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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2116  
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
UNCLAS GEORGETOWN 1506  
CA/OCS ATTN: REED CLARKE

E.O. 12065: NA  
TAGS: CARR, GY, (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)(LAYTON, LAURENCE J.)  
(BEIKMAN, CHARLES E.)

SUBJ JUDICIAL ACTIVITY APRIL 1, 1980  
REF: GEORGETOWN 1436

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, LAYTON TRIAL HAS BEEN ADJOURNED UNTIL  
MAY 5, 1980. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS SOURCES, IT APPEAR

S THAT LAYTON IS DETERMINED TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY WHILE HIS  
LAWYER APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT A GUILTY PLEA TO ONE OR MORE LESSER  
COUNTS WOULD BE THE BEST COURSE.

2. CHARLES BEIKMAN WAS PUT ON TRIAL MORNING APRIL 1 WITH NO  
NOTICE TO EMBASSY HE PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.  
CONSUL ATTENDED AFTERNOON SESSION AT HIGH  
COURT. THE TIME WAS TOTALLY OCCUPIED BY THE DEFENCE PLEAS OF  
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES. AS THE SESSION CONCLUDED, THE  
PROSECUTION PASSED ON AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AFINAL STATEMENT. THE  
JUDGE RESERVED DECISION ON SENTENCING UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 8.  
IT IS CLEAR THAT A DEAL HAS BEEN STRUCK, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO GET A  
FIRM FIX ON THE YET-TO-BE ANNOUNCED SENTENCE. CONSUL'S

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BEST GUESS IS THAT IT WILL FALL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TIME SERVED  
AND THREE YEARS.

3. THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS HAS  
APOLOGIZED FOR THE SLIP UP THAT RESULTED IN OUR ABSENCE FROM  
COURT THE MORNING OF APRIL 1.

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