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17 Jones Cult Survivors Are Subpoenaed by U.S.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7 — The Justice Department intensified its investigation of the assassination of Representative Leo J. Ryan today with subpoenas for 17 People's Temple survivors, calling them to appear before a Federal grand jury that will begin hearing testimony here tomorrow.

The 17 were met at Kennedy International Airport as they returned from Georgetown, Guyana, on Wednesday by 80 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service, who spent nine hours interrogating them at a secluded location at the airport.

Federal law enforcement sources said that the 17, unlike earlier survivors who had returned to this country, were singled out for subpoenas because of their position in the Temple's hierarchy.

Among those subpoenaed were two adopted sons of the Rev. Jim Jones — Timothy Jones, 19 years old, and James Jones Jr., 18. They had been in Georgetown with other Temple members as part of the Temple's basketball team at the time of Mr. Ryan's death and the deaths of more than 900 others at Jonestown.