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Swiss Block Bank Accounts Of Peoples Temple Leaders

BERN, Switzerland, March 12 (UPI)—Switzerland said today it has blocked all bank accounts opened by the late Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones and other members of the sect.

Jones and more than 900 of his followers died in a mass suicide-murder rite in Jonestown, Guyana, Nov. 18.

U.S. authorities said at the time they believed Jones and other sect members had deposited at least \$10 million in Swiss bank accounts. Swiss officials said the U.S. Justice Department request-

ed confiscation of the funds and details of all the accounts.

Switzerland in turn has ordered the accounts blocked pending the outcome of the FBI investigation into the Peoples Temple, the officials said. Under the terms of the 1973 U.S.-Swiss legal assistance treaty, Switzerland agreed to reveal details of bank accounts and thus waive banking secrecy laws if U.S. authorities can show conclusive evidence that the funds in question derived from criminal activities.