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Temple Bank Data Given to Grand Jury

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 (AP)—Terri Buford, a former top aide to Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones, says she has given a federal grand jury copies of bank records that show about \$7.5 million in Temple accounts in Panama.

Buford answered questions for 90 minutes Wednesday before the panel, which is investigating whether a conspiracy resulted in the death of Rep. Leo Ryan, who was gunned down with four others at an airstrip near Jonestown Nov. 18.

She said the Temple had about \$10.5 million—\$7.5 million is in Panama bank accounts and the rest in cash now in custody of the Guyanese government.

Buford said she was questioned about the international structure of the church, church members, files involving FBI activities and information about Jonestown, where more than 900 died in a mass murder/suicide.

Buford also alleged that attorney Tim Stoen took \$500,000 to Guyana, part of it strapped to his body and the rest hidden in luggage. Stoen had served as a San Francisco assistant district attorney while a top member of the church. He subsequently left the church.

Also appearing before the panel was Michael Prokes, 31, another top aide to Jones and one of the few survivors of Jonestown, who took the Fifth Amendment. Prokes' attorney, Jerrold Ladar, said his client would answer all questions if granted immunity.