

Authorities Investigate People's Temple Amid Former

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 — Investigations of the People's Temple are being carried out in a haze of paranoia fed by allegations of "hit squads" organized by the Rev. Jim Jones to deal with his enemies after his death.

The alleged plans were so well drilled into members' minds that they have created great fear among former members, who are the source of the most information about the group's activities.

Law enforcement officials say they are at a loss as to how to deal with the allegations. One source said that about 60 names were on a list compiled from interviews with former temple members.

It turned out, it was said, that virtually

every member who survived the massacre two weeks ago was named by one or another of the former members as a potential assassin.

Deborah Layton Blakey, who was one of the top financial managers for the temple before she left in May, said in an interview that the plan was to have survivors take the money that was left and use it "to get the defectors."

According to Mrs. Blakey, the first name on the list of persons to be killed was Timothy O. Stoen, who had been Mr. Jones's chief legal adviser until he left the group in May 1977.

Mr. Stoen and Mr. Jones had struggled for control of John Victor Stoen, a 6-year-old boy; each had said he was the boy's father. The child was born to Mr. Stoen's wife, Grace.

Mrs. Blakey also named three writers as targets. They are Lester Kinsolving, a columnist on religious matters who attacked Mr. Jones some years ago; and Marshall Kilduff and Phil Tracy, who wrote an article for New West magazine last year that criticized the temple and allegedly precipitated Mr. Jones's move to Guyana.

Instructions in Gun Handling

Mrs. Blakey said that when the survivors had destroyed the temple's enemies, they were to kill themselves. She said that she had been given instruction in gun handling by two women at the San Francisco temple, but that she was not a member of the alleged death squad.

There are many stories of Mr. Jones's having told members of the audience

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when he was giving a speech, "If I ever die, I want you and you and you to go and make amends." And he is described as having said: "You're my angel. Go and do the father's work."

Al Mills, 50, and his wife, Jean, who live in Berkeley and operate the Human Freedom Center, where former temple members have gathered, told a story of a meeting some years ago at which a killer squad was allegedly designated.

They were members of the Planning Commission, a top-level group close to Mr. Jones. At a meeting, he told them, "Close your eyes and I'll tap some of you on the shoulder." Only Mr. Jones was to know all those who were tapped, Mr. Mills said.

But Mrs. Mills said she kept her eyes open slightly to see who was being

tapped. She named only one person — Don Sly, the man who threatened Representative Leo J. Ryan with a knife at Jonestown, Guyana, on Nov. 18, shortly before Mr. Ryan and four others were killed in an ambush at the Port Kaituma airstrip.

One name that crops up in interviews with former members is Christopher Lewis, a black man who was in Mr. Jones's inner circle, and was killed here last year.

But Timothy Stoen said he believed that Mr. Lewis was killed in a dispute over drug traffic, rather than by temple avengers.

Mr. Stoen said he knew of only two incidents of physical violence within the temple, both involving the beating of men who had left the organization.