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TAGS: CARR (LAYTON, LAURENCE AND BEIKMAN, CHARLES)

SUBJECT: ARRESTS LAURENCE LAYTON CHARLES BEIKMAN

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 2084, (B) GEORGETOWN 1449

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED 4/2 IN THE WASHINGTON

POST: QUOTE

PLEAS IN JONESTOWN VIOLENCE-GEORGETOWN, GUYANA-A FORMER
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER PLEADED GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED MURDER
AND SECOND CULT MEMBER WON A TRIAL DELAY IN CONNECTION
WITH THE 1978 MASS SUICIDE-MURDER AT JONESTOWN.

CHARLES BEIKMAN, 44 WHO ENTERED THE GUILTY PLEA, AND
LARRY LAYTON, 33, WHO WON THE POSTPONEMENT, ARE THE ONLY
PERSONS CHARGED IN THE BIZARRE TRAGEDY THAT CLAIMED THE
LIVES OF MORE THAN 900 PERSONS AT THE CULT'S JONESTOWN
COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 18, 1978.

BEIKMAN PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO FOUR OTHER COUNTS OF
MURDER INVOLVING THE DEATHS OF CULT MEMBER STAYING AT A

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HOUSE HERE DURING THE TRAGEDY. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REFTELS WHICH ADVISE OF THE
REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT IN LAYTON CASE AND POSSIBLE PLEA
IN THE BEIKMAN CASE. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING INQUIRIES
REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE STORI. PLS VERIFY AND
ADVISE. VANCE

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