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TAGS: CARR, GY, (LAYTON, LAWRENCE V.), (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)

SUBJ: CONSUL'S VISIT TO LAWRENCE LAYTON

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INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY CONSUL, WHO DELIVERED A LETTER SENT
C/O EMBASSY. LAYTON STATED THAT HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE OUTSIDE
MAIL REGULARLY.

2. AS PER REFTTEL, PRISON AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED TO EMBASSY REQUEST
FOR INSPECTION OF LAYTON CELL AND OTHER PRISON FACILITIES. CONOFFS
WERE ACCOMPANIED ON INSPECTION TOUR BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS,
AND FOUND SIZE OF CELLS ADEQUATE.

3. LAYTON SHOWED NO SIGNS OF DELIBERATE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL
ABUSE, AND CONOFFS FOUND HIS GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION AND
APPEARANCE IMPROVED. IN RESPONSE TO CONSUL'S QUESTIONS, LAYTON
STATED THAT HIS OUTSIDE MEAL PLAN WAS SATISFACTORY, AND THAT HE WAS
CONTINUING TO RECEIVE REGULAR VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS AND OUTDOOR
EXERCISE PERIODS. LAYTON HAD NO SPECIFIC MEDICAL COMPLAINTS.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO LAYTON'S INQUIRY OF THE STATUS OF LEGAL
PROCEEDING AGAINST HIM, CONSUL STATED THAT LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
HAD REPORTED THAT FORMAL INDICTMENT WAS IMMINENT. CONSUL
FURTHER REMINDED LAYTON THAT, WHILE THE USG WAS NOT TAKING
ANY POSITION ON THE LEGAL MERITS OF THE CASE, EMBASSY WOULD
CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR PROMPT JUDICIAL TREATMENT.

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