit the following: (u)

1. A letter from the Director to Chairman Boland which answers the questions as to whether the Bureau has furnished information to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs which has not been furnished to the HPSCI and which will advise the Committee what action will be taken by the Bureau regarding any such information.

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2. Will prepare answers to the questions set forth in Mr. Parker's memorandum of 10/20/80. (u)

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Congress of the United States  
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House of Representatives  
 Washington, D.C. 20515

March 30, 1979

JOHN J. BRADY, JR.  
 CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti  
 Assistant Attorney General  
 Criminal Division  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D.C. 20530

*FBI*  
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 DATE 5/11/93 BY 9803 RAB/mjm

Dear Mr. Civiletti:

In connection with the comprehensive staff inquiry I have ordered into the death of Representative Leo J. Ryan and the resulting incidents at Jonestown, Guyana, the Committee respectfully requests the following information and materials:

- (1) The tape and transcript of the final hours at Jonestown;
- (2) Internal People's Temple memoranda concerning the Jonestown visits of U.S. Foreign Service Officers Richard McCoy, Richard Dwyer, Frank Tumminia, John Blacken, Doug Ellice, T. Dennis Reece and U.S. citizens, Mark Lane, Charles Garry, Joseph Mazor and Walter Thain;
- (3) Any data germane to shipments of cyanide and/or other toxic materials to Jonestown, especially in the period shortly before November 18, 1978;
- (4) People's Temple ham radio code book found in Jonestown and provided to you by the Department of State;
- (5) Pre-tragedy knowledge and investigation of the People's Temple by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (6) Copy of the People's Temple Jonestown guest book;
- (7) Copy of all NBC films taken in Guyana; and
- (8) Copy of Richard McCoy's interview and statements submitted to the FBI. Herein enclosed is a copy of Mr. McCoy's waiver of the Privacy Act requirements.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

Enclosure  
 cc: Hon. William Webster

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 FBI/DOJ

Mr. Moore

4/4/79

W. D. Gow

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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PURPOSE: To report the results of a meeting at the Department with members of the staff of the Committee on International Relations, U. S. House of Representatives on 3/29/79 (u)

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information (u)

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DATE 5/11/83 BY 9803 (LW)/kda

DETAILS: On 3/29/79 a meeting was held in the office of Robert Keuch, Criminal Division, at the request of representatives of the Committee on International Relations, U. S. House of Representatives. Present at the meeting were Mr. Keuch; Departmental Attorneys Art Norton and Al Hantman; committee representatives Ivo Spalatin and Tom Sweeton; and SAs [redacted] Legal Counsel Division, and [redacted] Criminal Investigative Division. The purpose of the meeting was to respond to an official committee request for certain information and documents regarding the RYMUR investigation. The following items were resolved at the meeting: (u)

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1. "Death tape." A 43-minute tape recording of the final hour of Jonestown was made available to the committee by Mr. Keuch in the form of a transcript. Keuch made a commitment to the staff that a copy of the actual tape would be made available by the FBI to the committee. (u)

2. Internal People's Temple (PT) memoranda regarding State Department employees Richard McCoy, George Ellice (u)

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Memo Gow to Moore  
RE: RYMUR

Richard Dwyer, (PNU) Reese, John Blacken, and Frank Turminia. This request was denied the committee as pertinent to an on-going investigation. (U)

3. Internal PT memoranda regarding Mark Lane, Joseph Mazor, Charles Garry, and Walter Thain. (U)

These documents were denied the committee for the same reasons as above. (U)

4. Internal PT memoranda or correspondence between Jim Jones and Tim Carter and Terri Buford. (U)

These items were denied the committee for the above reasons. (U)

5. Information pertaining to PT acquisition of cyanide. (U)

This information was denied to the committee on the basis that the origin of the cyanide is currently under investigation and unknown to the FBI at this time. (U)

6. PT code book. (U)

This information was denied to the committee due to the fact that it represented physical evidence of an on-going criminal investigation. (U)

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NO (7) FBI pre-tragedy knowledge of our investigation of the PT. (U)

Mr. Keuch made a commitment that the FBI would furnish this information to the committee which consists of one allegation of kidnaping which had no basis in fact. The identity of the complainant in this matter will be withheld from the committee. (U)

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NO (8) FBI assistance in locating appropriate persons for committee contact. (U)

The committee represented to those present at the meeting that the only individuals that they had desired to contact were Stanley Clayton and Odell Rhodes. Mr. Keuch made a commitment to the committee and the FBI that reasonable efforts would be undertaken to contact Clayton and Rhodes and advise them of the committee's interest in them. Permission of Clayton and Rhodes would be sought to furnish the committee with their locations. (U)

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VS (9) The Jonestown Guest Book. (u)

Mr. Keuch compromised with members of the committee and asked that the FBI allow committee members to review the Jonestown guest book without being afforded a copy. (u)

NO (10) - SF (u) - NBC video tape film footage of the Jonestown incident. Mr. Keuch advised the committee that the only film footage that would be released is that footage which has already been made public. Accordingly, Mr. Keuch requested the FBI to provide the committee with copies of the video tape as outlined above. (u)

It is noted that all decisions in this matter were made by Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, after consultation with U. S. Attorney William Hunter, San Francisco, and FBI representatives who were present at the meeting. The items agreed to be released to the committee will be made available by Criminal Investigative Division. (u)