

# Effort Was Made to Send Jonestown Funds to Russia

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MATTHEWS RIDGE, Guyana—During the last hours of life in Jonestown, the key personnel of Rev. Jim Jones' socialist utopia in the Guyanese jungle were hastily making arrangements for the transfer of more than \$7 million from bank accounts in Panama and Venezuela to the Soviet government.

According to documents presented Sunday, the fifth day of a coroner's inquest here into the deaths at Jonestown, the funds, totaling \$7,284,536, are held in fixed-time deposits in the name of Annie Jean McGowan, a 70-year-old black woman who was born in Mississippi, came to Guyana in 1977

signed ("cooperatively yours") by Annie J. McGowan.

None of the letters reached its destination. And the money, apparently, remains untouched in the accounts.

In fact, according to a Guyanese police official, the Soviet representatives had no knowledge that the letters were written.

"The Russians will be finding out along with everyone else," said Cecil (Skip) Roberts, the assistant police

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