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SITUATION.
ON SCENE REPORTS FROM GUYANA INDICATE THAT 425 AMERICANS, 107
OF WHICH ARE CHILDREN, ARE DEAD. OPERATIONS TO THIS TIME HAVE
BEEN STAGING OUT OF MATTHEW'S RIDGE INSTALLATION, 23 MILES SOUTH
WEST OF KAITUMA AIRFIELD. MATTHEW'S RIDGE AIRFIELD IS REPORTED TO
HAVE A 4,500 FOOT HARD PACKED SURFACE RUNWAY AND CAN PROBABLY
HANDLE C-130 AIRCRAFT. PORT KAITUMA AIRFIELD IS LOCATED NEAR
JONESTOWN, BUT ITS REPORTED 200 FOOT LOOSE SURFACE RUNWAY CAN

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HANDLE ONLY VERY SMALL AIRCRAFT OF THE TWIN OTTER TYPE, BOTH AIRFIELDS ARE EQUIPPED FOR DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS ONLY, THE ROADS IN THE AREA ARE DIRT AND PASSABLE ONLY BY 4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES DURING THE RAINY SEASON WHICH BEGINS IN LATE NOVEMBER, GOC FORCES BEGAN ARRIVING AT MATTHEW'S RIDGE FROM GEORGETOWN BY AIRCRAFT SUNDAY, 19 NOV 78; THE REPORTED TOTAL GUYANESE FORCE IN THE AREA NOW NUMBERS APPROXIMATELY 120 MEN, TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT FORCES IS CURRENTLY BEING HINDERED BY HEAVY RAIN, THE US EMBASSEY/COMMUNICATIONS TEAM SENT FROM PAVANA REACHED JONESTOWN ON THE 20TH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, INFORMATION FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY INDICATES THAT MEMBERS OF THE FANATICAL RELIGIOUS GROUP BEGAN COMMITTING SUICIDE WHILE OTHER ARMED MEMBERS SHOT THOSE UNWILLING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL 20 NOV THE LOCAL POLICE COMMISSIONER INFORMED THE US EMBASSEY THAT PEOPLE'S TEMPLE LEADER JAMES JONES, HIS WIFE, SON, AND 11 MEMBERS OF HIS BODYGUARD WERE IDENTIFIED AMONG THE DEAD AT JONESTOWN, IT IS BELIEVED THAT MANY OF THE CULT'S MEMBERS WHO FLED THE SUICIDE AND MURDER SCENE ARE CURRENTLY WANDERING IN THE HEAVY JUNGLE SURROUNDING JONESTOWN;

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2. FRIENDLY OPERATIONS: A CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATING FORCES:
A. JCS EXECUTE ORDER 191526Z NOV 78 TO MAC/SOUTHCOM AUTHORIZED MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL TO GEORGETOWN,
B. ON 19 NOV 78 JCS APPROVED ONE C-141 AIRCRAFT WITH PATHOLOGIST, AIRCRAFT LANDED AT GEORGETOWN AT 191255Z NOV 78,
C. JCS 191559Z NOV 78 APPROVED C-130 AIRCRAFT TO DEPLOY FROM CAVAL ZONE TO GEORGETOWN WITH EMBASSEY AUGMENTATION AND SOUTHCOM COMMUNICATIONS TEAM,
D. AT 191947Z NOV 78 JCS APPROVED POSITIONING OF SECOND MEDEVAC C-141 AT GEORGETOWN,
E. C-130 AIRCRAFT DEPARTED GEORGETOWN AT 202613Z NOV 78 WITH RELATIVES OF JONESTOWN RESIDENTS ON BOARD,
F. JCS CRISIS ACTION TEAM ACTIVATED AT 201630Z NOV 78,
G. SECOND MEDEVAC C-141 ARRIVED GEORGETOWN AT 201443Z NOV 78,
H. JCS EXECUTE ORDER 211221Z NOV 78 ACTIVATED THE JTF AND DEPLOYED FORCES TO GUYANA TO ASSUME TRANSFER AND CUSTODY OF DECEASED AND RETURN REMAINS TO DOVER AFB,
I. THE REMAINS OF REP RYAN AND THREE OTHER MURDERED MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WERE FLOWN FROM GEORGETOWN ON A C-141 AND ARRIVED CHARLESTON AT 212538Z NOV 78, FURTHER JOURNEY TO CONUS

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FUNERAL LOCATION WILL COMMENCE AT 212630Z NOV 78.
3. GENERAL INFORMATION
A. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO EARLY ARRIVAL OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAMS AND THE USCINCSO C-21 AIRCRAFT TO ASSIST IN ON-GOING ACTIONS.

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B; SUITABILITY OF MATTHEW'S RIDGE FOR C-130 USE HAS NOT YET
BEEN DETERMINED.

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