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SUBJ: TRIAL OF US CITIZEN LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR ATTEMPTED
MURDER

1. THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL OF US CITIZEN PEOPLE'S
TEMPLE MEMBER LAWRENCE LAYTON FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER
OF VERNON GOSNEY AND MONICA BAGBY AT PORT KAITUMA ON
NOVEMBER 18, 1978, SAW PRESIDING JUDGE COLLINS DECLARE
THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (DPP) HAD MADE
A "PRIMA FACIE" CASE FOR THE INDICTMENT OF LAYTON.
SENIOR DEFENSE COUNSEL REX MCKAY HAD CHALLENGED THE DPP'S
INDICTMENT OF LAYTON ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS AND HAD UN-
SUCCESSFULLY REQUESTED THE COURT TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT.
AFTER THE JUDGE RULING A JURY OF TEN MEN AND TWO
WOMEN WAS SELECTED.

2. MCKAY REPEATEDLY INTERRUPTED THE TESTIMONY OF KEY
PROSECUTION WITNESS VERNON GOSNEY CLAIMING THAT THE
PROSECUTOR WAS NOT ONLY LEADING THE WITNESS BUT IN FACT
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THE DEFENSE AS REQUIRED BY LAW. JUDGE COLLINS OVER-
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3. MCKAY WILL CONTINUE WITH HIS CROSS-EXAMINATION OF
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