

Jonestown survivors begin trip back home

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Jonestown survivors will begin returning to the United States starting tonight or Wednesday, U.S. consular officials said.

They said seven survivors, all aged 61 or over, will leave no later than Wednesday evening.

They were identified as Hyacinth Thrash, 70, of San Francisco; Grover Davis, 79; Madeline Brooks, 73; Carol Young, 78; Alvaray Satterwhite, 61; Marian Campbell, 61, and Raymond Godshalk, 62.

The hometowns of the other six were not immediately available.

Guyanese police were making a complete inventory of the camp and questioning Peoples Temple sect members in Georgetown to determine which of the 80 survivors will be permitted to leave this South American nation and which will be held as suspects and material witnesses in the suicide-murder at Jonestown.

"Their status is being reviewed, and some will be allowed to go," Assistant Commissioner Skip Roberts said Monday. "Some will be held for judicial proceedings."

Two Americans have been charged with murder, and three others were questioned Monday for the second time about the death ceremony in which 908 Americans and one Guyanese died at Jonestown, the Rev. Jim Jones' religious commune in northwest Guyana.

The three were Tim Carter, 28, and his brother, Michael, 20, both of Boise, Idaho, and Michael Prokes, 32, a former Modesto, Calif., television newsman.

"We just wanted to question them some more and go back over their story," Roberts said.

The two men under arrest are

Larry Layton, 32, of Berkeley, who is charged with killing Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others with him at an airstrip near Jonestown, and Charles Beikman, 43, of Indianapolis, who is charged with killing a Peoples Temple staff member in Georgetown and her three children.

Only one of the surviving cultists has returned from Jonestown to the United States. He was Miguel Depina, 84, who was in a Georgetown hospital during the mass poisoning in which his wife died.

U.S. Embassy officials said the returning survivors would be flown to the Charleston, S.C., Air Force Base and would be subject to normal re-entry procedures for American citizens returning from abroad. They said the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and representatives of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare would interview cult members "who are willing" about the Jonestown events.

In Charleston, the FBI said its agents would also question the returning cultists and would arrest any who might have participated in the slaying of Rep. Ryan or conspired in the killing.

Guyana information

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has announced that relatives of victims of the mass murder-suicide at Jonestown, Guyana, can make arrangements for claiming the bodies by telephoning the department at 202-632-3172 or 202-632-6610.