

George Brokaw  
District Director  
Department of the Treasury  
555 Battery Street, Room 320  
San Francisco, CA

Dear Mr. Brokaw:

I have been the recipient of some rather odd and disturbing information which, however, is quite reliable. I have been told that a man using the name D. Conn has been representing himself as with the Treasury department, and has been contacting various people, on the pretext of doing a departmental investigation of different Christian churches. At times he actually claims to be representing the Treasury department, on other occasions he states that he is "conning" your office into carrying out some kind of vendetta against these churches. He says he will see to it that people from your office contact different citizens in this community, to encourage them to co-operate with his plans. I am going to speak to the Christian churches he has been maligning, but I thought your office should know about this person because this kind of behavior is outrageous.

Sincerely,

John Davidson

S.S. Many of us who are active public and church leaders in the community know of the integrity of these Christian churches and cannot believe you would lend yourself or your office to this kind of harassment. Thus I thought it best to inform you of it immediately.

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Internal Revenue Service

Regional  
Commissioner

Western Region

• People's Temple of the  
Disciples of Christ  
P.O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Attn: Michael Prokes,  
Assistant Pastor

Department of the Treasury

525 Market St., San Francisco, Ca. 94105

Person to Contact: Pete White

Telephone Number 556-3765

Refer Reply to: PRP

Date: June 20, 1977

• Dear Reverend Prokes:

This is in response to inquiries this office has received concerning possible investigation of the People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ by the Internal Revenue Service.

At this time the People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ is not the subject of an IRS investigation.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 556-3765.

Sincerely,

  
Pete White  
Problem Resolution Officer

MM-5-20



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

JUN 27 1977

REFER TO

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TREASURY LETTER

Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
Post Office Box 15157  
San Francisco, California  
94115

Dear Mr. Tropp:

Your letter dated April 20, 1977, refers to a letter written previously by a representative of the Peoples Temple to several governmental agencies indicating officials of the Peoples Temple were under some type of official "scrutiny". You have asked us to clarify what you term to be a "fishing expedition".

Although this office is unaware of such a letter being directed to this agency, we did receive a copy of a letter from Mr. Michael J. Prokes, addressed to the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C. The letter mentions no activity or incidents involving the United States Customs Service.

We are unaware of any activity by Customs officials in this Region of the Customs Service which would be in the nature of a "fishing expedition" as discussed in your letter.

The Customs Service does have broad responsibility for enforcing many laws and regulations concerning the entry of merchandise and other items into this country, as well as the exportation of many items. Necessarily encompassed within this responsibility is the requirement to investigate any suspected violations of those laws.

I trust that this clarifies any concern that you might have with the functions of the Customs Service. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert N. Battard  
Regional Commissioner

REPLY TO: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, SUITE 1000, 211 MAIN STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

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Marshall Schwartz *LA. TAX ATTORNEY*

I thought the visit was very informative. Though he was rather cold when it came to any feeling for what we stand for, he seems to know his business very well. He kept the conversation strictly on a business level. He was not to interested in other incidents of harassment other than the ones that involved the government in one way or another. However he seemed to be impressed by those. Enough so that he thought we had enough grounds to present a case of harassment in rebuttal to the IRS. He said that the demands presented by the IRS were legitimate requests providing they had a legitimate reason for asking. That could be random selection, or through information from an informant, or even investigation stemming from the press accusations. He said we could disregard the notice, and they would probably move to get an administrative sanction to demand the documents from us. At that point we would have to present our reasons for refusing to surrender them, if we still chose to do so. He said that we could possibly surrender them under protest, thus reserving our rights to protest any future demands. He said he would have to research that point though. I believe that Bentzman said otherwise. That if we did not protest now

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we would surrender all such rights. Anyway his recommendation was not to give them anything, but to tell them we had nothing against a legitimate audit but that we had reason to believe that this was just another incident of harassment such as we have experienced before. Therefore we are filing under FOIA to get all pertinent information on the reasons for this investigation. He said that this manoeuvre would not necessarily stop them from taking further action. They could still move to get administrative sanction to demand the documents, and then take it to court if we refused. He said the situation could be tied up for years in the courts. The only real problem being that if they felt they had due cause to believe we were going to take off with funds that might be due them through taxes on unrelated business income they could put a freeze on our assets. He did not say how much of our assets or exactly what restrictions would be put on our continuing operations, such as offerings or paying bills. He said this could happen anytime they felt they had valid reason to do it.

Some other points were that he said our leases on the rest homes constituted to a degree unrelated business income, especially if we held a mortgage on the property. He suggested that we follow all our by-laws to the letter in order to prevent a take-over from Stoen and a group of traitors. He did not want to make any real judgements on that issue until he read the by-laws himself. He did say it was possible for a situation to come about where we could be charged with not following through with the by-laws of the organization and have a suit filed against us that would tie up our assets. e

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HT  
E.C.

Jean Brown

Re Bentzman -

I. P.T.

Re the IRS letter requesting documents -  
question #1 has no relation to unrelated income question,  
documents requested would not prove one way or another  
whether church was making unrelated income...

*ETA* He thinks that Washington office is being fed info by  
someone, otherwise wouldnt be involved

IRS can't examine church books unless secretary or organization  
of IRS believes we are engaged in unrelated business &

They've got to justify their reasons for examining, because  
church records are privileged. We have a right to  
know their grounds.

No examination of religious accounts should be made other  
than to determine extent necessary to determine amount  
of taxes if we were operating as a church.  
only if they have reason to investigate

He doesnt think it pays to cooperate; why make it easy?  
say no to everything, drag it out, make them prove why they're  
inquiring.

look up cases: 520 F.2d 818 (Scientology case) search & seizure  
CCH Vol 8 , regs 511, 501(c)(3)

*Good*  
*cc*  
Pets - foreclose

Vernell - find out what kind of pension, how long has she collected on  
it, did she and employer both contribute to it, get copy of plan,  
Bentzman will write on her behalf if necessary.

MM-5-23

LAW OFFICES OF  
MARSHALL R. BENTZMAN  
1556 MARKET STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102  
(415) 864-2121

PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

Billing through March 31, 1978

Re: Taxes and real estate, etc.

Balance forward	\$ 37.50
Payment - March 24, 1978	<u>37.50</u>
Balance Due	<u>\$ 37.50</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Service</u>
3/12	1.00	Meeting
3/20	2.00	Research on audit, telephone to D.C., meeting
3/24	1.00	Research on audit, meeting, telephone to D.C.
3/30	1.00	Research, San Francisco IRS, telephone to D.C.

5.00 TOTAL HOURS

5.00 hours at \$75.00/hr. = \$375.00

AMOUNT DUE \$375.00

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95837

April 27, 1978

In reply refer to  
340:102:bg:vmb

PEOPLES TEMPLE OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
P. O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Subject : CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM SUSPENSION OR FORFEITURE

Corporate Name : PEOPLES TEMPLE OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Corporate Number: 500544

Effective Date : April 13, 1978

This corporation has been relieved of suspension or forfeiture and is now  
in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.

Collection Section  
Telephone (916) 355-0520

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# fact sheet

Department of the Treasury / United States Customs Service / Washington, D.C. 20229

TECS is the acronym for the *Treasury Enforcement Communications System*. This system links telecommunication terminals located in law enforcement facilities of the Department of the Treasury throughout the United States and a computer center located in San Diego, California.

TECS users include the U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, IRS Inspection Service, IRS Intelligence Division, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and INTERPOL Washington.

TECS provides to the Treasury Law enforcement community:

- A computer-based index to files of common interest to Treasury enforcement agencies.
- On-line access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Immediate message-switching capability point-to-point and broadcast among Headquarters and Treasury enforcement field levels.
- An interface with the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) which provides:
  - a) An administrative message-switching capability between TECS and the enforcement agencies in the fifty states.
  - b) Vehicle registration inquiries.
  - c) Driver's license inquiries.

Currently the network consists of more than 600 terminals located at land-border crossings along the Canadian and Mexican borders, key ports of entry at seaports and international airports, field offices of the Customs Office of Investigations, as well as offices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, IRS Inspection Service, and IRS Intelligence Division.

These terminals have immediate access to records in the TECS data base containing information from U.S. Customs and other Treasury enforcement and investigative files. These records contain information on individuals, businesses, vehicles, aircraft and vessels. The TECS terminals can also access NCIC records on wanted persons, vehicles, license plates, articles, guns, securities, boats and criminal history records.

The TECS host computer is a Burroughs 7700 located at the U.S. Customs Service Law Enforcement Systems Division at San Diego, California. The TECS System is operational 24 hours a day, everyday.

During calendar year 75 through the on-line access to the NCIC, Customs officers intercepted and turned over 643 felony fugitives to state, local and other federal enforcement agencies.

US Customs Svc.  
OFFICE OF REGULATION & RULINGS  
ENTRY PROCEDURE & PENALTIES DIV.

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**Internal Revenue Service**

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• People's Temple of the  
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P.O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Attn: Michael Prokes,  
Assistant Pastor

**Department of the Treasury**

525 Market St., San Francisco, Ca. 94105

Person to Contact: **Pete White**

Telephone Number: **556-3765**

Refer Reply to: **PRP**

Date: **June 20, 1977**

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Pete White  
Problem Resolution Officer

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LAW OFFICES OF  
MARSHALL R. BENTZMAN  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102  
—  
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March 3, 1978

District Director, IRS  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
P.O. Box 36020  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 21, 1978 was received on March 2 and brought to my attention on March 3, 1978.

Attached is Form 2848, Power of Attorney, in my name.

I will look into your request and respond as soon as possible. However, due to the amount of work on my calendar, I will need 30 days to respond.

Yours truly,

*Marshall R. Bentzman*  
Marshall R. Bentzman

Attachment  
cc: People's Temple  
mrh/mv

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**Internal Revenue Service**

**Department of the Treasury**

Washington, DC 20224

Ms. Laurie Efrein  
Peoples Temple  
P. O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Person to Contact: Ms. J. Krause

Telephone Number: (202) 566-3310

Refer Reply to: E:EO:O:P

Date: MAY 15 1978

Dear Ms. Efrein:


Your April 27, 1978, letter concerning Peoples Temple has been referred to this office for reply. You are concerned that the Internal Revenue Service has not responded to inquiries from members of the Temple.

We can assure you that the Service seeks to administer the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code equitably and efficiently. The Service does maintain an examination program to review the activities of tax-exempt organizations. The purpose of this program is to ensure continuing compliance with the provisions of the tax laws.

Correspondence concerning Peoples Temple has been referred to the San Francisco District Director because the matter is under the jurisdiction of that office. The district office will evaluate the material and take the actions it deems appropriate.

We hope this information will be helpful to you. We appreciate your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely

  
J. Burdette, Chief  
Exempt Organizations  
Operations Branch

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Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service  
Washington, DC 20224

Date: MAY 5 1977 In reply refer to: E:EO:O:P



Reverend Michael J. Prokes  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples  
of Christ  
P. O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Reverend Prokes:

Your Communication Dated: April 17, 1977  
In re: Peoples Temple of the Disciples  
of Christ

Thank you for your recent communication.

The information you need is in the office of the Director at  
the address shown below. To give you better service, we have sent  
your communication to him and asked that he reply directly to you.

If you have any further questions about this matter, that  
office will be glad to help you.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Hardette*  
for J. Hardette, Chief  
Exempt Organizations  
Operations Branch

Internal Revenue Service  
620 Polson Street  
3rd Floor  
San Francisco, California 94107  
Attn: Chief, EP/EO Division

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Address only to pay for

U.S. Treasury Department

Intelligence Division  
P. O. Box 36050  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Internal Revenue Service

MAY 1977

In reply refer to

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Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ  
P. O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, CA 94115

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If you do not have convenient access to the material regarding the Freedom of Information Act procedures which was sent to Reverend Prokes, please advise, and I will send you the same material.

Very truly yours,

*William C. LaFollett*

William C. LaFollett  
Assistant Chief, Intelligence Division

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Internal Revenue Service

District  
Director

Mr. Michael J. Prokes  
Associate Minister  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples  
of Christ  
P.O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Department of the Treasury

620 Folsom St.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94107

Person to Contact:

Telephone Number:

Refer Reply to: EO:1

Date: JUN 10 1977

Dear Sir:

Reference your letter of May 20, 1977, to Mr. Stan Long.

This office is not conducting an examination of your organization at this time.

If an examination is conducted in the future, it will be carried out under procedures that are in effect at that time.

It is recommended that if your organization is contacted by someone claiming to represent the Treasury Department that you ask them for Treasury Department credentials. All Internal Revenue Service employees are issued pocket commissions which will identify them as Treasury Department employees.

Sincerely,

ACTING

*Charles W. Wood*  
Chief, EP/EO Division

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Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service  
Washington, DC 20224

Date: AUG 7 1973 In reply refer to: CP:AsR:P



Ms. Rheviana Bean  
224 Laws Avenue  
Whiah, California 95182

Dear Ms. Bean:

Your July 25 letter to the Commissioner with a copy to the Assistant Commissioner (Compliance) has been referred to me for reply. Here, in Washington, we are unaware of any complaint by Lester Kinsolving about your church, Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In any event, he would have no official basis for saying that the Service had agreed to audit your church at his insistence as you reported in your letter. We notify the organization or individual involved in an audit, not unrelated members of the public.

For your general information, Section 7605(e) of the Internal Revenue Code requires high-level approval of and places limitations on examinations of churches. Delegation Order No. 137, effective June 27, 1973, authorizes the Assistant Commissioner (Compliance) or the appropriate Regional Commissioner to approve an examination of the books of account and religious activities of a church or convention or association of churches. An examination must be limited to determining if an organization is indeed a church or a convention or association of churches and whether it is subject to unrelated business income tax as a result of carrying on a trade or business unrelated to its religious and charitable purposes.

We can understand your deep concern for your church and minister. We are sending an informational copy of your letter to our Western Regional Office.

Sincerely yours,

*T. J. Yates*

T. J. Yates, Acting Chief  
Exempt Organizations  
Examination Branch

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## 'Never cooperate,' says ex-IRS agent

United Press International

**MENPHIS**—B. C. Clifton, a Memphis tax lawyer and former fraud investigator has some advice for Americans who find themselves being questioned by the IRS: "Never cooperate."

Clifton said most taxpayers have little to worry about because the IRS is selective in its prosecutions of tax fraud charges. "IRS only takes those cases it considers good for prosecution," he said.

But, for those who are greeted by an IRS investigator, Clifton said, the worst mistake is to be cooperative, hoping the investigator will go easy on you.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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JUL 31 1978

Mr. L. J. Johnston  
Post Office Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Johnston:

President Carter has referred your letter concerning alleged actions being taken by Timothy Stoen against Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple to this office for reply.

We have given careful consideration to the information you have furnished. The circumstances you describe, however, do not warrant action by this Department. Accordingly, we are unable to assist you.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days, III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

By: *Richard F. Johnston*  
Richard F. Johnston  
Attorney  
Criminal Section

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JUL 31 1978

Ms. Pamela G. Moton  
Post Office Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Ms. Moton:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated March 14, 1978, concerning government attempts to interfere with the Peoples Temple of Disciples of Christ. Please excuse the delay of this response.

We have carefully considered all of the information supplied by you. There does not, however, appear to be any evidence of a violation of any federal criminal civil rights statute. Accordingly, the Department of Justice can take no action.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days, III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

By: *Bruce J. Berger*  
Bruce J. Berger  
Attorney  
Criminal Section

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Phone 415 931-9107

EUGENE CHAIKIN, Attorney-at-Law  
Post Office Box 15156 San Francisco, California 94115

July 29, 1976

United States Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
630 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California 94111

In re: Phillip Blakey

Dear Sir:

I have known Phillip Blakey since early in 1972 during the time that he was resident in the United States. I had offered both Mr. and Mrs. Blakey to assure funds for his support in this country if he were unable to find work. Fortunately during that period time he did not have need for my help.

He has been out of the country working on an agricultural mission since the spring of 1974.

This is to advise you that should he again desire to return to the United States, I am writing to be financially responsible for his support for the duration of his stay.

Very truly yours,



EUGENE CHAIKIN

EC:bam

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 6, 1977

Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples  
of Christ  
Post Office Box 15157  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Tropp:

Following receipt of your communication on April 26th,  
a careful review of the central files at both FBI Headquarters  
and our San Francisco Office failed to disclose that we now  
have, or that we have ever had, any investigative interest in  
the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Decker, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Records Management Division



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OFFICE OF  
THE DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

MAY 09 1977

Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
P.O. Box 15137  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Tropp:

This is in response to your letter dated April 20, 1977, received in this office April 25, 1977, requesting information in ATF files concerning the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

A search of our electronic record system and a physical search of our file records reveals no file or other information of any kind concerning the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Tosny  
Assistant to the Director  
(Disclosure)

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Address any reply to

Intelligence Division  
P. O. Box 36050  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Internal Revenue Service

5 MAY 1977

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Very truly yours,

*William C. LaFollett*

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Assistant Chief, Intelligence Division

Internal Revenue Service  
San Francisco, California 94102

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San Francisco, CA 94102

Internal Revenue Service

5 MAY 1977 I-WCL



Mr. Michael J. Prokes  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ  
P. O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Reverend Prokes:

The copy of your letter dated April 17, 1977, addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has been referred to me for reply.

I understand that you and a delegation from the Peoples Temple visited our office on April 25, 1977 and discussed the questions raised in your letter with Group Manager Paul H. Wall of this office. I also understand that Group Manager Wall explained the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to you, and later mailed you additional information regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

If, after your discussion with Group Manager Wall, you still desire additional information, any information that is releasable to authorized representatives of the Peoples Temple, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, will be released, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Very truly yours,

*William C. LaFollett*

William C. LaFollett  
Assistant Chief, Intelligence Division

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

APR 27 1977

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Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
English Instructor  
Santa Rosa Junior College  
P.O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, California 94115

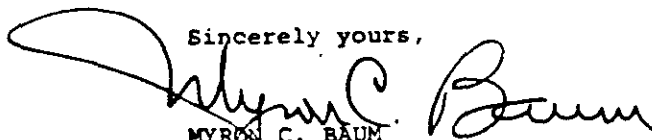
Dear Mr. Tropp:

Your letter of April 20, 1977, addressed to the Tax Division concerning an alleged "fishing expedition" by the Government against your church has been received by this office.

The primary functions of the Department of Justice are to enforce Federal laws and furnish legal counsel for the Government. The Tax Division, in particular, acts as the attorney for the Internal Revenue Service before all courts except the Tax Court. Tax matters involving the investigation of taxpayers for violations of the Federal tax laws, whether civil or criminal, are initiated by the Internal Revenue Service and do not generally become the responsibility of the Tax Division until a particular case is referred to us by the Internal Revenue Service.

Accordingly, we are forwarding your letter to the Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue for an appropriate reply.

Sincerely yours,

  
MYRON C. BAUM  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Tax Division

cc: William E. Williams  
Acting Commissioner, IRS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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June 21, 1978

Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ Post Office Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Tropp:

This is in reply to your recent correspondence. We apologize for the delay of this response.

We have carefully considered the information you furnished. The circumstances you describe do not indicate a violation of a federal statute. Therefore, we have no authority to take any action on this matter.

Since you believe your rights have been violated, you may wish to retain a private attorney. However, if you lack the necessary funds, you may wish to contact the nearest Office of the Public Defender or the nearest legal aid office, to determine what remedies, if any, are available to you.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

By: *E. R. Aikens III*

E. R. Aikens III  
Civil Rights Division

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~~Dear Jim:~~

I did not turn in a write-up on my 8 years with the former friend since it seemed too hot to handle..

yet.. am obliged to pass it by you to be sure...

I am perhaps one of the few persons in the world who has seen a License to Kill signed by the attorney general of the United States.. Harvey Clark was the one who signed it --as he was in office at the time the situation was started..

It was the largest counterfeit case in the history of the united states, and somewhere in my effects - have a news clipping making Dennis as the government agent in the case.. there were world-wide implications on it.. When Dennis would not go along with what the government wanted him to do, they put him in prison on a trumped up case..

His original attorney was Melvin Belli who told him that someone was going to be killed and asked Dennis to fire him.. which Dennis did --and no one sacks Melvin Belli in the middle of a trial.. his attorney then was the man who was killed in the car "accident" with Jane Mansfield --the attorney was whitewashing the government; her children were miraculously unharmed--Dennis said because they were not in the car seat at the time the accident was deliberately caused by the CIA.. the attorney's briefcase with Dennis records in it disappeared from the scene of the accident, the office was riddled within a week and "many" files stolen --including Dennis files, and the law clerk was the dying victim of hit-man accident within 10 days after the attorney's death..

I discovered more than once the dialing to the "inner sanctum" of the Justice Dept in Washington DC.. and could tell of the redheaded man who was on his way to--with sufficient description that a person going there could identify him.. I don't know his name.. Dennis was afraid I'd slip and my life would be forfeit.. Though in fact they tried on many occasions to kill me too.. Cars are one of their favorite methods..

U. S. Paper, U. S. Plates, U. S. numbering machine --sufficient to print several hundred billion dollars never got found after the expose.. They had even printed a new currency in case the thing got out of control.. replicas as they were called..

The head of the Justice Dept was the person who took the payoffs.. Dennis said them quite a few thousand.. It was \$1000 a day after sentencing to stay on the street..and it can be arranged.. If he had done the job they wanted him to do, he could have stayed out of prison.. The Justice Dept, FBI, Secret Service, and CIA all split the take.. the redhead is the collector of the funds.. and distribution.. When Johnson was in office, Dennis said he shared in the take..not all Presidents do, it seems.

When the government's case came to trial they had to let Dennis come out of prison to testify --nor would he testify unless he was released..and had the parents signed. There were 70 men on trial and he was the sole government witness; the case was tried in Florida..Dade County.. he said it was the worst jail in the nation.. He sent 40 men to prison; the other 30 were Italians and the mafia had protected him several times from death in prison. They sent a couple of people in with him for protection--and except for the trip from Terminal Island to Danbury Connecticut, he fared pretty well, that trip took 3 months and he was heavily drugged and they tried to crush him --when I didn't hear from him I sent wires to every Federal Prison in the

United States, hoping it would get past his watchers and to him... and strangely enough, it did just that. The warden had not been told about the man being a political prisoner.. When he came to the phone his first words were why haven't you written (and I had written every day.. and I knew he had then realized they had not told him and were deliberately telling me I had lost interest, etc.. That sufficiently renewed his will to make it through and they were unable to break him in spite of tortures and truth serums.. He was heavily drugged when he came to the phone.. I had wired that his son had run away from school in Britain and I needed instructions... (Democles, his eldest son, had indeed run away from home..)

Dennis came into the states as a favor to the British government to whom he was an embarrassment in the CADCO case.. his partners were George Sirhan and a famous British Barrister.. Rather than have their own offices come tumbling down in the 20,000,000 case.. in the multi-million dollar counterfeit Dennis and the two others owned.. they paroled him to the U. S. government to solve the counterfeit case..

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SOMEWHERE IN MY EFFORTS, and I'd have to look, as I hid it and don't see it there --but I do have habit patterns-- I have a photocopy with Dennis' picture on it of the original parole papers.. At the time, the British government SAID DENNIS WAS NOT TO BE FOUND... AND ONLY DIED BECAUSE THEY PAROLED HIM TO THE U. S. Dennis brought this paper through customs in a newspaper which he tossed on a desk as he walked in to his office, he rectally expelled, etc., which he always had to do through on entry.. As he went out of the office, he picked his paper back up from the back of the desk where he had tossed it and walked out.. He gave it to me, I hid this photocopy and mailed him the original when he got to France..

The Prime Minister Wilson was so threatened that he called a special election a year before he had to and no one knew why when Dennis got out of prison.. Interestingly, he lost it.. But had Dennis chosen to return and testify --would have brought down the government.. anyway.

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There is so much across the 3 years that I could tell.. even the letter I saw written in his own hand by attorney Perkins, who was also Sirhan's attorney, saying he was sorry to let him down --that he was an old man and wanted to see his grand children grow up.. and stop to take care of his wife.. and would Dennis please destroy the letter.. that the government had threatened him and he was afraid --he had not realized how critical the case was when he had taken it on.. he had never before tangled with "that" phase of the government's.. Dennis let me read the letter and I was there when it arrived special delivery about 3 days before he went to Wilson on the 15th of April.. Over my protests, he burned it.. and the man was powerless to help him anyway.. let him live. The same attorney got out Sirhan..

Anyway --it seems too much to tell.. Dennis Lorraine was known as the world's greatest thief in some circles and was the man after whose life the series "it takes a Thief" was written..

That you protected me, after my being so deeply in this for 3 years --was a miracle of miracles.. Some'times I do wonder what happened to him.. I was worried he might try coming in here, but don't think he would try to help you --though once I thought he might.. He has a crooked eyebrow where a bullet wounded him, and I think he was later wounded in one arm as well and a tendon was cut.. He would have been 57 in July.. is still around, though looked very young for his age..

Anyway, I did not write it up --but would if you wanted it done.. there is a lot I could tell -- *a mafia attorney*

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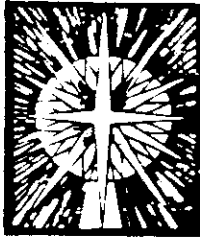
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# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

"For I was an hungered  
and ye gave me meat.  
I was thirsty  
and ye gave me drink.  
I was a stranger  
and ye took me in.  
Naked, and ye clothed me;  
I was sick, and ye visited me;  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous  
Answer him, saying,  
When saw we thee an hungered  
And yet thee?  
Or thirsty  
And gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger  
And took thee in?  
Or naked, and clothed thee?  
Or when saw we thee sick?  
Or in prison,  
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
Unto one of the least of these,  
...Ye have done it unto me."  
Matthew 25: 35-40

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in urgent haste, on issues critical to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project, "Jonestown," in Guyana, South America, founded by the Rev. Jim Jones and some 1500 vanguard members of his church. The Project recently gave a warm welcome to leading officials in our State Department, including American Ambassador Richard McCoy, who came to see the work firsthand and have been most helpful. Officials from the Guyanese government, the U.S. and all over the world come to the Project constantly, and have penned glowing entries into the guest book. The most recent visitor, Chairman of the Board of the Guyana Livestock Corporation and a world traveller, called it the best model community he's ever seen, purest in its fellowship and remarkable in productivity—no crime, excellent sanitation, superb medical care, educational and recreational facilities. As the enclosed information details for you, Jonestown is an exceptional community in every respect, cast into a setting of great natural beauty and peace.

Yet for the past year, we have been subject to disruption so persistent and extreme it would try the patience of Job: A Black mayor speaking in our church was subjected to electronic surveillance by members of the armed services, whose proof-positive identities and powerful origin we obtained. Our crates were broken into by U.S. Customs, who refused to explain why. Our Social Security checks for disabled and elderly members in Guyana were withheld, and we have documentation of how this purposeful obstruction came about. An Indian leader was threatened with blackmail if he refused to join those lying on Jim Jones, which he exposed to the press and made a sworn affidavit. The media was whipped into a frenzy against Peoples Temple by hostile "ex-members", which attack we later proved was coordinated by a man with a 75-page criminal record, and also connected with Interpol. The "ex-members" themselves have a long verified history of advocating terrorism and every kind of immoral, devious act. These are only highlights. Agencies and departments large and small, from D.A.s' offices to federal probes have been activated in mad-dog efforts to destroy us.

The instigator of this most recent wave of harrassments is Timothy O. Stoen. He is trying to wrest Rev. Jones' six-year-old son, John, away from him through his own false claim to paternity, and has vowed publicly that he will stop at nothing to achieve that end. The custody matter is under the jurisdiction of the Guyanese courts, where his estranged wife, the child's mother, authorized the child to be taken, and where Stoen himself abandoned the child several months back. Yet Stoen has pressured numerous State Department officials to breach international protocol and intervene in the case on his behalf. He has been soliciting endorsements from members of Congress also, and has embarked on a massive campaign to discredit the entire Project. We are

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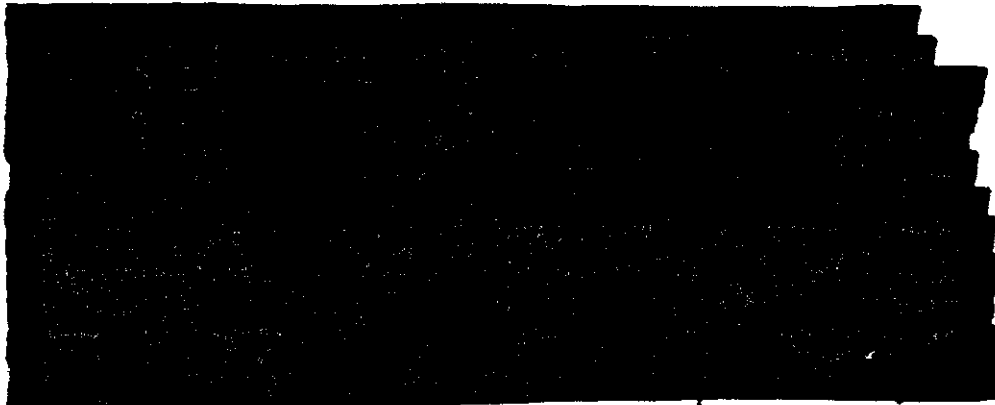
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appalled to see a small child used as a pawn in these efforts, and the custody issue grotesquely manipulated to damage not only the individuals involved, but the Project, ours and Guyana's national policies, the integrity of members of Congress, and your own Administration's efforts to improve our relations in that area of the hemisphere.

We have already been pushed far enough, not to mention the unethical pressures exerted on those in official capacity. Now, as Tim Stoen threatened he would instigate, the IRS has notified us that they are looking into the church's fiscal affairs. This is the last straw. I believe you will understand through the course of this letter why we felt we were left no option but to bring our distress to the immediate attention of our President, members of Congress, and the State Department, and why it will be of concern to our nation's leaders.

Before we presume any further on your time, Mr. President, we wish to also state adamantly that we can prove all that is about to be said. We have documents, affidavits, letters, articles, every type of proof; and our members stand ready and willing to verify their personal testimonies with lie detector tests. Ours is not an appetite for vengeance, but for justice. We are sure to lodge no claims without proof; and our most urgent desire at this time is simply to be allowed to build in peace.

#### THE BACKGROUND OF THE CUSTODY CASE



Jim and Marceline Jones are devoted to John; he is deeply attached to them. He is happy and healthy where he is, which your Office should feel free to come and assess personally.

Yet he and Grace Stoen are presently suing for joint custody of the child in a Guyanese court.

The Peoples Temple large and vocal membership, both here and in Guyana, are incensed and sickened by this turn of events, and determined that no conscientious effort shall be spared to keep this dearly-loved and excellently cared for child exactly where he is: with his father and his very loving mother figure in Marceline Jones. It was because of Tim Stoen's personal need that Rev. Jones consented to his request, which is described in Mr. Stoen's own affidavit (attached). It was not his proudest achievement by any means, but Jim is deeply devoted to his son John now that the child is here. Needless to say, of paramount importance now is simply the protection of the child, which is a moral issue with the many thousands of Peoples Temple members. They know the backgrounds of both Tim and Grace Stoen; and they see that it would be cruel, inhuman, intolerable for this happy, well-adjusted child to be removed.

Indeed, Jim Jones, although he has many thousands of loyal members in the United States, is unable to return at this time; as court orders have been issued here, although even on purely legal grounds the case is in Guyana since the child was abandoned in Guyana. Yet such are the connections of the Stoens, that no sooner had a leading columnist broken the news that John Victor is really Jim Jones' child, the Stoens WITHIN 24 HOURS had "reunited" (Grace had been pursuing a divorce) and had been AWARDED "joint custody"! How the wheels of justice appear to turn for some.

Yet one of the most recent lies to reach our ears, direct from a Guyanese Inspector, was that Tim Stoen told him that John was not even living with Jim Jones in Guyana; that Jim was using this just as an "excuse"; that the custody of John was not the real reason Jim Jones wouldn't return to the United States. Two of our members, Mr. Beam and Ms. Wilkerson, can personally verify that these lies were being spread. The truth is: John lives right in the Jones' household, his custody IS the real reason Jim Jones has not returned. Yet, the implication that there were other underlying reasons for Jim's decision to stay in Guyana was given to instigate the present probe by the IRS!

#### TIM STOEN

Mr. President, this would seem to make no rational sense; there are other undisclosed pressures being brought to bear on this situation. Tim Stoen wasn't just a passing member of Peoples Temple: he was its legal counsel, and prided himself on being a "model member" for ten years. As recently as August 23, 1977 (Ukiah Daily Journal article attached), he was quoted as saying, "I have always made known my esteem for Jim Jones." His sudden unaccountable 180° turn now, with no further contact with Jim Jones, Peoples Temple or its members, from the August 23rd statement to present, is absolutely suspect. Yet we do know that during that time he was threatened by certain individuals with prosecution which was already underway for some law he allegedly violated; since his sudden turn, that prosecution has been withheld.

Another fact is evident: Mr. and Mrs. Stoen are being paid by unethical means. Neither is employed yet they travel all over, stay at the most expensive hotels, and retain highly-paid attorneys. Tim Stoen hasn't worked in a whole year, yet somehow has resources to set up residence in Manhattan (he claims); plus law offices in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. He just told a local paper in this area that he and Grace are funded by working and "loans". He does not reveal the source of said "loans", if this is the case at all. It hardly seems likely, considering rent costs alone in cities thousands of miles apart.

It is a hard experience for us to see Mr. Stoen acting this way. Life has brought us many painful discoveries. We do not hesitate to say we came from a posture that was far more utopian than the one we now take. We have never made any requirement of anyone for their political leanings, much the same way we have always been willing to assist people in need regardless of their political or ideological belief. We were perhaps too accepting of where people were coming from, because obviously we were deceived. But we have always believed that human potential can be oriented for good, and have achieved remarkable results, as you can see from the enclosed materials. Where we have erred has been on the side of utopian idealism.

Now we have found our way: we believe in lighting candles rather than cursing the darkness. But our hardest lessons have come from ones like Tim Stoen, for whose recent complete turnabout we have only one possible explanation: the disruption he and other "ex-members" are causing was either "bought" or was intended all along.

Tim Stoen always claimed to be "further to the left than Huey Newton". But many things about him, such as his deviant personal patterns, we only learned of at a later time, through the direct testimony of his wife (see attached). We now also know of the graphic diagrams drawn up by Stoen himself, of how he intended to step over individuals to become President. Members have come forward who were

approached by Stoen.

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This all came out later. The person who brought this to light will gladly take a lie detector test on the matter. We challenge Mr. Stoen to do the same.

Such ideas were invariably rejected, but unfortunately not thought meant to be taken seriously at the time (that was never our way), so not brought to the forefront of scrutiny. But now we have learned about other aspects of Mr. Stoen's background, detailed in the attached article on his trip to East Berlin, showing him to be staunchly against every political idea he tried to inculcate in us. We are not objecting to the stance made by Tim Stoen, but he told us he had never been to such a place. And when he came to us, he presented himself as of the left, not of the right. He was always pushing for violence. The puzzle can now be put together, and it seems clear that he was deceptive and provoking from the start. And strange though it must seem, been able to win support and friendship over the years from people of even very conservative orientation, as our foremost focus has consistently been human service, not political propagandizing of any type. We have found decent people in every camp - liberal, moderate, conservative - and in fact when we faced attacks, some of the most conservative people rose to our defense, seeing what was really behind all this. It is the sheer unscrupulousness, the inhumanity, the destructive purposes - in someone of ANY political orientation - that appalls us in Tim Stoen.

It is horrendous to now see Trotskyites and their lies being dignified! Ironically, we had just succeeded in ridding our fellowship of the last of them, but they were obviously not content to just leave. Tim Stoen's disappointment on departure was that we were not violent enough! Life teaches us many difficult things.

#### CHALLENGE TO THE TERRORISTS

*We challenge Tim Stoen and other would-be detractors to take lie detector tests about their recommendations of violence which were intended to lead people astray! We challenge him to do this about diagrams he drew up to step over others to reach the Presidency! It is destructive ones like Stoen who have brought pain to us and who will ultimately - if they are allowed to continue with their present destructive activities - bring pain to our country.*

*Our people in turn will take lie detector tests or truth serum to prove who is right and who is wrong. Thousands upon thousands of people are willing to do this, to verify what we stand for in terms of peace, non-partisanship and nonviolence. The 1500 people at the Project, not to mention the thousands in the U.S., who are devoted along with Rev. Jones to a path of peace and human service, would be upset beyond measure if ruthless individuals who tried to detour us on a violent course in previous days were to now harm the brightest hope of our lives.*

The vast majority of our members come from deprived circumstances and the bitterness of inner city life; and countless young people who have been rehabilitated from lives of crime, violence, and militant views have found in Peoples Temple for the first time an accommodation to the system and a desire to work through it for change. Encouraging constructive direction out of their disillusionment in life has not always been easy. Tim Stoen and these others would have made our people the "pawns" of their terrorist schemes, but their orientation was simply unacceptable to us. They were always wanting to do grandiose things, to tear things down rather than work for constructive development and peaceful social change. We would never go along with them, even when we were less aware. Now they seem bent on provoking a continuing "war" - and we absolutely do not want.

Others have approached us too, Mr. President, even since Tim Stoen left, "underground" groups

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from all areas of the world. They claimed they would help us if only we would give the United States a bad name in the Third World by claiming bad treatment of Blacks. We have consistently and resolutely refused such approaches, Mr. President, and shall continue to do so. This is entirely contrary to our purposes.

Indeed, we welcome you to verify every aspect of our relating to the Guyanese and all the many Third World visitors we have had through the Project on that point. Countless witnesses over our amateur ham radio network, can verify that we have been called "sell out socialists" because we have adamantly taken our stand to build relations rather than destroy them, and remain pacifist throughout. And we are afraid of no one in this regard: we are simply determined to do what is right. We openly praise the United States here. We had gone through harassments and persecutions in the U.S., so intense that at times death had seemed preferable—bombs planted, assassination attempts, arson, children harassed, animals mutilated—yet not once have we mentioned it to the Guyanese. We praise the U.S. in thousands of ham radio contacts and shall continue to do so. You can check the sincerity of our Pastor's voice over the waves. Our course is certain; it is peaceful; we affirm our good intentions by honest, constructive work every single day.

We have confidence in our country, for you in government to stand by Americans who are a credit to the nation. And if indeed our trusts and expectations were to be shattered, if our Pastor had misjudged the fairness of the U.S., then we could readily stand with the earlier patriot, Patrick Henry, and say, "Give us liberty or give us death." We've come through too much not to stand! Our children have a future; our young people have happy, constructive lives; our seniors will spend their last years in peace. Whatever lies have been told, Mr. President, there would be no justice in hurting us. All we want is for these monstrous provocations and harassments and persecutions to cease, and for you and our government to aid in stopping these destructive elements from bringing pain to us all—the U.S., Guyana, defenseless children, or anything else that appears to be getting in their way.

#### CONSPIRACY

For this is hardly just a couple of individuals involved in these attempts, nor are their efforts solely directed at us. We have mountains of evidence to prove that this is a conspiracy: planned, coordinated, orchestrated and designed to implicate the media, governmental agencies, and numerous individuals who have had no involvement with Peoples Temple at all, but are simply designated to destroy it. Nor has it been confined to just hurting us. You can easily see the damage that would be wrought on the credibility of members of Congress who have been enlisted to support Mr. Stoen's "paternity claim"; the compromise intended of the State Department, were they to intervene.

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He has just broadcast in the press the ludicrous lie that Jim Jones has the Guyanese government "very much in his hands" — the reason offered being that he, Tim Stoen, was not granted an instant audience with the Deputy Prime Minister of Guyana! No one, not Jim Jones, no one has the right to barge into Dr. Reid's office and demand to be seen! It is the equivalent of demanding an instant audience with Vice President Mondale here in the United States. It's insulting to the Guyanese. It's the "Ugly American" all over again. Yet ploys like this are being manipulated to turn public and governmental sentiment against Jim Jones and Guyana simultaneously. The damage intended, Mr. President, is widespread and reckless, violating legal, Constitutional, human rights, and international protocol.

When we discovered proof-positive evidence that Interpol had been responsible for planning and orchestrating the attacks against Peoples Temple in the media, we found that this "bad press" was also circulated internationally. Rev. Jim Jones was said to have instigated a certain riot in Guyana, years back. Anyone can check Rev. Jones' passport—he wasn't even there!! We have proof that large sums of money are being given to Tim Stoen

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and numerous others - even the most radical elements in Guyana - to harass us. Offers have even been made to harass us through means other than the legal system.

Therefore, we shall present to you, members of Congress and the State Department, an outline of the personalities, tactics, and methods involved in the conspiracy against Peoples Temple. We have nothing to hide, and everything to gain by the exposure. Our people are at the end of their rope with tolerance. We never asked for "international incidents", such as have been whipped up in the custody case, and we implore governmental assistance to put a halt to terrorists and blackmailers, liars, thieves and paid agents who are out to destroy people whose accomplishments we feel confident you will want to protect and promote, Mr. President, when you have the full range of facts.

#### ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

When a Black Mayor came to speak at the Temple a year back, we discovered two men spying outside the building with electronic devices. They fled when approached by one of our members, but she got their license number. Their identity was traced through their rented car to proof-positive identification of two electronics communications experts in the employ of the armed services. A public relations firm was hired for a year and a half to manipulate the press to malign us. Much has come out of the fact that we made our protests of the surveillance known to several Congressmen and that we have absolutely documented evidence in the matter! Several sympathetic persons in government, and our law enforcement officials aided us in this protest. We wrote directly to the powerful legislator, from many states away, thousands of miles away, under whose jurisdiction these men fell, and got no more than the cover-up that he would never check on what these men do on their own time, off hours, or weekends! No one travels thousands of miles away on a specific, verified spying mission on their off hours! We feel it is our duty to bring this to your attention, and let you know how it relates to our situation.

#### BLACKMAIL ATTEMPT

Just a few months after that—but just prior to when Tim Stoen left Guyana, and subsequently "quit" the church—an Indian leader was approached by one Standard Oil employee, claiming to be working with agents from the Treasury Department, and also with several "ex-members", specifically giving the name of Grace Stoen. He said if the leader would only join those trying to discredit Jim Jones, he would be rewarded by having his legal difficulties resolved, which in his case is a life-and-death matter. He was also told that if he did not cooperate, it would go badly for him.

This courageous Native American refused the blackmail and bribery attempt, and later exposed the man publicly who had approached him. His sworn affidavit specifically implicates Grace Stoen. In fact, the man who made this attempt told him outright that John Victor is the son of Jim Jones! It is obvious that the people working in the conspiracy all know this. At that time, it was not publicized, the Indian leader never even suspecting, yet this was thrown up to him as "proof" that Jim Jones would be discredited, which in turn would reflect badly on the leader's legal troubles, his having been associated with Jim Jones by accepting money from our church to meet a family crisis. (The entire amount was later repaid.) Of course later, when Tim Stoen was "accused" for the conspiracy, this all changed.

It was also revealed later, in the local press, that the man who made the blackmail attempt is a long-time close friend of the "ex-members" Mertles (aka Jeanne and AJ Mills), who had been investigating the Peoples Temple for seven years, dating from when the Mertles first became members, as he himself admitted!

#### MEDIA ATTACKS

It was no surprise, then, to see Elmer and Deanna Mertle, Grace Stoen [redacted] plus several individuals known to openly promote terrorist activities, all appearing together as "indignant ex-members of Peoples Temple" with a "corroborated story" in the wave of media attacks in the summer of 1977. Their lies were subsequently picked up and dignified in the major dailies here.

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with no proof of their statements, no statement of the Temple included, a host of faceless accusers, innuendoes, and lurid scenarios we could not even begin to recognize. The original magazine to run the story praised the following "ex-members" for having the "courage to step forth":

the heroes, who from every indication joined the Temple in the first place with the express intent of "doing us in", who also stole money from the church, numerous young people who had tried to advocate a course of violence.

It takes no researcher to see where the truth lies, only common sense. In fact, every group will have liars. That this group has so few, when there is so much inducement—money, publicity—can give every thinking person reason to stand back and take notice. People must be receiving far more that they really value, than even a high-finance conspiracy can provide for them.

#### CRIMINALS AT THE HELM

Last fall, a story broke in the local press which shed a good deal of light on these media attacks. Joseph A. Mazor, a man with a 75-page criminal record for various bogus checks and fraud charges in several states, was discovered to be the coordinator of the attacks. Somehow Mr. Mazor managed to obtain a state investigator's license after being released from prison in 1976. Yet a confidential 16-page report of the California Adult Authority on this individual, written in 1970 states of Mazor: "He is a smooth 'con man' with an insatiable desire to get ahead. He is bright, well-educated, and so well-versed in the law that he had five attorneys in the Pomona area convinced that he had a law degree. It is felt that the subject is a menace to the community."

Mazor admits to being employed to investigate Peoples Temple from November 1976 on, but refuses to say who pays him. He also says he is currently employed by "several ex-members, including Elmer and Deanna Mertle." His function is not only to investigate, this paper learned, but he has also been responsible for coordinating the press campaign through the use of one of the largest, most expensive public relations firms in San Francisco: Lowry, Russom and Leeper. An executive from the firm confirmed working with Mazor "on the Peoples Temple project, showing him how to handle the media." Other sources from the firm stated that the executive was specifically sending out letters to selected journalists, offering them—through Mazor—"exclusive material of an incriminating nature against Peoples Temple." The campaign is known to have resulted in at least one article in a major news daily charging fraud, complete with a lawsuit!

We know that these conspirators decided on using the media to try and convict the Temple only when legal legitimate channels were determined to be ineffective, due to lack of evidence! It is equally remarkable that people bringing these kinds of "suits"—like the Mertles, and the Williams—knowing we are honest and law-abiding people, threw up threats of this kind of suit to us earlier: they vowed to trump this up for PR purposes!

Now we see this also coordinated with other false accusations brought to IRS to whip up an investigation against Peoples Temple. **THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT TIM STOEN THREATENED HE WOULD HAVE DONE.**

Our government is being used, Mr. President. We have never believed or said that this is a conspiracy of people in politics, but rather that agencies in government are being used. We have no option but to appeal to your Office to put a stop to this. When criminals are calling the shots against some 1,500 citizens who are steadily at work to build good-will between nations, this is horrendous and intolerable.

Ask the IRS to have them produce their lying witnesses! They have simply filed the harassment suits for publicity value which Stoen bragged he would have done!

We ourselves took the initiative of checking with IRS, under the Freedom of Information Act, when we learned of Stoen's threats. We asked if they had issue with us, which of course they did not—we have always been very careful, and meticulously honest. Now we have suddenly received a notice of investigation. We can provide further convincing documentation on the use of agencies:

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we also know of, aside from Joseph Mazor's long criminal record, his connection with Interpol. And indeed, some of the attacks coordinated internationally look remarkably similar to what we have seen here in San Francisco. Even with no further documentation at all, the parallels would be blatant.

#### U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZES TEMPLE CARGO

In August, 1977, seven agents of the U.S. Customs Dept. broke into crates of supplies being shipped by the Temple to our Agricultural Mission in Guyana, South America. The Customs agents refused to give any explanation or probable cause for this sudden search and interruption of our shipment. When our attorney, Charles Garry, demanded an explanation of the U.S. Customs Dept., they replied they were "exempt from disclosure" and refused to give any answers.

The freight forwarders in the city where this occurred also stated that these were not local Customs agents—they were definitely from another part of the country.

Only later we learned that the real reason the crates were broken open was that lies had been fed to some people in Guyana from Interpol; one lie had to do with guns, the other with drugs. Even when we were not as moderate as we are now, Mr. President, they knew we were opposed to those things in all forms. See for yourself the many pages of commendations accorded our group for extensive drug rehabilitation and for model cooperation with law enforcement agencies over many, many years.

Again we reiterate our contention that our government is being used. We never blamed the Customs Dept. for instigating this, nor do we object to having every large box gone through: that should be proof of our integrity.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WITHHELD

Moreover, we were disinclined to raise any kind of issue over the extreme distress of having our senior and disabled members in Guyana cut off from their Social Security—for months! We had the evidence right in our hands—a Postal Service memo instructing this be done. One prominent Black journalist printed in his paper that what rightfully belonged to people was being held back: this was only one of many papers friendly to us, but we did not press this to any open forum. We quietly and appropriately protested, through letters, telegrams, and our Congressional representative, and the situation was duly remedied.

YET THIS CONTINUES. EVERY DEPARTMENT, BIG AND SMALL, HAS COME DOWN ON US. MANY TIMES THEY APOLOGIZED AFTER WE WERE CLEARED OF ALL THE ALLEGATIONS, IN FACT SOME APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING TO DO IT AT ALL.

#### WHY HAS THE PEOPLES TEMPLE BEEN ATTACKED AT ALL?

We feel frank words of explanation are in order. We are not, and never have been guilty of the horrendous accusations launched against us. But we are fully aware of the vulnerability of our position over the years. We were always controversial but highly principled. We knew that with the decision to stand for often unpopular causes, came the enormous responsibility of being honest, of being hard-working, humanitarian and good. We were always concerned that our children didn't cut classes and were high achievers (as a local High School principal would be glad to affirm); we've absolutely not tolerated drugs or violence; we've gone the extra mile again and again to prove that at heart we are, and always were humanitarians. Jim Jones saw massive urban deterioration and decay, violence, drugs, and crime with no easy solutions. We felt in great need of concepts around which people could rally and unify. But we never found any substitute for massive practical reformation of thousands of individual lives—meeting specific needs, recognizing and fostering individual talents, providing a community where people could live productive and fulfilling lives. We've worked at being humanitarian. Mr. President—as an organization, as individuals, as our highest priority. We've been written into the Congressional Record twice, and our Pastor honored as one of the 100 most outstanding clergymen in America by Religion in American Life. The facts speak for



themselves

No one ever affirming to the left could possibly achieve such a wide-ranging base of support as we have—it's a contradiction in terms! People seem to want to victimize us over what we called ourselves—but the evidence is staggering (especially in Guyana) of what we are. Maybe the San Francisco Bay Guardian article sums it up best: "Jim Jones has made his share of enemies for his political stands, but no one accuses him of being a hypocrite." You can assess for yourself that no one but a person of the highest integrity and dedication to human concerns could possibly take thousands of people who would have lashed out violently at the system and given them a reason to be constructive. Our detractors, with their terrorist, and also atheistic backgrounds (atheism being their privilege, but leaving little room to piously downgrade people who have lived Christian principles), would try to promote the very kinds of social disruption we have had enormous effectiveness in stopping. What we are doing is to the advantage of the system! And perhaps the crux of our urgent appeal to you and our Congressional and diplomatic representatives lies in the fact that you now have the evidence to determine this all for yourselves and to not allow us to be hounded forever for our philosophical errors of the past. We have gone through great philosophical transitions; we have reached a healthy balance that is creating healthy, happy, well-adjusted and productive lives. Communities like Jonestown help America. And it is Jim Jones' faith, imparted to his people, that America will come to see this. Then this harassment would have no platform and it would cease. The most enormous fulfillment of our lives is simply to build in peace.

In fact, "labels" have lost their importance to us now, we have the reality of what we seek. We have certainly seen enough people ruthlessly manipulate "labels" to suit their own devious ends rather than to serve legitimate human needs and concerns. And we have found a phenomenally fulfilling cooperative lifestyle in Guyana—we couldn't begin to "label" it if we tried!

We've also learned a lot of realism in the process, too, and frankly see America and her great strengths more clearly now from afar. We believe in working for American solutions to American problems, just as Guyana must work for solutions to Guyanese problems, or the Soviet Union for solutions for her own people. We have come to see the realities of life, and we are non-partisan and non-aligned in our outlook. Now our only interest is to help the United States and Guyana move forward peacefully in our grassroots democratic setting, where not only our own people's needs are abundantly met, but we can reach out to others in very absorbing and fulfilling ways.

#### WHAT WE ARE ACCOMPLISHING

This environment is pristine: no violence, no crime, no anti-social behavior, none. Not one family uses corporal punishment at all, we don't believe in it—that's as factual as can be. Leadership is through example, without any coercion at all. We have found a way to motivate people through rewards, a most attractive situation which more and more people are having the opportunity to see first-hand. Our perspective is self-evident; we live it in our everyday lives.

Jim Jones himself has been doing agricultural work for nine months, not even going to the port nearest the Project, that's how tired he is of politics. But the United States should appreciate Guyana as it is, a struggling nation still very young, in a third world situation where it is not always easy to show goodwill to the U.S. But there is a positive feeling throughout Guyana now towards the U.S., to such a degree that some stupidly refer to us being with CIA because of our helping to enhance goodwill between two peoples, by our very successful humanitarian service!! (Stoen has even threatened to intentionally destroy this positive feeling in Guyana towards the U.S. and to provoke a rift in U.S.-Guyanese relations.) Fortunately though, we have had sufficient peace in Guyana to date to concentrate on building, and that we have done at a remarkable pace. We have found peace, and our community is thoroughly happy.

We have every reason to assert that the Jonestown Project is a model achievement of which America and her leaders, you, our President, our Congress and our State Department can be justly proud. It can be easily verified with both U.S. and Guyana officials and other government leaders as to what kind of program it is and how we are enhancing relations between the

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U.S. and Guyana, our only purpose now. Ours is an exemplary American project which the Guyanese government wants and supports! This is no "remote jungle outpost", but rather a heavily-trafficked model community, through which the Guyanese government brings visiting foreign dignitaries with distinct pride.

We are a people with much faith in you and in our government, a fact we make widely known. But we also need to make known to you and all our nation's leaders, that it is a faith that was not easily won, and the strain we have to endure in seeing it jeopardized is great. Singlehandedly, the Peoples Temple under the guidance of Jim Jones, has taken hundreds of disaffected youth off the streets—drug addicts, criminal types, the hard-core unemployed—and made clean, decent, productive lives possible for them. The Project itself was begun as an alternative lifestyle for those who couldn't "make it", to give the disadvantaged a new start—with no government funding or grants, only grass-roots efforts, with a lot of good American know-how and technology—pioneers in a new world. And it is good we did find this solution, because now the "moderates" of our group, some 20,000 of them, dispersed throughout the United States, are working for peace, whereas 1500 who might not have been able to are now doing very well in this accepting, nurturing environment, instead of draining literally millions of the taxpayer's money to support them. No SSI, no Medi-Cal, no Medicare (we have our own insurance), no welfare goes out to any of those who benefit from our overseas program. Nor do the U.S. taxpayers have to compensate for the crime, destruction of property, and institutionalization of many of these young dissidents. From what we have seen in the cultural transition, from what the youth now in Guyana have told us they were involved in or would have gotten forced into in their home environments, untold millions have been saved. Here the youth do not feel the contrast reflected on T.V. which they, faced with unemployment and no opportunity to learn the work ethic, whether black or white, see as unobtainable. Their feelings about the U.S. have changed now that they have the opportunity to be out in nature in an ideal climate, moderated by trade winds, where there is abundant wild life, fishing, swimming, soccer, basketball courts and teams and all kinds of musical opportunities in singing and dancing. With a constructive life to lead, alienation has been overcome.

Of course, we've always been interested in specifically Black concerns as well, with a large interracial congregation, and the completely interracial character of Guyana itself has fostered a good reorientation of self-image for so many there. Our young people in Jonestown, even those who previously had some of the worst anti-social patterns, now report being happier and more productive than they ever dreamed possible. Now the Project has burgeoned out into a remarkable cooperative, where poverty and chronic ill-health, slums and unemployment—all the earmarks of urban deterioration—are fading memories for people who were largely veterans of the inner cities here.

How wrong it would be for America to allow this dream-come-true to be destroyed! Where would these people go, what would they do if their faith, now remarkably restored, were again to be dashed to the ground? People who cannot make adjustments to the grueling conditions of city life have the right to launch out and be pioneers in a new world—and beyond any doubt, to the credit of America! This could be a model for other troubled and alienated people. Every person on the Project plus the many, many visitors who have been through it, will attest to what is happening there. We could provide hundreds, thousands of letters. You yourself, Mr. President, or any member of Congress, are welcome to go through the Project personally. We would be glad to be scrutinized. We had not solicited the press when we were under attack; we had been warned by people of every orientation—liberal, moderate, conservative—not to trust the press. But now, we even expect a delegation of major news media to be coming through, and we look forward to introducing them to this beautiful way of life—the peaceful path of humanitarian service which is what, at the heart of it, we always wanted to achieve. For we have been able to bring great benefits to this whole area—food, medical assistance, and even training in all kinds of academic subjects. We are teaching the mathematics of crop difficulties, what an acre can produce and what it will cost, how to use chemistry to break down the soil, physics, biology. Many of our young people once left to wander the streets, are now becoming avid agronomists.

Now we want to, and are able to compensate for the times we did not know our way. We have gone through a great transition. We appreciate the U.S. much better from abroad—one can see its great strengths. We have found, in the peace and happiness of Jonestown, the honest work, the decent human relations and shared concerns, the capacity to use democratic participatory government to build entire industries (we have several in the making), that there is no "label" on human dignity and the wealth of human potential that can be motivated for good. We will always be humanitarian pacifists, working within society. Rev. Jones has been at the Project for nine months now, and does not envy those of you who are in the realm of politics; you have such a tremendous responsibility to bear! And we have the good and wholesome feeling there that we have had great success in saving and transforming lost lives; that people who felt they could not participate before or make a difference now have the pride of being a credit to their country! It means more than any of us can say, and the thought of its being destroyed is too devastating to contemplate.

We are at work building ties that can be depended on for the United States, which anyone can bear out. We have broadcasts twice a week in Georgetown, where we praise the United States. In just the last few weeks, we have made well over 2,000 contacts through our ham radio system operating in Guyana, promoting goodwill and understanding to many wonderful Americans in every part of the country, as well as other areas of the world. All kinds of medical consultations have taken place (see attached flyer with news articles) between our doctor and medical staff in Jonestown and doctors in the U.S. via amateur radio. The lives of several people brought to us from neighboring communities have been saved. We have also discovered a marked understanding—almost universally so—of the need for non-intervention, mutual co-existence, and aid to our neighbors to the South, which has been most encouraging; and we are proud to strengthen the efforts of your own Administration towards this area of the world, and facilitate them. Rev. Jim Jones has personally spearheaded this new project, with great energy and persistence. He and the people on the Project have been gratified to find that a humanitarian role is genuinely appreciated in this world where there is a great need to transcend national, political, racial and religious barriers, which can sometimes obfuscate the greater goals of meeting massive, practical needs and promoting peace.

#### OUR APPEAL TO OUR GOVERNMENT

In recent weeks, Tim Stoen has embarked on a pilgrimage through the Congressional offices of Washington, enlisting support on the custody case based on fallacious claims of paternity, and lies about our leader and the Project. Several members of Congress—many of them good, conscientious men we don't doubt—have been persuaded to sign a recommendation for Mr. Stoen, advocating his interest. We doubt they would have ever signed their name to such a document if they had been aware of the facts. And we entreat every one of these individuals to renege the "endorsement" that was unscrupulously gleaned from them at the risk of compromising themselves, for now they have reason to know that neither their own interests, their country's, nor the interests of impartial justice will be served by their name being lent to such ill-motivated efforts. In fact, we urge these, and all our other Congresspersons, to support non-intervention in Guyanese affairs—the stated policy of the U.S. State Department.

As for the IRS, perhaps they thought of Peoples Temple as some kind of threat. But you can see for yourself their sources, and determine where the truth lies. Please—in the name of decency—ask this agency to change its course! All that has been done is to get people to believe in society and that will be undone if this continues. Our people had been so alienated. All they can see in this is a set-up, a "classic scenario": first muddy our name, then try and force one minority leader to sell another out, whip up attacks in the press, and then: by the time you reach "the classic ending", the frame-ups, the "kill", no one even cares. And they think that the press has already done its job, so on-one will care about the frame-ups. It is up to responsible aware government to prove differently, and we are looking to the integrity we have seen in you to bear this out. For our own part, we stand prepared to back up all our contentions under any objective and fair scrutiny.

We are tired of this mindless and groundless harassment! Jim Jones has done all he can do—he has

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remarkably restored the faith of people who were absolutely broken, many of whom would have been bent on destruction. He has rid our movement thoroughly of terrorist elements who, because they could not use us as a frontline to tear up this nation have now turned around to destroy us. He assures our people constantly, this is not our government doing this. He has said himself that he felt there was a wave of change, that agencies such as IRS were no longer used to harass groups or individuals in spite of Jack Anderson's recent column to the contrary. He continues to believe that this is NOT a conspiracy of persons in politics, but of people *instigating* action by political agencies. He reiterates again and again on thousands of radio contacts the great strides being made by your Administration, loyally upholding you in the highest fashion.

We could go on and on. We have spent no money except to build—a program which is the most significant kind of grassroots like between two people. Tim Stoen has spent thousands and solely to tear down—our work, Guyanese—American relations, hope for little children. We are peace-loving people, made so by decent, productive work and the enormous inspiration of our humanitarian leader. Now they would even threaten his health—he cannot endure much more of this, it is too much for one to bear alone. He feels too deeply for the safety and security of everyone; and it could literally kill him to see his child dragged away to be “raised” by terrorists and sadists; or to see his people thrown back into the counter-productive and destructive modes of life it took years to rehabilitate them from. Where in heaven's name would this organization be without the constant moderation and direction of Jim Jones? Yet many believe by this point that this is exactly what Tim Stoen and the others are out to do—destroy and kill the person who has given many the only hope they have ever known! We need to keep our people's faith alive and the program going. These threats, harassment—when we are doing so much good—are getting to be more than they can endure.

We implore you to investigate these sources yourself and determine the conspiracy behind it. Investigate the Project. We are a credit to both America and Guyana. We are in a unique position to cement relations between two peoples, and we are avid and positive towards that end. We are a practical model and can make THE significant difference.

The impending IRS investigation, deliberately provoked by false charges and lies as Tim Stoen had threatened, will totally alienate our membership. How much can people be expected to take?  
**WE URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR HELP.**

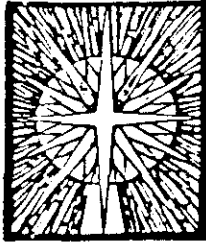
Thank you, Mr. President, for your patience and your time. We feel confident that these concerns are being delivered into the most competent hands.

Respectfully yours,

*L. J. Johnston*  
L. J. Johnston

cc: All Members of Congress  
Members of the U.S. State Dept.

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# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*Jim Jones,*  
Pastor

February 9, 1978

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*"For I was an hungered  
and ye gave me meat:  
I was thirsty  
and ye gave me drink:  
I was a stranger  
and ye took me in,  
Naked, and ye clothed me,  
I was sick and ye visited me,  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.*

*"Then shall the righteous  
Answer him, saying,*

*When saw we thee an hungered  
And fed thee?  
Or thirsty  
And gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger  
And took thee in?  
Or naked, and clothed thee?  
Or when saw we thee sick?  
Or in prison,  
And came unto thee?*

*"Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
Unto one of the least of these,  
Ye have done it unto me."*

Matthew 25: 35-40

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

I am writing in reference to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in the North West District of Guyana, established by the Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple Christian Church based in San Francisco. The project is now winning acclaim not only from the Guyanese, but many visiting foreign delegations, whom the Guyanese government has given our community the honor to host. Recently we were glad to welcome Mr. Frank Tumminia to the site, who is the official in charge of the Guyana Desk at our own U.S. State Department. He was most cordial and positive, and we welcomed him to return at a later time.

We are able to maintain close communication with our Guyanese work through our ham radio network, operation number WB6MID/8R3 and WB6MNH/8R1. If you have any expertise in this field, you may have found that radio operators can make wonderful ambassadors, having access to frequencies all over the globe. Even in our initial radio work, we were able to make many friendly contacts by chance, and to be of assistance to others, such as relaying requests for medical assistance that we picked up on our radio.

Recently, we decided to start using our radio capacity (using the Guyana station) in the most constructive way possible, to strengthen U.S.-Guyanese relations, and to convey our support for the Carter Administration Caribbean policies all across the United States. We have found the response to your and Ambassador Andrew Young's initiatives most encouraging; and have also found a marked understanding of the need for non-intervention, mutual co-existence, and aid to our neighbors to the South.

Reverend Jim Jones has spearheaded this new effort with great energy and persistence. He and others have been putting in many long hours making radio contact with many wonderful Americans from every area of the United States. We are proud to do our part to support your Administration while also strengthening ties within our hemisphere even from many thousands of miles away.

The following list of 195 radio operators' identification numbers is only a partial list of contacts we have made recently. We expect 700 more identification numbers to be forthcoming in the near future, which we will also forward to you:

WA3VQE  
WA2ZJT  
VE2MR

K29IH  
WOEWC  
K2JVK

WA7DBY  
VE2MRS  
W3BRQ

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K3VIA  
W2CBV  
WB3SLH  
WB3PEP  
W1IRV  
K3VAA  
WB3KKB  
WB3YBE  
WB3YOU  
WD3JRS  
HOAFC/W1  
W3YFR  
K3FWR  
WOGFH  
K3HGU  
W3MJY  
W1ZWB  
WOGUC  
WA3TLI  
WA2SLM  
KOSA  
W3TWW  
WA3DUD  
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K4BZM  
W4HEZ  
W1CGH  
WAOWXS  
N4KK  
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WA3NTM  
WA4RWO  
KOER/3  
W0VWL  
K4FUV  
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K3HGX  
WB3BNH  
WB1QEU  
W4PG  
WD7EIQ  
WB3YZC  
WB1QEQ  
KOWJB  
WA6UWE  
W1Z0I  
ZS20K  
K0BUU/3  
K3IRB  
WA4WZI  
K1BOG  
WB2LK/HR2

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K1HZ  
K3CXY  
WB6BGP  
KORLB  
WOTRU  
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WD3BDR  
W1AJY  
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KOLRB  
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WB3ZJN  
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W0JNV  
WA3BIW  
W4MUG  
N4UN  
KOGSK  
WBOETS  
WB1HPP  
W0ABJ  
WD4GHD  
WBOEWC  
WB3YTK  
K3HLD  
W4FW  
W1UBU  
WB1KCN  
WB2IXG  
WB3JSO  
K4SR  
WA10HH  
WB4PIP  
WA2FXJ  
WA3LBN  
WD4HDV  
W4SEH/2  
WA3NDY  
K1CMB  
WB3TEB  
W1POQ  
WA3TTK  
W0PMY  
WA3RNP  
Z4BLK

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WB3UOU  
K4JM  
WA3MDQ  
WOGWA  
WA1NBM  
K3VX  
K3YZR  
K2SW  
K3CGV  
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N3BP  
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WB3BNH  
WBBUBD  
WD3GSE

Again, we want to express to you the firm support of the Peoples Temple for your Administration's forward-looking policies in relation to Guyana and her neighbors. We will forward a continuation of this listing to you shortly.

Respectfully yours,

*Laurie Efrein*

Ms. Laurie Efrein,  
Corresponding Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

April 12, 1977

Dear Jim,

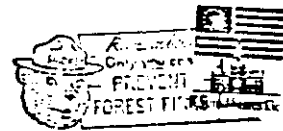
Thank you for your letter. I enjoyed being with you during the campaign — and do hope you can meet Ruth soon.

Your comments about Cuba are helpful. I hope your suggestion can be acted on in the near future.

Sincerely,

Rosalynn Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE




Reverend Jim Jones  
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Mike P: Another PR letter, unfortunately I cannot find the second page, hopefully you have a copy of ther already in Gtown. Perhaps again it could be exerpted and sent to the ministers. c1

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**Unity Through Action**

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May 4, 1978

Mr. President Carter  
White House  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Equal Rights Council to bring to your attention a matter that has been bothering us for a long time, and that is the attacks on the Peoples Temple and in particular on Reverend Jim Jones.

Even though we are not members of the Temple, we can see the amount of good that this organization has done. Peoples Temple and Reverend Jim Jones has done for poor people and minorities in particular what this government should be doing, and that is to fight to guarantee justice, peace and equality for all people. The Temple has not only fought for this but also has provided hope and guidance and actual results for all of us because, as I have said before, although we are not members we have seen and enjoyed the fruits of their work in the different communities that are represented here in San Francisco.

We ask of you to stop the type of Mcarthysm that is going on against Peoples Temple. Their mail is being checked, the social security checks are not being dealt with correctly, and who is the government using as their key witness but Tim Stone, a person with a very questionable reputation.

The Equal Rights Council believes in equal rights for all and will fight tooth and nail to guarantee this and for that matter we will stand by any leader, and/or organization, that is

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Mike P: use for PR support letter

I do not know about the statement about the first adequate medical care in their region --I think that would alienate any govt. officials, but maybe parts of the letter could be excerpted.

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Gluaisceacht Gasóglach agus Banóglach Náisiunta na hÉireann

Na Fianna Eireann  
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May 1, 1978

Mr. James Carter  
President of The United States  
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of The Irish Boy and Girl Scouts and members of the Irish community of San Francisco, I want to bring to light the serious nature of the recent smear campaign on The People's Temple and its pastor, Rev Jim Jones.

The work of People's Temple became important in San Francisco several years ago. The Temple initiated several service projects that were successful and very important to the community. They started a day care center that has developed into a real educational experience, especially important to minority children. They have run meal programs for hungry children and drug education projects. Many young people have been saved from a life of crime and addiction through the good work of People's Temple.

The issue of the harassment of People's Temple has taken an international importance with the establishment of the Temple's Agricultural Mission in Guyana. Through their work at the Project, Temple members are performing a valuable good-will mission in South America, and are supporting this country's policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The people of Guyana and visitors from all over the world have been very impressed by the achievements of the People's Temple Agricultural Mission. They see these Americans from the depths of California's decaying neighborhoods, the poor, the under-educated, the minorities, working together to carve a community out of the jungle.

Furthermore, they have developed many services for other residents of Guyana. They are providing the first adequate medical care in their region. They have engaged in road building, and through their radio have introduced invaluable communication connections in the area. The Project is held in the highest regard by the government of Guyana and is a fine example of co-operation between citizens of our two countries.

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## NA FIANNA ÉIREANN

Gluaiseacht Gasóglach agus Banóglach Náisiunta na hÉireann

The People's Temple has in the past taken a strong stand in support of such people as the leader of The American Indian Movement, Denis Banks, and the educator, Yvonne Golden. They mobilized several thousand people to demonstrate in support of the constitutional rights of three journalists jailed in Fresno for refusal to disclose their news sources.

Undoubtedly because of their progressive stand on these and similar issues they have made enemies. Recently there has been a pattern of harassment and interference with the work of the Temple that could only be instigated by powerful persons. They have come under electronic surveillance by employees of the armed services. Their friends have withstood blackmail and bribery attempts in efforts to discredit the Temple. The United States Customs has seized Temple cargo headed for Guyana. Now the IRS and The FCC are both threatening investigations. The FCC has even re-opened a minor complaint that was settled some time ago.

Throughout this time the media, especially the San Francisco, daily papers, has poured out a constant stream of abuse. In supposed "exposes" of People's Temple they have printed stories with distorted facts and outrageous allegations.

Since the media has repeatedly refused to print retractions or corrections of these smear stories, or even give equal time to People's Temple to present their side of the story, I'm speaking for the concerned citizens of San Francisco in asking you to organize a complete investigation and put a stop to this co-ordinated attack on a religious organization that is performing such good work in both domestic and international service.

Sincerely,

Cornelia Malone  
Secretary

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February 28, 1978

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to commend to you highly the work of Reverend Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. I first became acquainted with Jim Jones when he and his church came out early on behalf of my defense when I was in prison on charges for which I was later vindicated. This was at great risk to himself and his church, because my cause was not a popular one in church circles at that time. But I found on later personal contact with him, and to this day, that he is an ardent spokesman for justice who will speak out whenever he sees individuals or groups unjustly harassed or persecuted, whatever their race, background, or political persuasion. He is a humanitarian in the broadest sense of the word, who renders assistance often at great personal sacrifice, never concerned about what people think of his actions, but only that he is following the right course. He is a great champion of the poor and oppressed of our country, who has been able to organize and mobilize people to struggle for the racial equality and social justice which is our only insurance of freedom in the days to come.

You cannot realize how fortunate you are to have Rev. Jones spearhead an agricultural project in the Third World. He communicates with great sensitivity to Third World peoples, and his commitment to alleviating human suffering can hardly be matched. I am certain his intentions are of the best, and he will be a potent influence for good in strengthening America's relationship with that area of the hemisphere.

I understand efforts are underway to influence Congressmen to exert pressure on the State Department to intervene in a court matter under local Guyanese jurisdiction. This would be a foolhardy move, both from the standpoint of the best interests of the United States, and would surely antagonize the Guyanese, who are very competent to handle the matter, and the many thousands of Peoples Temple members and supporters here in the United States who are prepared to stand by Rev. Jones.

I urge you to give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Angela Y. Davis

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington D.C. 20520

February 24, 1978

The Reverend Jim Jones  
P.O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of President Carter, I want to thank you for taking the trouble to let him have your views on U.S. - Guyana relations. The President is very pleased to have the contributions of as many persons as possible in the formulation of our foreign policy.

While it is impossible for President Carter to respond personally to all of the correspondence he receives regarding American foreign policy, every communication is carefully read and noted, and the contents are reported to the Secretary of State and to other Department officials as well.

With our thanks again,

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter III  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

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## Letter to Carter Will Get You Quickest Response From Govt. Agencies

If you have a problem with the federal government, go straight to the top instead of fooling around with agency bureaucrats — a letter to the President gets special attention and a quick response.

The ENQUIRER learned that any letter addressed to President Jimmy Carter, which the White House determines requires action or response by a federal agency, is given VIP treatment by the bureaucrats.

We wrote eight letters to Presi-

dent Carter, each asking a typical question or posing a common problem that could be answered or solved by a federal agency.

We received replies to six out of eight letters. Most were answered within a month, and one agency called within nine days after the letter was sent.

We then contacted the agencies that

This is good to know, if it's really true.

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were involved in responding to our letters and found that in all cases the agencies give much higher priority to any mail referred to them by the White House.

"A White House-referred letter does have priority. It will be answered first," said Verne Jervis, an official with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Leo Parent, an official with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), agreed: "Take your problems right to the top, and you will get prompt action from the agency involved."

Echoed Al Rayford, a Veterans Administration spokesman: "We try to handle as expeditiously as possible mail from the White House — to get it answered as quickly as possible."

Dona Wolf, director of the Executive Secretariat at the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), admitted that letters without White House or other high-level type of priority "play second fiddle" and "may have a problem in terms of getting a response."

One letter we sent read: "Dear President Carter, I have read there are a great many programs to help young people get the money to attend college, but I don't know which of those programs might apply to me and where to get information about them. Can you help me?"

The reply we received contained a lengthy, helpful answer, and enclosed was a booklet explaining various student financial aid programs as well as an application form.

The two letters we sent that didn't get a response should have been referred to the Social Security Administration and to HUD.

Both agencies said they were at a loss to explain what had happened to the letters.

Landon Kite, director of White House correspondence, said the White House receives some 40,000 letters a week. About 20 to 25 percent are forwarded to a federal agency for action, he said.

"The President has asked that his mail be answered within nine business days from the day it gets to the agency," Kite said.

To make sure the agency responds to the letter, Kite said, the White House later calls some of the people who have written to the President and asks them if they received a responsive reply from the agency to which their letter was referred.

"We give a report to the President (on the agency's performance) about once every six months," Kite added. "And that generates some interest, as you can imagine."

— WILLIAM BARNHILL

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1978

Dear Ms. Henderson:

President Carter has asked me to thank you for your encouraging message.

Your thoughtfulness, your goodwill and your prayers are deeply appreciated. He asks that you include not only him, but all the members of the Administration in your daily prayers.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



Landon Kite  
Staff Assistant

Ms. Laura Henderson  
Apartment 102  
1310 Turk  
San Francisco, California 94115

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1978

Dear Ms. Moton:

This is to acknowledge your recent letter to President Carter. We regret that the President cannot reply personally because of the vast volume of mail.

The President has asked the Federal departments and agencies to reply on his behalf in those instances where they have special expertise or special authority under the law.

Accordingly, we are forwarding your correspondence to officials in the Department of Justice, asking that they respond to your concern. You may expect to hear from them in the near future.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Landon Kite  
Staff Assistant

Ms. Pamela G. Moton  
Peoples Temple  
Post Office Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

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REVISION OF TERI'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

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President Jimmy Carter  
Office of the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
White House  
Washington, D.C. USA

SPECIAL DELIVERY  
URGENT!

RE: ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE LIVES OF 1000 PEOPLE IN GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing to you to ask your intervention in a conspiracy that has pledged itself to destroy the lives of some 1000\* persons (American citizens) living on a church-sponsored agricultural mission in the interior jungle in Guyana.

Although no-one has ever admitted that such a conspiracy in fact exists, it is not new that highly organized, concerted efforts to persecute minorities of various kinds have been carried out throughout American history without prior consent or awareness of your Office.

The conspiracy I refer to is being orchestrated in the United States.

The ~~sequence~~ of events that I am about to lay before you is a nightmarish. You may be tempted to believe that I am reacting with paranoia or undue alarm. But when your children wake up at night, screaming, paralyzed with fear of assassins' bullets that have been fired into our jungle community more than once, you cannot long remain silent. We wonder: what element of people could be so insensitive as to want to torment and cruelly harass even little children, to say nothing of the over 300 elderly people, quite a few in their 80's, 90's and two over 100. Yet this has persisted.

Regardless of <sup>the number</sup> of people we have written about our situation, ~~we have heard~~ only silence in response to our letters. And we cannot help but wonder if this silence come from an apathy of disbelief -- or design. Therefore, as a last resort, I have felt to write to you.

I was there when assassins bullets grazed the back of Jim Jones' head.

I was there, in San Francisco, where our large church headquarters and community center was burned down on three different occasions.

I was there when calls came into the church, cleverly disguised as voices of members of our staff, saying they were committing suicide. And we all searched desperately, worried sick, only to find the persons in question going about their business.

I was there when a former member for eight years, Timothy Stoen (who we have evidence of being an agent provocateur and who is spearheading current efforts against us) suggested to some of our young people that they devise a plan to poison the entire city of Washington, D.C. through the water system.

Though we are committed to social change, Mr. Stoen entirely misjudged and underestimated our commitment to pacifism and our loyalty to the United States.

We have learned much from the painful, tragic deaths of civil

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rights leaders who were the victims of violence, as well as the Kennedys, that you cannot trust anyone who counsels such a course, even if the cause is just. Ends do not justify means.

The extent of the conspiracy is mind-boggling: everything from psychological warfare, to arson, murder, assassination attempts on Jim Jones, frame-ups, paid-off public relations outfits hired to do nothing more than sabotage us, bribery and blackmail attempts (of even such well-known people as American Indian leader Dennis Banks), impersonation of voices, constant threatening phone calls, various acts bordering on terrorism (firing shots into our properties), planting explosives in our church and on our vehicles, government agencies cutting off our checks for senior members (only corrected when we asked for your direct assistance); the IRS asking for an audit of us (as a religious organization, we see this as nothing more than a clear breach of First Amendment rights).

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in a concentrated effort to destroy Peoples Temple. WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS BEING DONE. The intention is obvious: complete and total destruction of one of the most progressive humanitarian church organizations in the United States, dedicated to justice, equality, and civil rights, relief of all forms of oppression; a creed and practice we pursue in accordance with Scriptural injunction.

Rev. Jim Jones has been very impressed with your stands in foreign affairs, especially, and he realizes that the positions you have taken could well mean an attempt on your own life at some point...and he appreciates your commitment to risk your life for your beliefs in this violent age.

I am writing because I am hopeful that you can do something to stop the conspiracy against us before it is too late, and something happens down here that would turn us into another My Lai, here in South America.

We are not so 'polly-annish' as to think that we are not an easy target --- miles from nowhere in the middle of the jungle --- for any number of 'dirty tricks.' We are pacifists, with a firm belief in practical humanitarianism (which is why we have come here to serve and spread good will), in the Acts of the Apostles, and a commitment to the many ghetto youths who have come to build with us here because they wanted an alternative to lives of crime, drugs, and violence. Here they have found a purpose, a future: helping a struggling third world country, able to see the tangible results of their work. If we were all to die tomorrow, it would have been worth it, and there would be no regrets. We don't believe in any one ideology as a 'panacea,' so we are not ideologues. Rev. Jim Jones has been called many things, as you well know and understand, but the truth is that his whole life has been directed towards helping people, promoting good will among men and nations. And in trying to help in what small way he and his church can to produce food in the tropics which may, in time, lead towards a partial answer to the global challenge of feeding ~~the~~ people.

It is a hard, tedious job for Jim Jones: to try to organize 1000 inner-city people in the middle of a jungle, to be self-sufficient. But it is being done. He watches out for the slightest

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(to Jimmy Carter, from TB)

problem, taking as his responsibility any mistakes that may be made in the process of daily work and planning, It is a horrendous burden to know that you are faced with the safety and well-being of a thousand people, many of them children and senior citizens, knowing full well that there is a vicious attack coming from the outside -- as if survival alone isn't a difficult enough task in the middle of a jungle! He has to guard against arson, massive poisoning and contamination of our livestock (what about our children?), repeated kidnap threats on his children and others. It makes life almost like a waking nightmare, living in a constant state of apprehension.

My uncle, James Agee, wrote the following passage in his book Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, and every time I read it, I think of Jim Jones, and the burden he is carrying, fighting for survival of all these people:

"...and small wonder in what dry agony of despair a mother may fasten her talons and her vampire mouth upon the soul of her struggling son and drain him empty, light as a locust shell; and wonder only that an age that has borne its children and must lose them, and has lost them, and lost life, can bear further living, but so it is."

With each day the attacks upon Peoples Temple widen. We have written a book on the conspiracy, portraying in some 100 pages of documented evidence of the heinous attacks and lies on Peoples Temple. We will send you a copy of it also, even though the book needs to be updated almost daily. It is in enough hands in the United States now, so that, no matter what happens, there will be someone left to pass the story on.

Mr. President: as the daughter of a US Naval Officer and also as a professional journalist I have heard and seen enough to know that the President is not always aware of the atrocities that have gone on in various parts of the world. Having lived several years in Japan during some critical stages in Southeast Asia, I know for a fact that there is a vast difference between official American rhetoric, and the reality of various situations. I firmly believe that somewhere communications concerning some sorts of activities are shielded from your office, and if they are not successful, the attempt is made, in any case.

As I said earlier, I am writing to you as a last resort, in hope that you can stop this before it is too late. We will, of course, hold out as long as we can, and carry on our humanitarian work, trying to build good will between the United States and Guyana and the Caribbean. We have already had much success and official recognition for our work in this area. But it is heart-breaking to us to see this kind of maliciousness done to a man who has dedicated his life to helping people, to see him continually harassed. This very week, a new attack has come in the form of an IRS audit: three weeks ago it came from HEW.

WHEN WILL THIS STOP///so that we can be left in peace, to work to build good relations.

If you heard Rev. Jones on the amateur radio nightly you would  
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know what I am talking about. After working all day in the fields he comes in and begins making contact with ham radio operators all over the world, telling them of the good relations that you are building among nations, praising your foreign policy. Have someone listen in, and you will see it to be a fact. Even some he has talked with who were cynical at first have been actually won over by his talking and the sincerity and conviction he has spoken with.

If there is any way that you can get to the bottom of these attacks, we implore your help. Perhaps someone on your staff could be officially assigned to keep in touch with us, a person whom we could make reliable, direct contact with, who could help us to alert responsible officials who can put a stop to activities that attempt to use various levels of bureaucracy, as well as other means, to wear us down, to harass us unmercifully. Perhaps such an arrangement can be worked out through Mrs. Carter's staff. She has met Rev. Jones and is aware personally of his work.

The lives of a thousand people may well depend upon it.

*And they, Mr. President, are depending on you*

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February 17, 1978

President Carter  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Carter;

I am Dennis Banks, leader of the American Indian Movement. I am writing out of concern for my good friend, Jim Jones, who has been a loyal and tireless friend to the Indian people, and to all oppressed minorities in the United States. I understand his work in Guyana, as well as his small son, John, are being threatened by some very ugly methods. As a champion of justice through thick and thin, there is no one who could deserve such treatment less than Jim Jones.

I first met Rev. Jones when my wife, Ka-Mook was imprisoned in Kansas, on false charges that were later dropped. At that time, we were penniless and her bail was \$20,000. She had had our baby in jail, with the baby immediately removed from her and she was never given the proper medical attention that she needed. Jim Jones learned of our plight, and I was invited to come to the Peoples Temple church along with several of my associates from AIM. The same night I came, Jim Jones raised the money for Ka-Mook's bail from members of his congregation. I couldn't believe that these people, many or most of whom were from poor backgrounds themselves, were making this kind of sacrifice for me. But I learned later that Jim Jones himself has made this kind of sacrifice again and again over the years, and it was just his way, and the way of his people, to extend their help to the farthest limit when an injustice was involved.

Later I witnessed Jim Jones made the object of the same kind of false accusations, and I was approached myself by a man, David Conn, who said he was working with Treasury Department agents, and said he could give me help avoiding extradition (to a certain death in South Dakota jails) if I would only join the people who were lying on Jim Jones. He also implied that things would go badly for me if I did not agree, and it was clear to me that he was trying blackmail. I refused to go along with this scheme, and later exposed the man publicly for what he had done. This same man told me that one of the people he was working with was Grace Stoen, the mother of Jim Jones' child.

I did not know the background of John's situation at the time, but trusted in the integrity of a man I had seen do so much for me and so many others with no thought of reward or praise. Now that I know the true background of the situation, and how Grace Stoen rejected and abandoned her own son, I can well understand how she was working with these agents to try and destroy Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple plus anyone else who got in her way, because I have fifteen children, Mr. President, and this woman didn't care whether I lived or died, whether my children had a father or not, or whether my people were left without a leader. As you may know, it is also common for Indian children to be

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forced from their natural homes and put in foster homes when one parent is gone, so my devoted wife has the burden of not only my own future, but the future of all the Banks children as well.

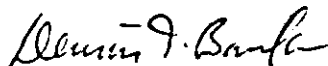
One more thing I want to add is that the Peoples Temple are very wonderful people. They work together, and build programs to help children, youth, and senior citizens. They extend friendship and assistance to whomever needs help, and never ask anything in return. Now they are working in Guyana, and saving the lives of Amerindian babies who would have died of malnutrition and gastroenteritis. It takes a very sick and cold-hearted person to turn against people like that.

I am sure that Jim Jones and his people are the best thing that could happen to Guyana. And Jim Jones being the kind of person he is, I'm sure he will also be making many Guyanese friends for the United States. It would be a terrible tragedy if anything happened that would hurt his son, John who has a wonderful future there. For him to go back to Grace Stoen, who doesn't even want him except to use him to hurt others, would be like having no future at all. It can't even be considered.

I stand behind Jim Jones keeping his son, and the unethical and vicious actions of Grace and Timothy Stoen being stopped. I urge you to do the same, President Carter. Anyone who carries moral authority as you do, cannot fail to see where justice lies.

I also urge you to further a policy towards Guyana that is humane and generous, because we all need to work together more closely in this hemisphere and help developing nations build a good life for their people. The Guyanese are people who were under colonial rule until a few years ago, and they need and deserve whatever aid America can give to them.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Banks

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EXCERPT OF LETTER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

"Your Church and community endeavors are fine examples of what can be done when dedicated and committed citizens join together to help each other, their community and their country."

Noble M. Melencamp  
Staff Assistant to the  
President of the United States

EXCERPTS OF LETTERS FROM UNITED STATES SENATORS

"I deeply appreciate the encouragement I have received from you and other members of the People's Christian Church. Your concern with good health care is a tribute to your congregation and to your Pastor, Reverend James Jones."

Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman  
Senate Health Subcommittee

"I certainly wish to commend you and the members of your church for your outstanding humanitarian activities."

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

"The work of Reverend Jones and his congregation is testimony to the positive and truly Christian approach to dealing with the myriad problems confronting our society today."

Hubert H. Humphrey  
United States Senate

"You are truly practicing Christians in the finest sense. Keep up the good work."

Senator Mike Gravel  
Congress of the United States

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Mrs. Lenora Perkins  
Georgetown  
January 24, 1978

Ambassador John Burke  
Embassy of the United States of America  
31 Main Street  
Georgetown, Georgetown

Dear Ambassador Burke;

I am writing to you because I want to express my hope you won't be partici-  
pating in the Stoen case. Your statement about the paper signed by Tim Stoen  
that it didn't prove Jim Jones was the real father gave us some concern.  
You will see by the enclosed paper that John Stoen's birthdate is mentioned  
on the form so Tim Stoen certainly knew who the real father is. Doesn't the  
word of 1000 people mean anything to you on this matter. If you are fair, their  
word will count for something.

Also, in terms of blood tests, we challenge Tim Stoen to take a blood test so  
that would prove who the real father is. Tim Stoen could not possibly pass  
all the tests for paternity and one look at John Stoen's pictures would  
show who the father is. It pains us that you would not see the obviousness  
of it, in terms of physical resemblance.

We deeply want to work with you. We have been victims of a conspiracy that  
even government officials have clearly confirmed is being brought against us.  
Because of this, there is a great need of trust right now to overcome aliena-  
tion that is in our community.

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We are hoping that you take into consideration the things that I have men-  
tioned in this letter as John Stoen's mother is at stake. Grace and Tim  
Stoen abandoned John. Tim left John in Jonestown to go to the United  
States; Grace left John [redacted] and didn't bother to even  
visit him. Now their interest in John could only be because they are  
being paid or pressured to use John as a tool to harass the group. This  
child will not be used as a pawn; we will not allow that. We have wit-  
nesses that they are using the child as a means of harassment trying to  
provoke us to action even if it means our death and the child's death.  
Some who the Stoen's thought were their friends told us this. It is a  
tragedy that they are harassing a group that has succeeded in being a  
working, democratic and cooperative interracial community. The Stoen's  
very well may be paid to do this because they have no visible means of  
support yet stayed in the best of hotels and could afford to jet over here  
to Guyana.

Tim Stoen in the past made headlines out of a visit he took to East Berlin.  
He was arrested and thrown out and then told in the United States his

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Send all party list in. for Maria or Carolyn only  
Order larger Quantity of Boiler Starters  
Answer Coffee -

Considering Pigs - ~~Some~~ All the info right  
away from these. <sup>per</sup> Percy Conroy - Pt Mr. Cleveland  
- Lives in McKenzie. Find out what they  
put in the feed & what are the proportions.

~~Get price out~~

Price of cheese we need 25 cases find out  
price.

Harry's excellent part



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criticism of East Berlin. He didn't have to be ashamed of this. to us that he did it and always gave the image of being a radical. We do not feel that it is in the interest of either Guyana or the United States for him to cause this kind of strain between two countries that are trying to have good relations. We obviously have a lot to lose if there is conflict between the countries because we are building an extensive community and members are visiting from the United States and some are relocating here, but he has ambitions to get ahead and will exploit others to do so. We would like to be free to develop our program without this constant harassment from people who have no interest in their children until coincidentally they all get together and get funds to persevere in bothering even adult and married young men like the Oliviers and then leave a paper to be signed so they can get an inheritance that was left to the young men.

All we ask is that the American Embassy and Consul remain neutral so that 1000 Americans are as equally considered as two Americans who have no permanent interest in Guyana and who only create difficulties for all involved. John Stoen entered Guyana legally and with full permission. August of 1977 Tim Stoen praised Jim Jones in an article in a US paper as being a great leader and then all of a sudden a month later he made 180° turn. He must have been paid off to do such a thing, as Tim has asserted that Grace is a poor mother and he did not want John with her.

Tim Stoen states in the enclosed paper that he tried but was unable to father a child. He would not be a fit father for John. In Grace's own handwriting is a note in which she requests counselling for Tim because of his compulsive nature. She was worried how it would affect John. We were contacted by four different people in Guyana (Guyanese friends) who told us that Tim Stoen was spending his time in Georgetown this time and this disturbed our Guyanese friends because they felt he was exploiting her. His pretense of reconciling with Grace is thus obvious.

John went through a very cruel rejection from Grace in the first place. He threw him in Jim Jones' arms and said to him, before witnesses both inside and outside the church, "I don't want him. Take him, he's yours." Since the lies came out in the newspapers it seems that some people are hesitant to accept the truth when we have all the evidence in the world on our side. We would rather die than destroy this child. Anyone would rather die than see a child like John and a child like Dore Griffith destroyed. For the sake of good relations between the United States and Guyana, you should talk to the child for yourself. He would tell you the torturous things that she did.

in John's presence and she locked him in the garage. He always tells these stories over and over again because he endured such horrible dreams. Jim Jones refused to marry her which he frankly said, for the sake of everyone, he wishes he had as it would have been such less pain for everyone except himself. She was purposely cruel to John every chance she had.

Many of our friends both here and there say it does no good to talk to you, because you have made up your mind and do not want to be confused with the facts--claiming that Bishop Jones is a devotee of President Carter. However, if you will let us work with you, Bishop Jones wants to work in any way possible with this new era of detente and good will. If we had any utopianism in us, this harassment has surely made realists out of us. Our only aim is to be of some help to Guyana and be good representatives of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Perkins

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JEAN BROWN;  
THE REST OF THIS FORM MUST  
BE FILLED OUT BY EMPLOYER  
AND MAILED DIRECTLY TO  
THE CONSULATE. They  
wouldn't accept the Valley  
Enterprises letter because  
it didn't give weekly wage.

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ENCLOSURE 2

Return completed form to:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO ALIEN

AMERICAN EMBASSY  
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out this form by typewriter or in legible block letters in ink. Please answer all questions. If there is insufficient room on the form, answer on a separate sheet of paper, using the same numbers as on the form. Sign the form before a notary public and return it directly to the consular officer named above.

1. NAME OF ALIEN  
 Family name (in capital letters)      First name      Middle Name      Maiden name  
BLAKEY,      GEORGE      Philip

2. PRESENT ADDRESS OF ALIEN  
 Number and Street      City or town      State or Province      ZIP Code      Country  
Jonestown, Port Kaituma, North West Region, Guyana, South America

3. NAME OF EMPLOYER (Full name of organization)      4. TELEPHONE (Area code & number)  
Valley Enterprises

5. ADDRESS  
 Number and Street      City      Country      State      ZIP Code  
8461 East Road, Redwood Valley, Calif. 95470      U.S.A.

6. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY      7. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (If under ten)

8. DESCRIPTION OF JOB OFFERED TO THE ALIEN

9. TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK ALIEN TO BE EMPLOYED      10. TOTAL WEEKS PER YEAR      11. RATE OF PAY \$ per \_\_\_\_\_

12. The alien named in No.1 above has been fully informed of the details of employment by letter or contract.  
 YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this offer of employment signed by me, and the statements herein are true and correct.

Signature of Employer/Agent

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires-----

NOTE: The above information is requested in connection with Section 212(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The information will be used by U. S. consular officers in determining whether an offer of employment to an intended immigrant is sufficient to guarantee that the alien will not become a public charge. If acceptable, the information will be enclosed with the alien's immigrant visa, and may be subject to further inspection by the Immigration and Naturalization Service when the alien is admitted for lawful residence. There is no penalty for failure to file this form, but failure to file may prevent the alien from receiving an immigrant visa to the United States. WARNING: To knowingly furnish any false information in the preparation of this form is a felony punishable by \$10,000 fine or five years imprisonment, or both. (18 USC 1001)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Richard D. Tropp  
P.O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Tropp:

Thank you for your inquiry of January 20 concerning the custody of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stoen.

I asked that the problem you described in your letter be investigated and that a report be made to me. I have been advised that the U.S. Embassy in Georgetown expressed its interest in this case to Guyanese authorities and that this action was taken solely to make known our desire that the custody dispute be adjudicated fairly and impartially. The Embassy has not taken sides in what is essentially a civil dispute between two groups of Americans and the Embassy has not exerted any pressure on the Guyanese Government to rule on this question in favor of one side or another.

The inquiries made by the American Embassy on behalf of the child's parents were normal protective services which any American citizen abroad could expect to receive from his government. The inquiries were not in any way directed to the matter of the case which is presently before the courts.

I trust this information will help you to better understand the role that the U.S. Embassy has played in this case. If you have any further

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questions please feel free to call Ms. Elizabeth Powers in SCA/SCS, on 632-9461.

Sincerely,

Terence A. Todman  
Assistant Secretary  
for Inter-American Affairs

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1978

Dear Mr. Tropp:

Thank you for your inquiry of January 20 concerning the custody of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stoen.

I asked that the issue you described in your letter be investigated and that a report be made to me. I have been advised that the U.S. Embassy in Georgetown, at the request of Timothy Stoen's parents, expressed its interest in this case to Guyanese authorities solely to explain our hope that the custody dispute be adjudicated fairly and impartially. The Embassy has not taken sides in what is essentially a civil dispute between two groups of Americans, and the Embassy has exerted no pressure on the Guyanese Government to rule on this question in favor of one side or another.

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Mr. Richard D. Tropp,  
P. O. Box 15157,  
San Francisco, California 94115.

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I trust this information will help you to understand more fully the role that the U.S. Embassy has played in this case. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Ms. Elizabeth Powers in the State Department's Office of Special Consular Services on 632-9461.

Sincerely,

*Terence A. Todman*

Terence A. Todman  
Bureau of Inter-American Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 25, 1977

Reverend Jim Jones  
1859 Geary Blvd.  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Reverend Jones:

Your message to the President has been referred to the Bureau of Personnel in the Department of State for reply. You will be hearing from them in the near future. Should you have further questions, you may wish to be in touch with them directly. They may be reached at (202) 632-9404 in Room 7333, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

We very much appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter III  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER THAT YOU

ASKED TO BE WRITTEN FROM YOU TO THE

PRESIDENT ALMOST THREE MONTHS AGO--

I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF THE CONTENT

OTHER THAN IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH

THE TUPPER CASE.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 10, 1978

Dear Mr. Burton:

Thank you for your inquiry of January 19 on behalf of Ms. June B. Crym concerning the custody of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stoen.

All the parties to the case, currently in the courts in Guyana, are American citizens. The parents of the child are on one side and the People's Temple, a California religious organization which also operates in Guyana, on the other.

Our Ambassador and his staff in Guyana have taken an interest in the case, but have emphasized that the interest of the United States is confined to assuring that the matter is fairly and impartially adjudicated in the courts strictly on its merits and without outside interference from any quarter. Consistent with this position, the Embassy has avoided taking any sides in what is essentially a civil dispute between two groups of Americans. Nor has any pressure been brought by the Embassy on the Government of Guyana or its courts, which have yet to rule on the matter, in favor of one side or the other.

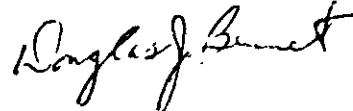
We have noted Ms. Crym's comments about the activities of Mr. Stoen while he was visiting Guyana recently. The Department is unaware of any illegal activities being undertaken by Mr. Stoen during his visit to Guyana.

The Honorable  
Phillip Burton,  
House of Representatives.

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I trust this information will assist you in replying to your constituent's letter. If you have any further questions you may direct them to Frank Tumminia, Officer-in-Charge of Guyana, ARA/CAR, Room 3242 or phone (202) 632-3449.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 20, 1978

Ms. Vivian Anderson  
1435 Alvarado Terrace  
Los Angeles, California 90006

Dear Ms. Anderson:

On behalf of Secretary Vance, I want to thank you for your communication concerning the custody case of John Victor Stoen, which is currently in the courts in Guyana.

All the parties to this case are American citizens. The parents of the child are on one side and the People's Temple, a California religious organization that also operates in Guyana, on the other.

Our Ambassador and his staff in Guyana have taken an interest in the case, but have emphasized that the interest of the United States is confined to assuring that the matter is fairly and impartially adjudicated in the courts strictly on its merits and without outside interference from any quarter. Consistent with this position, the Embassy has avoided taking any sides in what is essentially a civil dispute between two groups of Americans. Nor has any pressure been brought by the Embassy on the Government of Guyana or its courts, which have yet to rule on the matter, in favor of one side or the other.


The inquiries made by the American Embassy on behalf of the child's parents were normal protective services that any American citizen abroad could expect to receive from his government. The inquiries were not attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of Guyana and, indeed, have not been interpreted as such.

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While we in the Department of State sympathize very much with Mr. and Mrs. Stoen in their efforts to regain custody of their son, regrettably there is little we can do to be of assistance. Neither the Department of State nor the courts of the State of California have the authority to enforce a U.S. court decision concerning the custody of John Victor as long as he is physically located outside of the United States. Child custody orders issued in the United States are normally not accepted for enforcement in another country on the basis of comity. While any American custody decision might be given evidentiary weight in the Guyanese proceeding, by no means will it be binding on that court.

Since the initiation of the custody suit in Georgetown, the Department of State and our Embassy in Guyana have been in close contact with the Stoens and their attorneys, both American and Guyanese. The Embassy has attended all court proceedings, when permitted to attend, and has assisted the Stoens in gaining access to Guyanese Government officials. The Embassy has regularly had conversations with the opposing attorneys and has spoken with Mr. Jim Jones, the head of the People's Temple. As Mr. Jones is also an American citizen and entitled to the same rights and protection as Mr. and Mrs. Stoen, the Embassy has been careful to avoid prejudicing the outcome of the dispute. It is the Embassy's responsibility to seek to ensure that the judicial outcome of the dispute results from a fair and impartial determination of the merits of the case, and all of our efforts are so directed.

Sincerely,

  
William D. Blair, Jr.  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1978

Dear Mr. Tropp:

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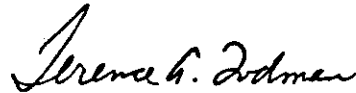
Mr. Richard D. Tropp,  
P. O. Box 15157,  
San Francisco, California 94115.

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Sincerely,



Terence A. Todman  
Bureau of Inter-American Affairs

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SUMMARIZING NOTES

Incidentally, <sup>He</sup> forgot to mention that Paula spoke to her boyfriend ~~on~~ the international telephone wires <sup>through the Embassy</sup> telephone. He called her just after arriving at work, which was around 5 p.m. Washington time. When she asked why he was so late for work, he replied that he was entertainin<sup>g</sup> a friend of his, Dennis Weathers, visiting from Guyana. She said their conversation centered around his comments about his abilities as a diplomat and he conveyed to her the results of the ~~Maxim~~ visit of Philip Hgbib, Undersecretary of State, <sup>which</sup> were more verbal than tangible, but ~~gettin~~ <sup>gettin</sup> ~~g~~ some tangible. We had no means of verifying the telephone call, but I thought we should inform you. He told her he was getting a transceiver to talk to her on the radio. Paula, who is a licensed amateur radio operator, informed him that it was illegal to talk over the amateur radio stations unless you are <sup>a</sup> licenced operator. He said, "We can find a special frequency and talk." Having mentioned to Paula his right to diplomatic immunity before when he was talking about using a concealed gun in the Washington ghetto if he had to. She thinks perhaps he is using <sup>his diplomatic immunity too frequently</sup> ~~this~~ as "ace in the hole." However, she will set up a time and take his calls and inform you of their content if you wish her to.

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Dear Dr. Reid,

I first wanted to convey my thanks for getting back to me this afternoon on the phone. I was sorry to have to disturb you.

I wanted to inform you of the nature of the enquiry this afternoon from radio Demerara. Radio Demerara was very friendly to our secretary ~~Sam~~ but said they had some questions conveyed by ~~the~~ <sup>the reactionary press</sup> ~~reactionary~~ <sup>(which is very reactionary)</sup> press in the states. The types of questions asked were: "Is our project guarded?" and "What sort of things do we do on the agricultural project?" <sup>and some project</sup>

I suppose Mr. Harry Harwood, editor of the newsroom will comply with their requests. However, it would be <sup>a good</sup> suggestion that all media that indicate their support of the government should not cooperate with those types of questions, because they can always be CIA or other intelligence gathering agencies. There is a great deal of news coming out now that the Copley Press, a large <sup>USA</sup> media magnate, has worked consistently with the CIA. We would not presume to direct Mr. Harwood in his efforts, but I ~~presume~~ <sup>hope</sup> ~~assume~~ <sup>hope</sup> they know the hazards of relaying immediately any kinds of questions that such U.S. based media would entertain.

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If you have any suggestions as to how we can reduce the costs of long distance telephone calls to the United States, they would be greatly appreciated. In these times close coordination with our state-side work is essential. We try in every way to conserve on expenditures by using our radio, but at times the bands simply are not clear enough to talk, or the information is such that it cannot be conveyed by radio.

One of our young women here is an American trained pilot. She desires very much to complete her flight training here. We are ~~quite~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~ignorant~~ <sup>informed</sup> as to the requirements and possibilities of doing this here and would be grateful for anyone you could refer us to in this regard.

Thank you again for your time and your ~~own~~ extreme helpfulness on so many matters. We only hope we can return the cooperation in some small way.

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It was a State Department official in South America that told another radio reporter.....we are going to keep them in confidence from now on. A state ~~of~~ department reporter serving in South America and his signal was just about the same as ours, which meant it must be your Georgetown office. This is making for very bad alienation. We are writing of our alienation to the government so they know where we are at. We were living along here quite peacefully until all of a sudden this new stuff started. We never had any difficulty with McCoy for weeks and weeks. He knew how to talk to us. He knew our lingo and he understood us. Even though he is a conservative and this man seems to be more liberal. As a human being, McCoy seemed to handle us with ~~xxxx~~ understanding. We want the assurance of the State ~~XXXX~~ Department, of what they gave us in the first place, that no one had to come out and check on anyone for one year. A once yearly check. And that is what we want them to stand by.

We ask you kind assistance because we are getting tired of this and <sup>members</sup> we are going to start suing. These people are telling all these things. <sup>These are</sup> ~~we~~ have affidavits of things that have been told by the U.S. Embassy

871 [ --Tell Sharon to go back to the people who said that the embassy people said things and tape them

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I AM A LITTLE WORRIED BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE ALREADY  
ENDORSED AND BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE NO WAY TO PROVE WE SENT THEM  
BACK IF THEY ARE RIPPED OFF IN THE MAIL.

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU,

I REMAIN,

JAMES  
4/11/78

questioned. He is a married man and his wife is here with him. Farris <sup>(2)</sup>  
is his name. It seems like harassment when they take people off in  
a corner and offer them a plane ticket. To <sup>the group</sup> that is harassment.  
Each time, they have told us but it is still harassment.

<sup>The people</sup> don't want to bring the state dept, into any ~~next~~ suit. <sup>However, there is</sup>  
~~is~~ a major ~~suit~~ suit against members of the conspiracy., because  
some of them stepped forward. There are agencies of government involved

<sup>The people</sup> do not want to have sue you too.

--also, we have been informed here, with reliability, that a high gov-  
ernment official with the ~~xxxxxx~~ state department, that the ~~us~~ U.S. government wanted us kicked out of  
Guyana. We have known this for weeks, and we continue to go on about  
our ~~business~~ business living from one day to the next. How do you think  
it feels ~~like~~ living from one day to the next. Where there is ~~smoke~~  
smoke, there is some fire. You can count ~~on~~ it.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF VISA APPLICANTS

1. You are advised that you must have a medical examination as part of your application for a visa to enter the United States.

2. You may select an examining physician from the following panel:

Dr. S. Bettencourt-Gomes  
Mercy Hospital  
Kingston, Georgetown

Dr. R.S. Hancock-Singh  
9 Lamaha Street  
Georgetown

Dr. Frank Williams  
265 Thomas Street  
Georgetown

~~Dr. F.A. Ramall  
4 Main Street  
New Amsterdam, Berbice~~

Dr. Enid Denbow  
294 Church and Oronoque  
Streets, Georgetown

~~Dr. Hughley H. Hancock  
216 Lamaha Streets, between  
Camp and Waterloo Streets  
Georgetown~~

Davis Memorial Hospital  
12 D'Urban Street  
Lodge Village

3. You must present this notice and the enclosed copy or copies of Form FS-398 "Medical Examination of visa Applicants", and your passport to the examining physician, radiologist and laboratory technician for identification purposes. Prospective nonimmigrants are issued one medical examination unless given a Form FS-398 (or Forms FS-398) by a member of the staff of the Embassy and requested to undergo such medical examination.

4. In addition to the regular physical examination, the following will be observed.

All persons 15 years of age and over will be given a chest X-ray examination.

All persons of age 15 years and over will be given a serologic test for syphilis.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF VISA APPLICANTS		PLACE
At the request of the American Consul at		DATE OF EXAMINATION
	CITY	COUNTRY
I certify that on the above date I examined	NAME	AGE    SEX
	WHO BEARS PASSPORT NO.	ISSUED BY    ON
I examined specifically for evidence of any of the following conditions:		
<b>CLASS A:</b> <b>DANGEROUS CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:</b> Chancroid Gonorrhoea Granuloma inguinale Leprosy, infectious Lymphogranuloma venereum Syphilis, infectious stage Tuberculosis, active		
<b>MENTAL CONDITIONS:</b> Mental retardation (mental deficiency) Immunity Previous occurrence of one or more attacks of insanity Psychopathic personality Sexual deviation Mental defect Narcotic drug addiction Chronic alcoholism (See proviso, sec. 34.7, USPHS Regs.)		
<b>CLASS B:</b> Physical Defect, Disease, or Disability Serious in Degree or Permanent in Nature Amounting to a Substantial Departure from Normal Physical Well-Being.		
<b>CLASS C:</b> Minor Conditions.		
(CHECK NUMBER (1) BELOW OR COMPLETE NUMBER (2))		
My examination, including the X-ray and other reports below, revealed:		
<input type="checkbox"/> (1) No defect, disease, or disability. <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Defect, disease, or disability, or previous occurrence of one or more attacks of insanity, as follows (give class - A, B, or C - diagnosis, and pertinent details*):		
Chem X-ray report _____		
_____ from Dr. _____		
Blood serological report _____ from Dr. _____		
Other special report(s) (when needed) _____		
<i>MM-8-11b</i>		
SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL TECHNICAL ADVISOR	TITLE	DATE OF FINAL REPORT



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Georgetown, Guyana

November 3, 1976

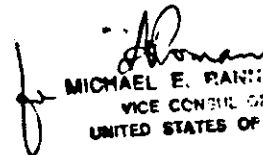
Mr. Philip Blakey  
C/O Mrs. Paula Adams  
121 3rd Street  
Alberttown

Sir/Madam:

It is requested that you call at this Embassy at your convenience. You may call any weekday Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

~~Please have in your possession when you appear the following:~~

Very truly yours,

  
MICHAEL E. RAINIER  
VICE CONSUL OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Miss Khan  
at Hoja Cinema

Copy for print in your journal

Radio m.  
local circuits

How long?  
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Miss?  
5 1/2 hrs 3 months

① Check about order being guaranteed at 1/2.

① Sills @ Humphreys  
② 5 hp motor for the pumps

② C.A.O. Mr. Cheney  
get a letter for duty-free on linen generator model HRW-6  
letter to GNEC.

③ 100 cartons condensed milk (EI men as first of in store)

④ F.W. Milling Co. for peanut butter 10 good ones (no cranes) 25 lb-tubs  
cider vinegar 10 cartons



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Georgetown, Guyana

June 17, 1976

Honorable Don H. Clausen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Clausen:

I write in response to your letter of June 8, 1976 concerning the application for a returning resident's visa for Mr. Phillip Blakely. Your assistance was requested by your constituent Ms. Jean F. Brown.

Mr. Blakely will need to present only police clearances for the period of his permanent residence in the United States and his subsequent residence abroad. In addition he should supply a statement of his employment in the United States or evidence that adequate financial resources will be available for his support. Once we have these documents we will be able to process Mr. Blakely's returning resident's visa application to a conclusion.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Wade H.B. Matthews  
Charge d'Affaires a.i.

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U. S. Department of State

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

This letter is to advise you that recently I have made application for citizenship in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. I wish to inform you that it is not my intention, by making this application, to renounce my U. S. citizenship. On the contrary, it is my intention to retain my U. S. citizenship, and to return to the United States at some future time. I am merely taking advantage of certain provisions of the laws of Guyana which would permit dual citizenship because I believe that it is in my best personal interest to do so.

Very truly yours,

Tommy Johnson

cc: Mr. Richard McCoy  
U. S. Consul  
Georgetown, Guyana,  
South America

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 11, 1976

Honorable Don H. Clausen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clausen:

Thank you for your letter of January 22  
requesting information for Jean F. Brown about  
the visa case of Phillip Blakey.

In view of your interest and so that you will  
have a report as quickly as possible, we  
have asked the American consul at Georgetown  
to look into the case and to reply directly  
to you.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McCloskey  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION

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Sherou,

Here is the text of  
Congressman Ryan's message  
to Bishop Jones as  
sent us by the Congressman.

I'll let you know  
if we get any further  
details when next I  
talk to Rick McLeay  
in Washington.  
Dick Durkin



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Georgetown, Guyana

June 12, 1978

Mr. James R. Randolph  
P. O. Box 15157  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The Embassy has received a substantial number of inquiries, similar to your letter of May 27, 1978, concerning the People's Temple community in Northwest Guyana. The volume of this correspondence is such that we cannot, unfortunately, reply individually to all inquiries without detracting from the level of Consular Services which we provide to American citizens resident in and visiting Guyana, and to the citizens of Guyana.

The Consular Section of the Embassy provides a full range of services as provided for by United States statutes and regulations to all Americans in Guyana and citizens of the host country. These services are precisely the same as those provided by United States Embassies and Consulates throughout the world, and include issuance of passports, visas, notarial services, registration of births, marriages, and deaths of Americans residing abroad, handling of welfare/whereabouts inquiries and appropriate assistance as provided by regulation to destitute Americans or Americans in other kinds of difficulties, etc. Such services are of course available to all American citizens without distinction.

We hope that this information will clarify for you the role of the United States Embassy and its Consular Section.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Richard A. McCoy*  
Richard A. McCoy  
American Consul

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

HANNU  
F TCHIB

PA - Correspondence Unit

Feb. 28, 1978

CA/SCS - Welfare/Whereabouts Unit

The People's Temple

Attached are three information sheets for use in dealing with correspondence on the People's Temple. Information sheets numbers one and three were cleared by CA, Deputy Assistant Secretary Hennemeyer and Assistant Secretary Watson while information sheet number two was cleared by ARA Special Assistant and Human Rights Officer George Lister.

We trust that these sheets will be useful to you in answering the many queries which have been received on these questions. We do not expect any real change in the case for at least three months so the sheets should be valid for that time.

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CA:EAPowers:gjl:wp

PS Form 3811, Apr. 1977

● SENDER Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Add your address in the "RETURN TO" space on reverse.

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 (CONSULT POSTMASTER FOR FEES)

2. ARTICLE ADDRESSED TO: *Gen. R. Vance  
 Sec. of State  
 Office of Secretary  
 Main Bldg. Executive  
 U.S. Capitol, D.C. 20540*

3. ARTICLE DESCRIPTION:  
 REGISTERED NO. | CERTIFIED NO. | INSURED NO.  
 | 116505 | |  
 (Always obtain signature of addressee or agent)

I have received the article described above.  
 SIGNATURE  Addressee  Agent  
*PA/PC/CH/D*

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*2/14/78*

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*Received Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1977  
 delivered 2/14/78*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 24, 1978

The Reverend Jim Jones  
P.O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of President Carter, I want to thank you for taking the trouble to let him have your views on U.S. - Guyana relations. The President is very pleased to have the contributions of as many persons as possible in the formulation of our foreign policy.

While it is impossible for President Carter to respond personally to all of the correspondence he receives regarding American foreign policy, every communication is carefully read and noted, and the contents are reported to the Secretary of State and to other Department officials as well.

With our thanks again,

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter III  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 16, 1978

Ms. Laurie Efrein  
Corresponding Secretary  
Peoples Temple  
P.O. Box 15023  
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Ms. Efrein:

On behalf of Secretary Vance, I want to acknowledge receipt of your petition concerning the custody case involving Mr. Jim Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O. Stoen. We appreciate hearing the views of concerned Americans. Submissions such as yours are carefully reviewed by responsible Department of State officers.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Hodging Carter III  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

*This is the earlier petition  
- not the recent one.*

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 28, 1978

Dear Friend:

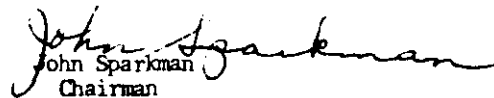
Thank you for your letter concerning assistance to Guyana. Guyana is experiencing serious economic difficulty due to circumstances beyond its control. The bad weather in that country in 1976 and 1977 contributed to the falling prices of sugar which is one of the two main exports of Guyana; bauxite is the other.

In view of the seriousness of the situation and President Carter's intentions to improve relations with the Caribbean countries, the possibility of aid is being considered. The Administration has requested \$10.1 million in economic assistance to Guyana. The Congress will continue to assess the needs of Guyana within the overall needs of the Caribbean region.

I regret having to resort to a form letter, but the mail on this subject has been so voluminous that I find it impossible to provide an individual response.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
John Sparkman  
Chairman

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Telegram from Maria Kataris  
to: Dick McCoy, American Embassy

My father recently contacted me about meeting me here in Georgetown. I am  
24 years old and have been living on an agricultural project near Point Kaituma  
for a few months. I told my father I do not wish to see him as my past history  
with him has been very traumatic. I am very happy and am about to get married  
to a young doctor. My father has threatened to cause trouble if I don't see  
him. I want you to know that I am here entirely on my own free will and am very  
happy. Meeting my dad always causes me <sup>to have to relive</sup> very painful past experiences which I do not  
wish to do. A handwritten letter from me will be coming to you tomorrow.

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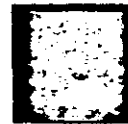
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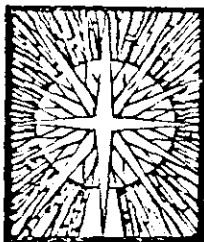
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PEOPLES  
TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

St. Dept.

May 11, 1978

"For I was an hungered  
and ye gave me meat:  
I was thirsty  
and ye gave me drink:  
I was a stranger  
and ye took me in:  
Naked, and ye clothed me:  
I was sick, and ye visited me:  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous  
Answer him, saying,  
When saw we thee an hungered  
And yet feed thee?  
Or thirsty  
And gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger  
And took thee in?  
Or naked, and clothed thee?  
Or when saw we thee sick?  
Or in prison,  
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
Unto one of the least of these,  
Ye have done it unto me."

Matthew 25: 35-40

Hon. Cyrus Vance  
Secretary of State  
Main State Building  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Vance:

Yesterday Timothy Stoen organized a demonstration at the Federal Building in San Francisco. He involved a handful of people who claimed they had relatives overseas in Jonestown, Guyana, who were being held there against their will. Many of the participants in fact had no relatives overseas, as they claimed. The small group made allegations that Jonestown is a concentration camp. They carried posters saying that you, as Secretary of State, Mr. Burnham as Prime Minister of Guyana, and Mr. McCoy as U.S. Ambassador, were all complicit in holding their relatives "captive." They made their ridiculously false charges in front of the media, and the charges were carried across the Bay Area on several TV channels.

Several yards away, nearly a thousand members and supporters of Peoples Temple also made a demonstration. We had learned of Mr. Stoen's intentions beforehand and wanted to be sure that both sides of the story received media attention. Among the thousand supporters were hundreds of people whose mothers, fathers, sons and daughters are in Guyana at the Temple project and who are extremely happy that their relatives are there. Many have visited loved ones; all have received regular and cordial mail; and all were extremely supportive of Rev. Jones' work to build a model community and build better relations between the U.S. and the Caribbean. It is not surprising to us, however, that only the negating side received press coverage. The criticisms of Mr. Stoen against yourself and other government officials were carried in the news as highlights; the good works of the Temple and its mass of supporters were underplayed completely.

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To say Farewell



The Ambassador of the United States of America

and Mrs. Max Vance Koods

request the pleasure of the company of

Mrs. Udama

at a Reception

on Thursday, June 10, 1976

at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

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(Receipts only)

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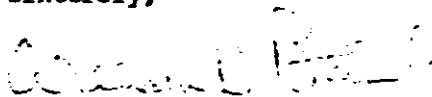
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Kingston

While we in the Department of State sympathize very much with Mr. and Mrs. Stoen in their efforts to regain custody of their son, regrettably there is little we can do to be of assistance. Neither the Department of State nor the courts of the State of California have the authority to enforce a U.S. court decision concerning the custody of John Victor as long as he is physically located outside of the United States. Child custody orders issued in the United States are normally not accepted for enforcement in another country on the basis of comity. While any American custody decision might be given evidentiary weight in the Guyanese proceeding, by no means will it be binding on that court.

Since the initiation of the custody suit in Georgetown, the Department of State and our Embassy in Guyana have been in close contact with the Stoens and their attorneys, both American and Guyanese. The Embassy has attended all court proceedings, when permitted to attend, and has assisted the Stoens in gaining access to Guyanese Government officials. The Embassy has regularly had conversations with the opposing attorneys and has spoken with Mr. Jim Jones, the head of the People's Temple. As Mr. Jones is also an American citizen and entitled to the same rights and protection as Mr. and Mrs. Stoen, the Embassy has been careful to avoid prejudicing the outcome of the dispute. It is the Embassy's responsibility to seek to ensure that the judicial outcome of the dispute results from a fair and impartial determination of the merits of the case, and all of our efforts are so directed.

Sincerely,

  
William D. Blair, Jr.  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs

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Washington, D.C. 20520

INFORMATION SHEET NUMBER 3

PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GENERAL

As part of the traditional and internationally sanctioned protection services, officers of the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana, periodically visit the People's Agricultural Temple located at Jonestown, Guyana. These officers have been free to move about the grounds and speak privately to any individuals, including persons who were believed by their family and friends to be held there against their will. It is the opinion of these officers, reinforced by conversations with local officials who deal with the People's Temple, that it is improbable anyone is being held in bondage. In general, the people appear healthy, adequately fed and housed and satisfied with their lives on what is a large farm. Many do hard, physical labor but there is no evidence of persons being forced to work beyond their capacity or against their will.

Should you have a specific individual about whom you want information, please provide the name of the person and the person's date and place of birth to the Office of Special Consular Services, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. During the next visit to the People's Temple by an officer of the American Embassy, that officer will attempt to speak privately with the individual in question, convey your concern and report to you.

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INFORMATION SHEET NUMBER 2

ALLEGATIONS OF EMBASSY OR USG  
INTERFERENCE

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Our Ambassador and his staff in Guyana have taken an interest in the case, but have emphasized that the interest of the United States is confined to assuring that the matter is fairly and impartially adjudicated in the courts strictly on its merits and without outside interference from any quarter. Consistent with this position, the Embassy has avoided taking any sides in what is essentially a civil dispute between two groups of Americans. Nor has any pressure been brought by the Embassy on the Government of Guyana or its courts, which have yet to rule on the matter, in favor of one side of the other.

The inquiries made by the American Embassy on behalf of the child's parents were normal protective services which any American citizen abroad could expect to receive from his government. The inquiries were not attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of Guyana and, indeed, have not been interpreted as such.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 20, 1978

Mrs. Carolyn Walls  
1030 Foothill Boulevard, Apt. 4  
Oakland, California 94606

Dear Mrs. Walls:

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Washington, D.C. 20520

April 18, 1978

The Honorable  
Mervyn M. Dymally  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Merv:

Attached are copies of the pertinent outgoing correspondence concerning the Stoen case in Guyana. I can't add anything to this other than to emphasize that the matter is in the hands of the Guyanan courts.

The prospect of launching the Committee's work program is exciting and one I am looking forward to getting started on. With the vision and commitment of Bob West and yourself we are bound to succeed.

I have lined up several board members including Representative Dante Fascell, former Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary for Economic Affairs Bill Rogers, Gus Rimple, Secretary of Commerce for the Virgin Islands (a recommendation of Ambassador Todman), Dr. Berkeley Burrell, President of the National Business League, and Harry Geyelin, President of the Council of the Americas (Advisory Board). I am also well along in putting together the prospectus. This should be to you and Bob in draft by the end of this week.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

  
Peter B. Johnson

Attachments:  
As stated.

cc: Dr. Robert V. West, Jr.

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The People's Temple

Attached are three information sheets for use in dealing with correspondence on the People's Temple. Information sheets numbers one and three were cleared by CA, Deputy Assistant Secretary Hennemeyer and Assistant Secretary Watson while information sheet number two was cleared by ARA Special Assistant and Human Rights Officer George Lister.

We trust that these sheets will be useful to you in answering the many queries which have been received on these questions. We do not expect any real change in the case for at least three months so the sheets should be valid for that time.

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OF- ENCLOSURE 2 Return completed form to:  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
 OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO ALIEN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out this form by typewriter or in legible block letters in ink. Please answer all questions. If there is insufficient room on the form, answer on a separate sheet of paper, using the same numbers as on the form. Sign the form before a notary public and return it directly to the consular officer named above.

1. NAME OF ALIEN  
 Family name (in capital letters) First name Middle Name Maiden name  
 BLAKEY, GEORGE Philip

2. PRESENT ADDRESS OF ALIEN  
 Number and Street City or town State or Province ZIP Code Country  
 JONESTOWN, PORT KAITUMA, NORTH WEST REGION, GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

3. NAME OF EMPLOYER (Full name of organization) 4. TELEPHONE (Area code & number)  
 VALLEY ENTERPRISES

5. ADDRESS  
 Number and Street City Country State ZIP Code  
 8461 EAST ROAD, REDWOOD VALLEY CALIF. 95470 U.S.A.

6. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS OR ACTIVITY 7. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (If under ten)

8. DESCRIPTION OF JOB OFFERED TO THE ALIEN

9. TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK ALIEN TO BE EMPLOYED 10. TOTAL WEEKS PER YEAR 11. RATE OF PAY \$ per \_\_\_\_\_

12. The alien named in No. 1 above has been fully informed of the details of employment by letter or contract. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this offer of employment signed by me, and the statements herein are true and correct.

Signature of Employer/Agent

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires-----

NOTE: The above information is requested in connection with Section 212(a) (15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The information will be used by U. S. consular officers in determining whether an offer of employment to an intended immigrant is sufficient to guarantee that the alien will not become a public charge. If acceptable, the information will be enclosed with the alien's immigrant visa, and may be subject to further inspection by the Immigration and Naturalization Service when the alien is admitted for lawful residence. There is no penalty for failure to file this form, but failure to file may prevent the alien from receiving an immigrant visa to the United States. WARNING: To knowingly furnish any false information in the preparation of this form is a felony punishable by \$10,000 fine or five years imprisonment, or both. (18 USC 1001)

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--Blackmon is a member of the State Dept. we wish to praise highly. he said what a lovely place for seniors to retire this was, and they are not forgotten like in industrial societies. He said it with tears in his eyes. But he is gone now, <sup>there is no one of his</sup> ~~we don't have him anymore.~~ ①

*Mitzi  
State  
Dept.*

*to*  
A--one day when we had a very crucial emergency, and a person had to leave the country, Ellice refused to sign a paper for them so that they could leave to take patients to Caracas. They patients are still there now with one of our registered nurses and she had to go on without her affidavit as it was too late. With our experience with him, ~~we~~ <sup>should</sup> visits ~~to~~ be confined to the legal requirement of once a year. ~~we~~ <sup>never</sup> do not appreciate his tactics and his attitude. He is condescending. ~~xxxx~~ <sup>McCoy was</sup> You know ~~we~~ never criticized ~~him~~ and never objected to his handling of us. <sup>was never objected to</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>as enough.</sup> once a year visits, That is all the law requires. <sup>The people</sup> ~~we~~ don't even want to see his face. Even with whatever faults McCoy may have had, there is a difference between them like night and day.

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--You ought to send a man like Blackmon who knows how to appreciate good things like children being free from smog, gangs, ghetto ~~like~~ life, violence, and into a community where they can build. We have comprehensive ~~community~~ school and he didn't even bother to look at ~~it~~ at our school ~~like~~ (McCoy). Blackmon was interested in everything. Only he inquired. All the rest of it is just perfunctory. This superficial business of taking our people off ~~xxxx~~ aside. Our people are irate about it and they do not want to be taken aside any more. Our people have voted that they do not want to be taken aside anymore., they have lost that much faith. One man has been called out three times to be



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