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CABLE: 'GUYCAST' • P.O. BOX 568.

July 25, '78

Miss Joan Pursley,  
Peoples Temple of  
the Disciples of Christ,  
P.O. BOX 893,

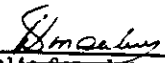
GEORGETOWN

Dear Miss Pursley,

Enclosed herewith is the renewed contract for  
the programme PEOPLE TEMPLE SPEAKS.

Kindly sign and return the copies stamped  
'GBS Copy'.

Kindest regards

  
Aurelio Gouveia  
Assistant Sales Manager

RONALD M. SANDERS, General Manager-Programme Director.



**BROADCASTING AGREEMENT**  
 Between  
**the GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE**  
 and

Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, P.O. Box 893, Georgetown  
 FOR  
800s - Serv - Jhs - Jones

CONTRACT No. **GBS 2332/2**

DATE **25/7/78**

FOR (product) **Religion**

LENGTH OF BROADCAST

**1 hr 00' Programme**

Mon Days  
**8 - 003 pm Tuesday**

Name of Programme **Peoples Temple Speaks**

Time per wk			Total No. Times		
PA	A	B	PA	A	B
1			1		

Commencement Date

**August 22, 1978**

Expiry Date

**August 14, 1979**

Programme Material Requirements

**To be prepared by sponsor**

Commercial Arrangements

ADDITIONAL OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

August ..	2854.50	January 2411.25
September ..	289.00	February 289.00
October ..	411.25	March 289.00
November ..	289.00	April 289.00
December ..	289.00	May 411.25
		June 289.00
		July 411.25
		August 289.00

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<b>RATES:</b>						
		Station Charge	Talent	Line Service	Other Charge	Total
Each Broadcast "PA"		\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Each Broadcast "A"		\$ <b>82.75</b>	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Each Broadcast "B"		\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Total ..... Broadcasts		<b>2,877.00</b>	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	<b>2,877.00</b>

DISCOUNTS

Accepted for the Advertiser  
 Subject to Standard Conditions on Back Hereof.

*John Purdley*

GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE

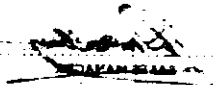
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 SALES MANAGER

BROADCASTING AGREEMENT  
between  
THE GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE

CONTRACT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This contract shall be subject to the terms of any licenses held by the Guyana Broadcasting Service and is also subject to all laws and regulations of the Government of Guyana now in force or which may be enacted in the future, and to the best principles of broadcasting.
2. Agencies or clients may not combine advertising products of different manufacturers to earn a better rate.
3. Copy and all materials are subject to the approval of the Service whether an order shall have been accepted or not. The Service also reserves the right to cancel or suspend any advertisement or series of advertisements.
4. All commercial copy must be received by the Guyana Broadcasting Service at least 48 hours before air time, and not later than Friday noon for Monday broadcast. In the event of such material not being received by the Station, the Service reserves the right to repeat announcements broadcast previously with no liability to the Service, but for the account of the advertiser.
5. The advertiser assumes full responsibility for all material broadcast pursuant to this agreement, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Service against all actions, claims and demands brought or made against the Service by reason of the said broadcasts including, but not restricting, the generality of the foregoing all libel and/or slander actions or claims brought or made against the Service by reason of the said broadcast or broadcasts.
6. The Service, while endeavouring to ensure that broadcasts shall be aired with all possible regularity, will not be held liable for any loss occasioned by the failure of any broadcast to be aired for any cause whatsoever.
7. The Service will not be responsible for damage to or loss of, advertising material of any kind.
8. The advertiser, and/or the party signing this agreement, agrees to pay the amount contracted for at the office of the Guyana Broadcasting Service, or to its authorized representative, on or before the twenty-third day of the month following that in which the services were performed, unless otherwise stipulated on the face of this contract.
9. In the event that the advertiser is not able to continue this contract, and is hereby unable to utilize the full time contracted for the Service may, at its option, providing the advertiser has given the Service thirty days' notice in writing, cancel the contract and charge short rate prices.
10. The Service reserves all right to alter any announcements or programmes submitted according to station policy.
11. No programme or announcement emanating from the Station may be used elsewhere without the Service's consent.
12. All advertising material shall apply solely to the product of services of the advertiser and no other products or services shall be mentioned in the advertising material unless with the consent of the Service.
13. To earn rate card discounts all contract broadcast must be used within one year of commencement date.
14. No verbal alterations or representations shall be valid unless agreed to by the Guyana Broadcasting Service in writing.

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 SACRAMENTO OFFICE  
STATE CAPITOL  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814  
(916) 448-8877  
 DISTRICT OFFICE  
800 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94108  
(415) 557-0784

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WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.  
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, 17TH DISTRICT  
SAN FRANCISCO

July 18, 1978

Howard Wexler  
President  
San Francisco Redevelopment Agency  
Post Office Box 646  
San Francisco, California 94101

Dear Mr. Wexler:

I am writing you concerning the usage of Blocks 707 (bounded by Geary, O'Farrell, Steiner and Fillmore Streets) and Block 726 (bounded by O'Farrell, Ellis, Steiner and Fillmore Streets) by Peoples Temple Church. It is my understanding that permission was granted by the Redevelopment Agency for Peoples Temple to use Blocks 707 and 726 in 1976.

Block 726 has been cleared as the Redevelopment Agency requested in May of this year. Block 707, on the other hand, is being used for parking and crating for the Church's overseas mission, and they would like the use of this lot for one more year to finish this operation.

I am aware that this area is being prepared for development of the Fillmore Commercial Center and for construction of Dr. Carlton Goodlett's condominiums. Please know that I share your concern for the development and rehabilitation of this area and will do all I can to assist in this endeavor.

Peoples Temple is grateful for the past use of Blocks 707 and 726 and will try to make their operation on Block 707 as presentable as possible. They would greatly appreciate the Redevelopment Agency's consent to allowing the church the continued use of Block 707 for one more year at the maximum to complete their work.

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Howard Wexler  
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Please let me hear from you regarding this matter at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.

WLB:dij

cc: Ms. Jean Brown  
Mr. Gene Suttle



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STATEMENTS ABOUT REV. JIM JONES AND  
THE PEOPLES TEMPLE

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GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS

"I am grateful . . . for . . . the work of the Peoples Temple Christian Church in defending the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of the press, in managing the drug program, and in running the ranch for handicapped children. Knowing of the congregations deep involvement in the major social and Constitutional issues of our country . . . is a great inspiration to me."

Walter F. Mondale

"Those who are most familiar with the works of Peoples Temple and of your pastor, Mr. Jim Jones, speak glowingly of the numerous social programs your church has established in meeting every type of human need. Your commitment and compassion, your humanitarian principles, and your interest in protecting individual liberty and freedom have made an outstanding contribution to furthering the cause of human dignity."

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
Secretary of Health, Education  
and Welfare

"You and the other members of the congregation are to be commended for your work to aid young people and for your commitment to reach out beyond the walls of the church to make Christianity a meaningful part of all aspects of modern life."

Mervyn M. Dymally  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of California

"It is indeed encouraging to me to find that citizens such as yourself remain deeply committed to the vital freedoms which the First Amendment guarantees, and are sensitive to governmental actions which erode them."

Sam Ervin, Jr.  
United States Senator

" . . . it is only through the hard work and commitment of persons like yourself and those in your church that our great social problems will finally be overcome. Let me express my heartiest approval, then, for the efforts you and your friends are making in your community."

Warren Magnusen  
United States Senator

"Brotherhood and equality have long been pursued by those seeking a newer world. Contri-

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butions by groups such as the Peoples Temple serve to keep these goals in sight and bring them ever closer to reality."

Philip A. Hart  
United States Senator

"It is always good to hear that the spirit of the American people is still as vibrant and generous as ever. Pastor Jones seems to be a credit to your community, and I hope his good works continue to play an important part in the continued well being of your area. Citizen power has always been one of my watchwords, and I am glad to see it in action.

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 Senator

"I also welcome hearing of the fine work of your church, and the many projects which your congregation has undertaken, both on a community and a national level."

Henry M. Jackson  
United States Senator

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church sounds almost too good to be true . . . I cannot praise its membership too highly. You are truly practicing Christians in the finest sense."

Mike Gravel  
United States Senator

"The Reverend Jim Jones has taken to heart the Biblical injunction, 'faith without works is dead.' He has translated his commitment to action. He has worked to alert others to the injustices which exist in our society and he has worked tirelessly with those who seek to correct these injustices.

Let me express my heartiest approval of the efforts you and the other members of your church are making to help the less fortunate in our community."

Phillip Burton  
United States Congressman

"Let me commend your pastor, Jim Jones, for the dedication he is showing to his community and surrounding areas and also for the impact he makes on members of his congregation."

Ronald V. Dellums  
United States Congressman

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"I only wish there were more like the people of Peoples Temple Christian Church."

Don Edwards  
United States Congressman

"I applaud your defense of the First Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution with regard to Freedom of the Press) and commend your Pastor, Jim Jones, for his actions in this matter."

R. Eckhardt  
United States Congressman

"Please pass on my commendation to Pastor Jones and the members of his Church for their Christian service to the community and to our country."

Jonathan Bingham  
United States Congressman

I enjoyed reading about the journey that the members of the Peoples Temple made. My congratulations to all the members of your congregation for setting a fine example for the rest of the nation in your dedication to humane ideals. I especially admire Pastor Jones for his ability to envision and lead these efforts. He has done a great deal to foster the spirit of brotherhood both in individuals in the congregation and in the rest of the community."

Leo T. McCarthy  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Legislature

"I have had the great pleasure of knowing a leader with tremendous character and integrity Jim Jones, who is the founder of a large movement called Peoples Temple. The members come from virtually every racial, religious, and socio-economic background. Rev. Jones is regarded among government officials, civic and religious leaders, and particularly the black community and working class people, with utter respect for what he has done to upgrade the quality of life in our area and to bring greater health and well-being to thousands of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people.

Rev. Jones influence for progressive change among the citizenry has been extremely impressive. His ministry, in addition to wide-ranging programs that reach out to every type of human need, also puts out its own newspaper to well over half a million people in this area alone."

Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
California State Assembly

"Ninety-nine percent of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all received it."

Art Agnos

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"I am personally acquainted with Pastor Jim Jones and the remarkable services of his congregation . . . I am particularly enthusiastic about his program because it shows what the volunteer sector can do with dedicated individuals and it is an extraordinary argument against those who would adopt the view that the government can effectively respond to the social needs of our nation. It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize giving of self and service to others."

Don H. Clausen  
United States Congressman

"This inter-racial church is well known for a host of splendid and effective projects which help people, including drug rehabilitation, senior citizen homes, convalescent-type homes, animal shelters, free legal assistance, and emergency services. The membership includes lawyers, nurses, teachers, community workers, factory and agricultural workers, and others who have committed lives to serving others. They are highly industrious, work well with other groups, and do good without seeking recognition for it."

George E. Brown, Jr.  
United States Congressman

"I was most impressed to hear of the good works your church is doing. You are showing the kind of commitment to social justice which our nation so desperately needs."

Bella S. Abzug  
United States Congresswoman

"Your pastor, Reverend Jim Jones, and your church certainly deserve commendation for the manner in which you exemplify a commitment to the precepts in which you believe. It is easier to claim belief in any religious faith than to actually live by them and your accomplishments certainly reveal the depth of your dedication."

Patsy Mink  
United States Congresswoman

The Peoples Temple is to be commended for the active role it has taken in working for the preservation of press freedoms."

Lawrence Coughlin  
United States Congressman

"I commend you and your staff on the broad scope of community services you provide for all the people."

Cardiss Collins  
United States Congresswoman

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"I am grateful that Peoples Temple is located in the Fifth Senatorial District which I represent. Among the many services this church provides to San Franciscans are: a clinic in the San Francisco church, in which 80 persons are seen each day by qualified nurses for general check-ups or in special clinics, a physical therapy facility for seniors and handicapped persons, a drug rehabilitation program that claims to have 'rehabilitated' 300 former drug addicts, a legal aid program where some 200 people a month come with serious legal, usually criminal, problems, and a central kitchen that serves 1,800 persons a day.

It is heartwarming to have among us human beings who are willing to get involved."

Milton Marks  
California State Senate

"Your contributions to the spiritual health and well-being of our community have been truly inestimable, and I am heartened by the fact that we can continue to expect such vigorous and creative leadership from the Peoples Temple in the future. By your tireless efforts on behalf of all San Franciscans, you have demonstrated that the unique powers of spiritual energy and civic commitment are virtually boundless, and that our lives would be sadly diminished without your continuing contributions."

George R. Moscone  
Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"I am very aware of the outstanding work being done by Pastor Jones and his tremendous contribution to all communities. Please extend to Pastor Jones and all his members my best wishes and my sincere desire that his inspirational work will long continue."

Terry A. Francois  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"I have known Pastor Jones a long time and fully agree with the testimonials he has received about his great integrity and of the spirit of brotherhood and love that he has brought to his parishioners and to all with whom he comes in contact. He is also to be commended for his compassion and his deep understanding of the refugees from Vietnam, and for setting an example to the community by adopting Korean War orphans.

Joseph L. Alioto  
Former Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"Concerning them, I say without qualifications that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the Western Addition. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment. They have sent some of their wayward youth to their large agricultural

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mission in South America entirely at their own cost. This is truly an original, innovative and exciting program. If some of the youths that are in this program were left to roam the streets of San Francisco, the police department would have to have been enlarged, and many people would have lost a great deal of security."

Joe Johnson  
Former Deputy Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"I am greatly impressed with the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church, and feel that you are to be commended for making the Christian gospel relevant to the needs of the people today. Too often in the past the church in general has tended to withdraw from the real world of real people, and it is heartening to know that you are attempting to reverse this trend."

Terry J. Hatter, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the Mayor  
Director Urban Development  
City of Los Angeles

"I am aware of the good deeds done by the Peoples Temple and Pastor Jim Jones. I commend you all for the fine job our are doing in the community."

Gilbert W. Lindsay  
Councilman  
City of Los Angeles

"Your church is the kind of church that is, indeed, doing something about the problems in our community. It is good to know that we have you as one of the congregations in my district."

David Cunningham  
Councilman  
City of Los Angeles

"Your projects are indeed worthwhile and we need many organizations such as yours to work with people who need help."

Lisa Naito  
Hawaii State Legislature

"I am very impressed with the many wonderful things you are doing. I take special note of the efforts to help the elderly and to provide health care for those who cannot afford it. I join you and the congregation of the Peoples Temple of Christ in working toward the Christian goals of justice, equality, peace and fellowship. Only after we have accomplished these goals, will be able to say we have a truly just nation and world."

Richard Gordon Hatcher  
Mayor  
City of Gary

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CIVIL RIGHTS:

"We feel it extremely timely and fitting that the black community of San Francisco should tender to you this simple gesture of friendship, encouragement and honor for your dedicated and conscientious work in the area of humanitarianism and the social gospel. Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family, all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic--that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmond Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

Carlton Goodlett, M.D., PhD

"The Reverend Mr. Jones has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to inspire the members of his congregation and followers to become involved in community affairs and to participate, and thereby influence, the decision-making process to ensure the establishing of policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the disadvantaged and disenfranchised citizens of San Francisco.

Joseph A. Meza  
Human Relations Commission

"During this period when there are such serious problems with which our minorities are faced, it is encouraging to learn that there is such an effective effort which is being made by the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ."

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director  
NAACP

"Pastor Jones and all of you are setting an example which, if followed by others, would certainly do much to make this world the place it could be."

Charles A. Ericksen  
Field Representative  
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

"AS the head of an organization that has worked closely with the Peoples Temple, the minister, and the members, I have the highest regard for the leadership they are providing, and the positive



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contribution they are making in the city of San Francisco. Their commitment and dedication to ending human suffering of the oppressed and downtrodden are unsurpassed by any of the organized churches in the city."

"Your background and willingness to work make you and the others from the Temple a great asset to NAACP, and we hope that you will be participating in many NAACP activities in the months ahead."

Joe Hall, President  
San Francisco NAACP

"Many Indian people when in need for family groceries have called upon us and when we run dry I feel secure because I know that I can place a call to the Peoples Temple and that these families will eat tonight. This has happened often. And it will no doubt happen again tomorrow."

Dennis Banks  
National Director of AIM  
Federal Indian Law Instructor  
D-Q University, Davis, CA

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

"No published list of 100 congregations in America showing exemplary leadership would be complete without your name on it."

H. Newton Hudson, Secretary  
Religion in American Life

"Peoples Temple has an effective social ministry attracting people who, normally, are rejected by society....I support their ministry and I only wish many of us were as-effective as they are at Peoples Temple."

Rev. Dr. A. C. Ubalde, Jr.  
Bethany United Methodist Church

"The ministry and witness of Pastor Jones and the people of the Peoples Temple has great meaning for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...the most meaning of any single incident or event that has happened to me in the days of my ministry for 20 years as a pastor in this part of the church...the ministry of Jesus Christ, which is the action of God in the world, has about it more that is clearly revealed probably by the Peoples Temple than any other member church of the Christian Church....That's an awesome thing and I just praise God...."

Bishop Karl Irvin, Jr. Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ)

"I keep talking about the extraordinary work that all of you do at Peoples Temple. All of you are committed to serve the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ. This is true servanthood and when combined with love it is the most formidable force in the world....from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere."

Wade D. Rubick, Chief Counsel  
Christian Church (Disciples of  
Christ) in the United States and  
Canada

"I am deeply impressed by the ministry which you carry out in the Peoples Temple under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones and I doubt that I have much to suggest to add to it. It seems to me that the kind of concerns you are dealing with and the outreach in which you are involved is exactly the kind of thing that I find extremely significant....Peoples Temple is seriously trying to be faithful in its effort to relate the

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Gospel to the utmost needs of persons in situations of extreme crisis, people who are victims of various forms of injustice. May God continue His work through the ministry of Peoples Temple."

Rev. W. Starling Cary, President  
National Council of the Churches  
of Christ

"The Jewish community in the San Francisco area has developed a great respect for the contributions the Peoples Temple has made to the total community. At a time when many of our efforts in local social welfare and rehabilitation are faltering, the Peoples Temple has produced large, creative social services which produce results. That has been a heartening phenomenon for all of us.

At the same time, the Peoples Temple was one of the first forces in the City to concentrate on needed education against the growth of neo-Nazism in the area."

Earl Raab  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
of San Francisco, Marin and the  
Peninsula

"Pastor Jones' vast ministry will surely attract ever increasing attention. One of Pastor Jones' many skills that I particularly admire is his ability to attract young people and enlist them in Christian service, even to rescue great numbers of them from the grip of drugs. That calls for tremendous spiritual power, which is rare indeed in our troubled time."

Father Alfred Boeddeker, O.F.M.  
St. Anthony's Dining Room

"The City-wide Planning Committee for the Martin Luther King Celebration has chosen you as the local speaker because of your continuous effort in the struggle for equal rights and social justice for all people."

Donneter Lane, President  
San Francisco Council of Churches

"I have been pastor in this city for fifteen years and what that church is doing to enable human life for all races, all styles of life in this city is a miracle."

Reverend Robert H. Stewart  
First St. John's United Methodist Church  
West Nob Hill Parish

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"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphans' homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation ... in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression that the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to share.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity....

I have found Reverend Jones to be perceptive, committed and dedicated to the empowerment of those who have been neglected or disregarded by normal processes and structures of our society."

Gerald B. McHarg, Assistant to the  
Executive Pastor, Christian Church  
of Southern California

"I continue to be impressed by the many ways the congregation has found to relate to its community and to the world."

Ian McCrae  
Social Action Newsletter  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Department of Church in Society

"There can be no doubt that you are actively striving to diminish the injustices and miseries that plague man."

John P. Mossi, S.J.  
Jesuits for Peace and Justice  
Jesuit School of Theology

"It is gratifying to know of other Christian groups that are deeply concerned about the welfare of mankind. Your church, under the leadership of your dedicated pastor, the Reverend Jim Jones, must truly be following the teachings of Jesus, not in words only, but in deeds."

Religious Society of Friends  
Palo Alto, California

"In all my dealings with Peoples Temple Church, I have found them to be caring and supportive of the social-religious commands of Jesus Christ, going way beyond the call of the Gospel in order to (as their pastor Jim Jones says) 'Care about someone else besides yourself.' "

Montford Cardwell

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EDUCATION:

"The efforts of your church to live in racial harmony and equality are exemplary; you are obviously putting into practice the humanitarian ideals most needed by our society and by our churches."

S. B. Ehridge  
Director, Teachers Rights  
National Education Association

"You are doing an important job in an excellent manner and I commend Reverend Jones."

Robert L. Docter, Ph.D.  
President  
Los Angeles City Board of Education

"I have known of the activities of Reverend Jones and believe him to be a man of great integrity and possessed of the highest sense of social responsibility. He works day in and day out to provide services for the destitute and outcast in our society and his activities on behalf of the church are a credit to our community. They [Peoples Temple and Rev. Jim Jones] are not motivated by petty political aims, but by a noble sense of principle sadly lacking in the nation in recent years."

Bill Maher  
Commissioner  
San Francisco Board of Education

"It is Ministers with a spiritual message and active participation to follow-up that message that provide an inspiration to those of us who so desperately need a guiding direction in all religious experiences. You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare."

"Peoples Temple Community Church services a broad sector of the San Francisco communities. Many of the outreach programs of that Church enable persons to move about in their daily lives with dignity and integrity that would be impossible if these programs were not available."

Yvonne S. Golden  
Coordinator  
Opportunity II High School

"I have seen the outstanding works of Pastor Jones in the San Francisco area. The members of his congregation whom I have known for a long time and whom I have recently met certainly exemplified the kind of training which they have received from Peoples Temple. Approximately two years ago, my mother was hospitalized for a brain stroke and was paralyzed. Pastor Jones, nurses and his well-trained Missionaries would come in daily to help the member of his church who was also in critical condition. My sister and I were very much impressed

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because they also offered to do whatever they could for my mother. The nurse would bathe the member for Peoples Temple and stay with her all day. My sister had recently had a back operation, yet no one from my mother's church offered to stay and relieve my sister while I worked."

Frances Huff  
Teacher and newspaper columnist

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"Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Many judges refer young persons to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. And Peoples Temple provides more food services than does St. Anthony's Dining Room! All of these are vital ministry with the people of our city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which would otherwise have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple."

Rev. Norman E. Leach, D. Min.  
Associate Executive Minister  
San Francisco Council of Churches

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent  
United Methodist Church

"I have known Rev. Jim Jones for approximately 8 years and have come to know of his responsible commitment to poor people, multi-racial communities, and services he provides trying to bring about self determination.

We are pleased and honored that you will be with us on Sunday, January 16th to accept Glide's 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award, in recognition of your leadership and contributions to many communities of people."

What I appreciate about you is that you extend yourself beyond specific situations and provide the experience of sharing in the cause to which we are committed."

Rev. A Cecil Williams  
Minister of Celebration and Involvement  
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

"The ministry of this man and his congregation is surpassed by none in our denomination. Their witness in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and ministering to the sick and imprisoned is sorely needed in this troubled age."

Dennis W. Short  
Associate Pastor  
Urban Life  
Christian Church of Southern California

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"... the description that you and others have given me of the works of your church--and of your remarkable pastor, Jim Jones--make it clear how deep and broad and various are your commitments to improving and humanizing society, and how marvelously effective your tireless efforts have been."

Anthony G. Amsterdam, Professor  
Stanford University Law School

"I am happy to hear that your Church, led by Pastor Jones, is so involved with some of the serious problems we face today, especially with regard to young people and young adults. I certainly wish to congratulate you and Pastor Jones on the excellent programs you have developed to work with young people, and on the excellent results you seem to have obtained. The efforts of the community and church groups is of primary importance in reaching young people today."

Charles A. O'Brien  
Former Chief Deputy Attorney General  
State of California

"Peoples Temple are experts in the First Amendment."

David M. Fishlow  
American Civil Liberties Union

"I am familiar with its [Peoples Temple] work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy an outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic and public-spirited."

Phillip Martin  
Attorney-at-law

"You are truly a friend of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed."

Charles Lewis, President  
Legal Defense League

"In addition, it is good to learn of the good work and devotion of the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones. Your interest in and concern about the total field of correction is important and encouraging."

Frederick R. Silber  
Bureau of Prisons  
Department of Justice



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LEGAL PROFESSION

"I am presently the Municipal Court Commissioner appointed by the nineteen Municipal Court Judges of the City of San Francisco .... For the last several years I have worked closely with this Church which consists of one of the largest memberships in San Francisco. Their tremendous support within the community derives from the fact that they are involved in community service. The Peoples Temple is best known for reaching out to every kind of human need."

Jerrold Levitin  
Municipal Court Commissioner  
San Francisco

"I deeply respect Reverend Jim Jones and the work which he does and all of you who assist him in those noble goals."

E. Robert Wallach  
Attorney-at-law

"As a former executive director of Consumer Action, I would like to share with you some of my impressions concerning the work of Peoples Temple in our City. Since Rev. Jones arrived in San Francisco, he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of some of our city's poorest and most desperate individuals. Jim Jones has inspired thousands to think less of themselves and more about the plight of their neighbors. His ministry has earned the respect and admiration of concerned individuals throughout the Bay Area. Despite the great amounts of public praise and adulation that has come his way, Rev. Jones has remained humble and remarkably self-effacing."

Kay Pachtner, former director  
Consumer Action

"What would this world be like without people with the kind of dedication you and your staff display?"

Benjamin Ward, Director  
Pretrial Services Agency

"Over the years our organization has had frequent contact with Peoples Temple. These relations have given us the chance to appreciate their humanitarian, conscientious efforts on behalf of San Francisco's needy."

Hiram E. Smith, esq.  
Executive Director/President  
San Francisco Neighborhood Legal  
Assistance Foundation

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MEDICAL PROFESSION

"I have known...Pastor Jim Jones quite some time and know him to be of good moral character, honest, sincere, and absolutely truthful in every respect. Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need at all times. He teaches all of these things to his members, and insists that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: 'we are our brother's keeper.' This idea coincides with his teachings completely.... He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world.... This world will be a better place to live in because of Pastor Jim Jones."

J. Bruce Massey, M.D.  
Physician and Surgeon

"I have found Rev. Jim Jones to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals...and all the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men.... He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."

H. I. Perkins, M.D.  
Drug Abuse Program Director

"I am deeply grateful and proud to know people who are honestly and openly working for a better world."

Price M. Cobbs, M.D.

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church has, indeed, an impressive record of accomplishments, and we congratulate you on your work. It is through these efforts that human life improves and it is up to all of us to try in the most effective way we can to make the lot of all safer and more pleasant."

John F. Burke, M.D.

"This is a splendid and wonderful thing that you are doing and I wish to commend your Pastor Jones and his staff for encouraging your members to maintain good health; and for providing medical services for them."

John E. Ray, M.D.

"Many of the world's problems would be solved if others participated as fully and with as much concern as you have shown."

Phillip R. Lee, M.D.  
Chancellor, University of California  
San Francisco

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"I wish to compliment you for the interest and concern you have on behalf of the health and welfare of all children."

Jay M. Arena, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Director, Poison Control Center  
Duke University Medical Center

"It is refreshing and gratifying to realize that there are organized groups in our community following the development of social welfare programs in our area with such close interest at all times. Your own commitment to community service projects is greatly appreciated as an even greater affirmation of your concern for the welfare of others in our community."

Craig M. McMillan, M.D.  
County Health Officer  
County of Mendocino

"I commend you and Pastor Jones and the folks of Peoples Temple for the fine work you're doing."

Cortez F. Enloe, Jr. M.D.

"We are aware of Jim's contributions not only to our community but throughout the state. He and his congregation are continuously giving to their fellow man in some Christian way."

Searles R. Boynton, D.D.S.

The Church and its leadership are to be commended."

Jerome A. Lackner, M.D.  
Director of Health  
State of California

"We were deeply impressed with the work which your church has done in drug rehabilitation."

Lois Christopherson, M.S.W.  
Chief Social Worker  
Department of Surgery  
Stanford University Medical Center

The work of Peoples Temple combines the qualities of communal living with the closeness

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to nature, plus the spiritual concept of fellowship. I feel that if we are truly to reach the well-springs of better mental health, we will require to be set up alternative forms of living to that of cities and the human alienation that goes with them. Your work sounds like pioneer efforts in the right direction."

R. W. Shepherd

"I am personally very aware of the valuable resource that the Peoples Temple programs are for the Westside residents."

Alexandra M. Hunter, PhD  
Director of the Pacific Medical  
Center Day Treatment Program

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THE MEDIA

"It is impossible to adequately express the deep feelings we have for the members of the Peoples Temple who rallied to the cause of a free press during our recent incarceration at the Fresno County Industrial Farm.

To watch on television hundreds of persons marching in the Courthouse Plaza and to realize they were demonstrating on our behalf is something which we shall remember for the rest of our lives.

Even more important is that those of your congregation who were there, or who were among the hundreds in the church who took time to write to us in jail, understand the essential importance of a free press in this democracy of ours.

The unselfish show of human love and compassion will forever remain as an example to us and our families which demands far more recognition than we are able to give."

George Gruner  
Managing Editor  
The Fresno Bee

"I am very touched that your church has been so dedicated to issues of press freedom."

Katherine Graham  
President  
The Washington Post Company

"I cannot think of a person whom I've grown to admire more. What if more ministers were really involved in social issues? He certainly has my interest and support."

Julia Hare  
Director of Community Affairs  
KSFO Radio

"We at BLACK ENTERPRISE have the highest regard for groups such as the Peoples Temple."

Tamara Owens  
Administrator, Public Affairs  
Black Enterprise

"It is gratifying to see the evidence of the commitment of you and your fellow members of the Peoples Temple to freedom of the press."

Clayton Kirkpatrick, Editor  
Chicago Tribune

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"In taking the action that you did, you set an example which should be emulated by all concerned with such vital issues as the defense of freedom of expression: and I am sure that your protest not only had a major influence on the outcome of the case itself but also enlightened countless persons throughout the country."

Albert Kahn, author

"I have known Jim for several years and have worked with him in the movement for liberation and self-determination of all peoples. Jim is a highly sensitive man, one who is completely dedicated to the cause of social justice. I have seen him under fire from reactionary elements, and has never wavered in his commitment. He is undoubtedly one of the most articulate and effective leaders in the United States today.

At the same time, he is a humble man who does not seek "to task in the limelight;" on the contrary, Jim has made a sincere effort to achieve accord among organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the hope that unity will strengthen the defense against oppression, while submerging his own position in the process."

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D. Ph.D.  
President  
National Newspaper Publishers

"You have done a tremendous job. I wish you continued success and, as a member of this community, thank you for what you are contributing to my city."

Steve Gavin  
City Editor  
San Francisco Chronicle

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LAW ENFORCEMENT:

"I have been overwhelmed by you (Pastor Jones) and your congregations and your activities with law enforcement."

Winston Churchill, Chief  
Indianapolis Police Department

"We, as minority law enforcement officers, know of the work and accomplishments of Peoples Temple in the area of youth programs and activities that are of a positive social nature. The Temple's work and concern for senior citizens puts it among the best type in San Francisco."

Wilbert K. Battle, President  
Officers for Justice, San Francisco

"The Peoples Temple has done a fantastic job for us in the central part of the City. After considering the outstanding work of the Church, your kind words take on a special significance. I hope I will continue to merit both your support and your respect. ...Thank you again, Reverend Jones, for imparting the spirit of God and human fellowship to your congregation. We are deeply indebted to you for your hard work. With God's help, we will both continue to help men to live happier and more rewarding lives."

Edward M. Davis, Chief  
Los Angeles City Police Department

"Your Congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. Our alliance in maintaining law and order would represent to all citizens, Christian and non-Christians, our dedication to the principle of free society in which no person would be deprived of his freedom to worship in the faith of his free will. It is organizations like yours and thousands of others throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement.

Your expression of warmth and sympathy for the wives and families of police officers who have been victimized by the lurking dangers of their profession is as innately praiseworthy and reassuring as it is in keeping with the Christian principle of brotherly love. Goodness and wisdom are inseparable, indeed."

Frank Isbell, Director  
Community Relations Section  
Los Angeles City Police Department

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time, and we want to add our congratulations to the many you will receive. We hope your congregation will

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enjoy the benefits of good health and good deeds for many years to come."

Willie E. Frazier, Secretary  
The Police Commission  
City and County of San Francisco

"I note the many humanitarian projects in which you and other members of your church are involved, and you are to be commended for your contribution to society."

Donald M. Scott, Chief  
San Francisco Police Department

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Thank heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it."

H. E. Britton, Chief  
Fresno City Police Department

"The continuing interest and support of your church family is not only deeply appreciated but also most encouraging to all of us...."

Anne Belisle Daley  
Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff  
San Francisco

Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief  
Ukiah City Police Department

"With support of people like you and the citizens of this country, law enforcement can go forward and make this country a better place in which to live."

J. F. Inman, Chief  
Atlanta Police Department

"Your support of these organizations dedicated to the maintenance of law and order-- a very difficult task in these changing times -- is particularly gratifying."

J. R. Fisk, Chief Constable  
Vancouver (Canada) Police Department



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"For sometime I have been personally aware of your fine programs dealing with the problems of inner cities and your outstanding moral and spiritual guidance provided throughout the United States. ...The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens...."

James M. Rochford  
Superintendent of Police  
Chicago, Illinois

# THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

SANTA ROSA, CALIF., MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974

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## Bomb found on Empire church bus

Special to The Press Democrat  
SAN FRANCISCO—A bomb with a burned-down fuse was found yesterday on a bus owned by the People's Temple of Redwood Valley.

Mike Prokes, associate pastor, said the bomb was found under the bus fuel tank. The bus was in the parking lot of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School here.

Rev. Jim Jones, his wife and another member of the temple were in the bus before service started inside the school yesterday morning.

Prokes said the bomb was found by a temple security guard but no threat had been made previously.

Prokes and Rev. Jones are two of the temple members who have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst.

But Prokes said today it is not known if the bomb incident is connected with the Hearst case.

One investigator who came to the scene yesterday said it was "a miracle" the bomb didn't go off.

Prokes said the investigation also said the temple's opposition to militancy and its non-violence may have caused the bomb scare.

The incident is being investigated by San Francisco police.

# Ukiah Daily Journal

Ukiah, Mendocino County, California—Monday, March 11, 1974

## Bomb planted beneath Rev. Jim Jones' bus

SAN FRANCISCO — An attempt to blow up the life of Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, failed early yesterday morning in San Francisco when the fuse of an explosive device containing nitroglycerin sputtered out.

A spokesman for the church, which has headquarters in Redwood Valley, said that Rev. Jones had been conducting services early Sunday morning at the Benjamin Franklin junior high school, Scott and Geary, when he had occasion to visit one of the church buses parked outside the school. After Rev. Jones and his wife boarded the bus, a church security guard noticed a cylinder about six inches long and three inches in diameter which had been placed directly beneath a fuel tank which was located beneath the driver's seat.

Rev. Jones, himself, crawled out his bus, unharmed, the deadly bomb

Police were notified and members of a bomb disposal squad raced to the scene. One of the bomb disposal officers said, "One of the bomb disposal officers don't know what kept the bomb from exploding. It's really a miracle."

The officer also expressed concern that the attempt on Rev. Jones' life have been prompted by the church's position to militancy and its opposition to violence.

There were 11 church buses parked outside the school and Rev. Jones' security reasons, had been alternating between buses he would occupy.

The Peoples Temple church on Geary Boulevard was burned down last year, an act that was possibly related to a militant organization.

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Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, California, Friday, February 15, 1974-

# 2 suspects in kidnap named

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Two prison fugitives today were unofficially called prime suspects in the kidnaping of Patricia Hearst.

The two, identified by newspapers and a television station as Donald D. DeFreeze, 28, and Thero M. Wheeler, 23, escaped from California prisons last year.

The FBI said it had not "reached that conclusion" that the two were suspects, but FBI agents searched the Cleveland, Ohio, homes of DeFreeze's mother and his ex-wife last Saturday.

Television station KQED and the San Francisco Chronicle, in a copyrighted story, identified DeFreeze as the mysterious "general field marshal Cinque" of the Symbionese Liberation Army, which has held Miss Hearst captive since Feb. 4 and demanded a \$400 million food distribution ransom as proof of "good faith."

Wheeler, who was identified by the San Francisco Examiner as long-active in a Northern California revolutionary organization, escaped from the California Medical Prison at Vacaville last Aug. 2. He and DeFreeze had been close friends there, the Examiner said.

The Examiner said it had learned that prison inmates who were friends of both DeFreeze and Wheeler had identified their voices on a tape

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AT LEFT, ONE OF TWO IDENTIFIED SUSPECTS  
An FBI Composite Sketch Is at Right

## Ukiah Christians offer selves as hostages for Miss Hearst

P.D. Bureau  
REDWOOD VALLEY — Members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church here have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst, who was kidnaped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Pastor Jim Jones, who agreed to be one of the hostages, said the offer was made privately this week to the Hearst family.

But it leaked out and was

made public by a metropolitan television station, Jones said. The church members who volunteered for the assignment offered to serve the jail sentences of two SLA members accused of killing Oakland School Superintendent Marcus Foster.

The volunteer hostages are Jones, Timothy Stoen, assistant district attorney for Mendocino County; Karen Layton, Michael Prokes and Annie Moore, all

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church staff members or elders.

"We feel this is just some-

thing we must do and we en-

courage other Americans to fol-

low their consciences in doing

what they must do for the re-

lease of this girl," Jones said.

"Where this type of terrorism

has been instituted it has al-

ways brought about a coup d'e-

tat or some kind of take-over by

dictatorship, and we would like

to see an end to this," he added.

Jones said he hoped the offer

would be accepted "and we can

be done with this thing."

Since it is believed there are

only 25 members of the SLA,

Jones said, he believes they

could all be given safe conduct

out of the nation "which would

be in the best interests of the

nation."

The church leader attacked

the SLA for "not even doing a

good job of following the tradi-

tional revolutionary line."

He also said "they are play-

ing into the hands of those who

would conspire to destroy this

nation."

Jones said he did not know

whether the offer by the volun-

teers would do any good, but

said "this is putting our action

where our mouths are."

Earlier this week, the Peo-

ple's Temple contributed \$2,000

to meet the ransom demands

for Miss Hearst.

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## Aid and sympathy from Empire

Others of sympathy and financial support for the family of Patricia Hearst and rejection of her kidnappers' demands for food distribution continued today.

In Redwood Valley, the Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of God Demonstration offered \$2,000 to help pay a ransom for Miss Hearst.

"We would like to contribute the money of the time," said Sister Jim Jones, a co-sponsor in the \$100,000 fund. "A financial fund cannot be set up at all and the community which has helped support food to the people in the past and other things."

Severely delirious is a lot of money to us," wrote one Santa Rosa couple, who said they get along on Social Security. "(But) twice that or for that matter."

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KAREN LAYTON PRESENTS \$2,000 A gift from People's Temple Christian Church

## Nancy's parents 'praying' for Patricia Hearst

The parents of former Santa Rosa Nancy Ling Perry said yesterday news that Patricia Hearst was safe "answered one of our prayers."

"We've been praying for the Hearst girl since the first day she was born," said Hal C. Ling. "We were glad to hear her voice."

"I was just delighted to hear the girl's voice over the radio," said Mrs. Ling after a lapse recording of Miss Hearst's voice was received from the Symphonies Liberation Army.

The couple's daughter, Mrs. Perry, 26, had been identified by police as one of seven known members of the underground terrorist group.

The comments are among the few public statements from the Lings.

The family has publicly declined requests for interviews from around the world.

"We don't know any more if what we read in the news paper and what we see on television," Mrs. Ling, said sadly.

Ling said the couple has had no personal contact with Miss Hearst's family.

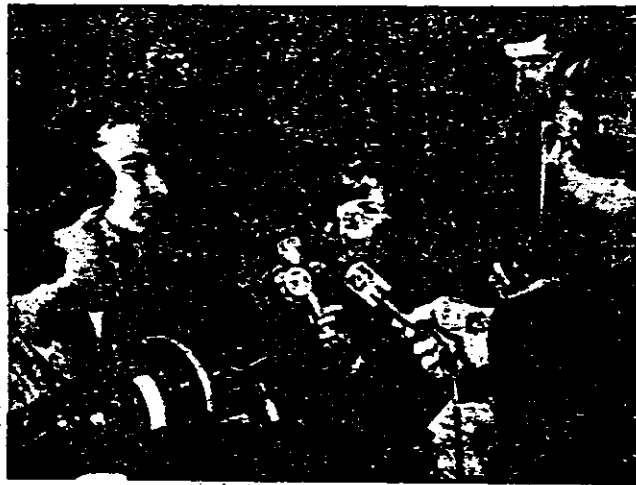
"The other 'parents,'" Ling said, "is that sometimes they will work out and nobody else will be hurt."

Mrs. Perry, 26, lives at 1215 High Street, and her husband is a frontliner at Pack Press.

# Oakland Tribune

A RESPONSIBLE METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER  
15¢ DAILY, \$3.75 A MONTH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1974

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CATHERINE HEARST RECEIVES \$2,000 CHECK FROM REDWOOD CITY CHURCH  
Karen Layton and the Rev. Mike Prokes (left) brought it to Hearst's mansion

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## Report of \$1 Million In Donations Wrong

By ERIC VAN DER VEER  
Tribune Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — Ronald A. Hearst said today a report the Hearst family had received more than \$1 million for the food distribution demanded by his daughter's kidnappers was "incorrect."

The figure was announced yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Hearst.

"She got the figure from hearing somebody say that if they had a telethon or suggested a telethon they could raise a million dollars," Hearst said. "I don't know how much we have. It isn't anything like that. We're not soliciting funds."

He added he would put the donations in escrow in a bank, and try to return those with return addresses. He called the outpouring of contributions "a great comfort."

During a moving exchange with a group of representa-

tives from the People's Temple Christian Church which collected the money, Mrs. Hearst said, "I hope this helps insure that Patricia has a life ahead of her to live and shows her to be so helpful to other people as you've been in her case—I thank you from the bottom of my heart, all of you."

The \$2,000 check was presented by Karen Layton. She explained that the money was collected "to make a small contribution to help in Patricia's ransom."

Mrs. Layton said, "It is out of our deep, deep concern for her (Patricia); we know how sensitive and caring a person she is and we wish to do all we can even though our funds are limited."

A handful of reporters, stragglers from the daytime news force of 75, watched as Mrs. Hearst responded, "How very wonderful of you; I am sure that God will bless you for your kind thoughtfulness toward our poor little daughter and I just hope we'll be

able to send this back to you very soon so that you can use it for some other wonderful project; it is wonderful, wonderful of you."

Mrs. Hearst continued, "This is a hard moment for me but it is things like this that make me very happy inside, even at a moment like this when I am deeply sad. I hope Patricia can hear this somewhere wherever she is and I hope that she can hear what people are doing for her and that God will bless her where she is. I hope God will bless you, I know he will, for what you are doing."

Another member of the church delegation, Michael Prokes, told Mrs. Hearst: "One pastor, Jim Jones, has urged us to get human life above all things and to make 'fraternal relations' and maintain friendships with all of all those who are/are in believe in the traditional religious concepts of brotherhood would come forward and just support her in whatever small

## Report on Donations Is Wrong

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any they could, it would be

Mrs. Hearst responded, "This is so wonderful. You just couldn't believe how much money we have received—over a million dollars." She said the money came from all kinds of people all over the world, just people, real people. Two wonderful people on welfare sent us \$100—\$70 apiece from each of them."

Prokes said, "We believe that this country is a very rich nation and it would be a strong indictment against us if we couldn't come together at this time to cooperate to save your daughter."

"I appreciate that," Mrs. Hearst said, "and I am very grateful. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

She then turned around and returned to the house.

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# PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE Congressional Record



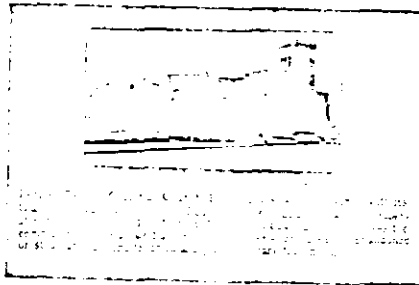
PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 93<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION MAY, 1973

"Mr. Speaker...

"I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

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"Called less formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."



SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and to the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UNCLAR: Police Drug Abuse Program; Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

LOS ANGELES: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation long ago voted to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Utah and Los Angeles areas who practice with vigor the Equal Enforcement of the Law; and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens; and

PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in your Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts, Basic Car Plans, Reserve Officer Programs, and Funds to Aid the Families of Police Officers slain in the line of duty.

Transcribed by members of Peoples Temple Christian Church in appreciation of the law enforcement efforts.

## REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others:

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View of Methodist District Superintendent:

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the scars of compassion and justice - compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

... Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973)...

View of Local Clergy:

"(Progress in meeting) the needs of people... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

... Dr. Elmer Schmitt, Pres. of the Utah Ministerial Association (in Report on Church Progress, published in Utah Daily Journal, 1971)...

Epitomizes the Giving of Self:

"The Peoples Temple Church, motivated and inspired by their pastor, Jim Jones, epitomizes giving of one's self for human service."

... Marge Horton (Progressive state republican leader, in letter that is dated February 22, 1973)...

The View of a Medical Doctor:

"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent recognized by very few. His practices (which, what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has moved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive, well adapted behavior."

... J. H. Parkins, M.D. (in a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972)...

A Family Man:

"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a Bery archangel, a Lullaby servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving father or an with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children - and a plain Mormon being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavens' going."

... Kath. Hunter, wife of Editor, of the Utah Daily Journal June 3, 1969...

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 197

# The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

## *The Welcome Tourists*

The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 680 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day, but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 13 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

One 82-year-old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip.



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Washington, D. C. 20515

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What ever courtesies you and your Government could extend to Reverend Jones would be greatly appreciated.  
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REVEREND JAMES W. JONES: CHAMPION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST

THE MILITANTS

Rev. James W. Jones is the "highly regarded" pastor of the largest congregation in Northern California: Peoples Temple Christian Church, with 15,000 active members statewide, of which 8,000 are in Los Angeles. He preaches in Los Angeles every week. He is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a denomination of 5,000 churches in North America having a nation-wide membership of 1.4 million. He has served the same congregation for 23 years. And for years he has, without seeking acclaim, set about one of the toughest jobs that a clergyman could: championing the police, the "system," and nonviolence against the militants in the seething city ghettos.

He has not only survived, but he has won over many, many militants, white and black (most of these have since become so loyal as to defy expectations). He has done this while administering a human service ministry which has rehabilitated over 200 young people from harmful drugs, established three senior citizen homes for people lonely and old, operated an animal refuge which takes in abandoned animals, and set up a college program involving more than 100 young people (many of them live in church-sponsored-dormitories and have dedicated their studies in medicine and other disciplines to the service of their fellow man). He continually acts to meet emergency needs in the community (for example, he gave \$300 to the families of each victim killed in the recent San Francisco rampage of "Zebra" murders).

Rev. Jones has done this while serving in various important civic positions, including Foreman of the Grand Jury, member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (for his civic leadership one of Northern California's largest newspapers gave him in 1972 its Special Merit Award). And he has done all this while caring for his family, consisting of his dedicated wife, Marceline, a registered nurse, and their many children, both natural and adopted.

What follows are some observations of Rev. Jones by others (somewhat randomly collected).

\* \* Motivates People to Help On The Spot.

\* OAKLAND TRIBUNE: "HILLSBOROUGH \* \* \* During a moving exchange with a group of representatives from the Peoples Temple Christian Church, which collected \$2,000 from its members, Mrs. Hearst said, 'I hope this helps insure that Patricia has a life ahead of her to live and shows her to be as helpful to other people as you've been in her case--I thank you from the bottom of my heart, all of you.' \* \* \* Another member of the church

delegation, Michael Prokes, told Mrs. Hearst: 'Our pastor, Jim Jones, has taught us to put human life above all things and to put aside racial, religious and partisan differences. We feel that if all those who profess to believe in the traditional religious concepts of brotherhood would come forward and just support her in whatever small way they could, it would be significant.' Mrs. Hearst responded, 'This is so wonderful.'"  
(Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1974)

\*WASHINGTON POST: "The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 660 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.--who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. \* \* \* The church's clean-up campaign has earned them friends everywhere they've visited, according to the group's leader, the Rev. Jim Jones."  
(The Washington Post, August 18, 14, 1973)

\* \* Incurs Bomb Threats and Arson.

\* BOMB: "SAN FRANCISCO--A bomb with a burned-down fuse was found yesterday on a bus owned by the People's Temple of Redwood Valley. Mike Prokes, associate pastor, said the bomb was found under the fuel bus tank. \* \* \* Prokes and Rev. Jones are two of the temple members who have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst. \* \* \* Prokes said the investigator also said the temple's opposition to militancy and its non-violent stand may have cause the bomb scare. The incident is being investigated by San Francisco police." (The Santa Rosa Press Democrat, March 11, 1974)

\* JONES REMOVED: "SAN FRANCISCO--An apparent attempt on the life of Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, failed early yesterday morning in San Francisco when the fuse of an explosive device containing nitroglycerin sputtered out. \* \* \* Rev. Jones, himself, crawled under the bus and removed the deadly bomb."  
(Ukiah Daily Journal, March 11, 1974)

\* ARSON: "SAN FRANCISCO--\* \* \* The Peoples Temple church at 1859 Geary Boulevard was burned out last August, an act that was possibly traceable to a militant organization." (Ukiah Daily Journal, March 11, 1974)

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\* \* Supports Police Consistently For Years.

\*SLAIN POLICEMEN: "Peoples Temple Christian Church, which has a congregation in the Fillmore District, has started a fund to aid the families of slain policemen. 'We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation,' the Reverend James Jones . . . told the Chronicle yesterday. The Disciples of Christ congregation started off the fund . . . to the families /of a Berkeley officer and two / officers killed last weekend."  
(San Francisco Chronicle, September 4, 1970)

\*LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY: "Pastor Jim Jones both to his 4,000 member congregation in San Francisco and the congregation in Redwood Valley \* \* \* will be urging parishioners to support in every way possible law enforcement. The meetings will call for greater respect and for a "Law Enforcement Day."  
(Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

\*LEGISLATION: "Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ denomination sponsored talks by Chief Donn Saulsbury of the Ukiah police department . . . at the Temple's Community Center. Speaking before an audience of more than 500, they gave a highly informative lecture on narcotics and drugs. . . . The Rev. Jim Jones urged the audience, as he had his congregation, to support AB 374 aiding law enforcement agencies in their communities."  
(Ukiah Daily Journal, March 7, 1969)

\*FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: "Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ. Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

Ukiah: Police Drug Abuse Program, Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;

San Francisco: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

Los Angeles: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program."

(San Francisco Policeman, advertisement, June 1973)

\*EMPATHY FOR POLICE OFFICER: "[We] are supporting the police, who for the most part are hard working and dedicated men who are underpaid and little appreciated for their efforts to enforce the law,"[said Rev. Jones].

(Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

\*CHILDREN RESPECT LAW: "Though the Temple provides a full recreational program, it does want to combat the permissive trends that seem apparent in the overall society. It is noted that no Temple member or youth since affiliating with the church has been involved in a violation of the law."  
(Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

\* \* Attacks SLA and Militants Consistently.

\*SLA: "REDWOOD VALLEY--Five members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church here have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst, who was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army. Pastor Jim Jones, who agreed to be one of the hostages...attacked the SLA 'for not even doing a good job of following the traditional revolutionists.'"

(Santa Rosa Press Democrat, February 15, 1974)

\*REJECTED FOOD: "'We would like to contribute more money at this time,' said Pastor Jim Jones, in a message to publisher Randolph A. Hearst, 'but cannot because of our ongoing commitments which include sending food to hungry people in this and other lands. Jones said a consensus of more than 500 church members on Social Security showed they'd reject the \$70 food allotment demanded by the Symbionese Liberation Army.'"

(Santa Rosa Press Democrat, February 14, 1974)

KGO-TV: "The man who runs that church, Reverend James Jones, has been actively involved in some anti-violence activity they think might be connected with [the bomb incident]."

(KGO-TV News (San Francisco), March 10, 1974)

\* \*Lives Exemplary Personal Life.

"A MAN OF DEEP INTEGRITY": "One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity." (Rev. Gerald McHarg, Acting Regional President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) For Southern California)

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(Don H. Clausen, Member of Congress, in letter dated November 20, 1973 addressed "Dear Mr. Prime Minister")

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\*TRUSTWORTHY: "I have found [Reverend Jim Jones] to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, ... and all the while being a considered, understanding leader of men."

(Dr. I. H. Perkins, Program Director, Drug Abuse Program, Camarillo State Hospital)

\*FIERY...HUMBLE...ERUDITE...LOVING: "The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children--and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

(Editor, Ukiah Daily Journal, June 3, 1968)

\* \* Building a "Highly Regarded" Church with Great Influence.

\*SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: "Called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."

(San Francisco Chronicle, January 17, 1973)

\*SACRAMENTO BEE: "People's Temple ranks as probably the largest Protestant congregation in Northern California, according to various estimates by officials of several Protestant denominations."

(Sacramento Bee, October 1972)

\*INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EXPERT: "Dr. Wilson Van Dusen ...brought to the program his broad background related to the problems of drug use including ... international travel observing and establishing recovery and prevention programs. \* \* \* Dr. Van Dusen felt that the single most effective force in prevention and cure of local problems was found in the program of the Peoples Temple."

(Ukiah Daily Journal, January 16, 1970)

\*MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO: "Dear Pastor Jim: I have heard of your great work and the good you are doing in our community."

(Letter dated October 19, 1972)

\*NEW YORK NEWS: "[Reverend Jim Jones] is admired and respected here in the East."

(Executive Editor, The News, New York)

\*PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL DENOMINATION: "As you well know, the ministries of Peoples Temple have the endorsement and total support from the Regional Executives to us here in Indianapolis. Dr. Teegarden speaks highly of what Jim Jones is doing and I've heard nothing but praise from him for what Peoples Temple is doing for those in need."  
(Wade D. Rubick, General Counsel, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), March 1974)

\* LEADING CLERGYMEN: "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice--compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."  
(Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, March 2, 1973)

\*LOCAL CLERGYMEN: "[Progress in meeting] the needs of people is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."  
(Dr. Elmer Schmitt, President of the Ukiah Ministerial Association)

\*SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY: "In the classic American tradition of churches acting to alleviate the burdens of government, Rev. James W. Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, organized a crew of 20 to 25 Temple members to spend the weekend...painting the Redwood Valley Elementary School and the Redwood Valley Junior High School. \* \* \* Surveying the work accomplished at the end of the job, a professional painting contractor estimated the value of the work done, thus constituting a savings to the taxpayers of the Redwood Valley Union School District, of two thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00)."  
(Ukiah Daily Journal, August 1, 1973)

\*CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: "I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of [Peoples Temple Christian Church], and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded."  
(Congressional Record, May 30, 1973)



*Chronicle*

Jean Brown & Lawrence Mann

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IM: Look, I got a call yesterday from a man called Murray Huff, or something. I don't have the name in front of me. He said, he was talking to people and individuals, and he wanted to find out what our attitudes are toward the church; etc. etc. I spoke to him for a very long time. I don't know if he's going to carry a story.

J.B. Probably.

IM: Probably not. I think he wanted to do a story based on the fact that I would give him some information or something. Max asked a lot of questions about the bishop, whether didn't we find him rather kooky, the way he hauls people down through the middle of the night to Miami, etc. I said I don't know that anybody arrived fraudulently, because before they arrive they have to have visas, or receive residence status. We must have known when those people arrived. Some of them arrived at non-disclosed airfields or anything. He asked if I didn't find the Bishop to be a bit of a con man. I said look, we live about 4,000 miles away, our embassy is about 3,000 miles away. I said please look at it from my point of view. Please know that the bishop had a public office in San Francisco. I said, if you are the chairman of a housing authority, if you are a public office holder in your own country and own city, would you expect us to believe you are a con man? I said, if moreover, not a single allegation has been proved, not a single charge has been brought in San Francisco or anywhere else. I said furthermore, the consulate has been monitoring the facilities on a regular basis. They go there every month, and they put out a statement to reply to a number of questions like yours, and they assert they find no evidence of detention, mal-treatment, or anything else. I said, the church claims that most of these people who claim to be Concerned Relatives are in fact people who have distant relatives, or people who are well above the legal age. People in many cases in their forties and fifties. And if they feel introverted and besieged and harassed, and don't tell you very much, it is because they feel you are not very favorable to their affinities. They have broken no laws in Guyana. They have no weapons. We have a law, you are not allowed to carry weapons, except small arms. So there is no probability that ~~the church's~~ the churches' members have weapons in any serious sense. And he was a very hostile reporter. I said, you represent a paper that is very respected and wealthy. Why don't you go and do a story for Guyana, interview them and so forth. He said, they won't allow us in there. I said how do you know?

*question by*

J.B: Who wouldn't allow him to go? We wouldn't, or his paper wouldn't? visit

IM: He said he wouldn't be allowed to go just like that, without telling your people. I said, you contact them, get a visa, buy a ticket, go up around the cape - see what they do. They have a modern community, they have excellent community relations with their surroundings, ~~community~~ community, and they are engaged in agricultural pursuits, which is part of the thrust of the government. We have no quarrel with them. And then he asked again about the girl, the journalist (JB: Kathy Hunter?) and he said she was known to be difficult - she had trouble in several places. He said the church had a very inordinate worship. So I said, I know of many groups in this country which are very introverted, which have a tremendous sense of devotion to their ideas. And I'm not qualified to give you any opinion. I have heard their ideas, and first of all their ideas (unintelligible) And I have met a lot of groups who have noble ideals, and are equally introverted. I was giving him the experience I had with the Born Again Christians, who say if you don't receive the word of God by your first or second visit

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THE FOLLOWING ARE A SELECTION OF EXCERPTS  
FROM STATEMENTS MADE IN RECENT DAYS BY A  
WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND RE-  
LIGIOUS LEADERS IN RESPONSE TO A SENSATION-  
ALISTIC SMEAR CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PEOPLES  
TEMPLE AND ITS MINISTER, REV. JIM JONES.

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MERVYN M. DYMALLY, Lieutenant Governor, California:

Not surprisingly, the metropolitan media have singled out Peoples Temple for scrutiny and criticism. This unusual attack on the Church is the cause of great concern and anguish among the friends of Peoples Temple. However, I am pleased to report that those of us who have looked at the great work of Pastor Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him. My former colleagues in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given much assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Rev Jim Jones. The Chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus and its members are strong in their support of the Peoples Temple and, so is the President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), Carlton Goodlett.

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR., California State Assembly:

I have represented thousands of people in the metropolitan area where the headquarters of Rev. Jim Jones' church, Peoples Temple, is located, and I am very familiar with the outstanding work his organization has done in service to society. Rev. Jim Jones is one of the most principled voices for social justice in the nation, and he has been instrumental in providing forceful leadership in developing practical solutions to serious urban problems, such as crime, drug abuse, and neglect of the elderly. Because he is an extremely effective leader in the arena of social progress, Jim Jones has been the object of some malicious attacks from various individuals who (out of personal vindictiveness, racism, and other despicable motives) have mounted a smear campaign. This campaign has been denounced by progressive community leaders and public officials who are working effectively for the interest of blacks and other minority people in our society.

DONNETER E. LANE, Executive Director, San Francisco Council of Churches:

It is a privilege that I/we have the opportunity to express a word of concern for the Christian ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) here in the city of San Francisco and throughout the state of California.

It appears that persons who contribute to humanity the human needs, find themselves in controversial situations, usually marked by misinformation and unsound reasoning. Rev. Jones has contributed to San Francisco and to the needs of the underprivileged and oppressed. He has not done this alone, but with the concern and co-operation of people who are disciples of Christ, in every sense of the word.

Throughout Christendom there have always been those who rejected those who would be followers of Christ. The Scriptures say "feed the hungry - clothe the naked - heal the sick." (He has the spiritual gift of healing and provisions provided for

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those seeking help.)

Rev. Jones has contributed spiritually to the San Francisco Council of Churches Board of Directors since becoming a member. His members have shown concern in the issue related to Council work. Theirs is a true spiritual commitment and voluntarily rendered. Rev. Jim Jones' philosophy is a challenge to the citizens of San Francisco and especially to Christians who are not committed to the Christian doctrines.

I/we have the honor and privilege to speak for one from our community and a member of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

CRISTINA VASQUEZ, National Representative, Equal Rights Congress:

To many people in this country, as well as throughout the world, your church and what you stand for has meant hope and justice. But what is more important, that hope has become a reality.

I for one have seen the fruits of your work and have seen that you practice what you teach. There is no doubt in my mind that when an issue of justice or human rights has come to your attention, you have always responded in every way possible to help.

I would like to express that although it outrages me to see what the news media is doing, it does not surprise me. In my life I have always seen that we are always played against each other -- church against church, blacks against latinos, latinos against blacks, every minority and working people blaming each other for their failures and problems because that way they can keep us apart and not see that the real problems is between those who have and those who don't.

I would like...to do whatever little we can to show the media and whoever is trying to discredit your work that as long as we live we will not stand for anybody trying to destroy any of our honest, hard working leaders that are fighting for our rights.

REV. NORMAN E. LEACH, Program Administrator, San Francisco Council of Churches:

I am writing to express my concern for the work which the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of his Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) perform in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As happens all too frequently, when someone actually attempts to live out the commandments of the Christian Gospel, there is adverse reaction from the non-Christian community. And even, sometimes, from within that community.

Peoples Temple in San Francisco has recently found itself under attack from a few persons who were former members, in addition to a few others who wish to discredit the work and ministry of Peoples Temple - for whatever their motives. I do not attempt to understand or to speak to the motives behind these actions; however, I can and will speak to my observations as to

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the ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and his congregation.

Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Judges refer young people to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. All of these are vital ministry with the people of this city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which otherwise would have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple.

ART AGNOS, California Legislature, Majority Whip:

Recently in San Francisco a number of people have begun to attach a political meaning to the work carried on by the Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

As a politician, I am aware from firsthand experiences that the leadership and congregation of Peoples Temple carry out exceptional public service activities without partisan political overtones.

While it is true that their religious beliefs require active participation in issues confronting the community such as supporting in large numbers the tenants of the International Hotel, 99% of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all have received it.

It is most unfortunate that some people in San Francisco feel threatened by this very simple organization and philosophy of service.

JOSEPH E. HALL, President, San Francisco Branch, NAACP:

I am writing to let you know about the outstanding work of the Peoples Temple here in the San Francisco community. Rev. Jim Jones has been a friend to hundreds of youth in the city, and his church has rehabilitated many from drug use, helped young people out of legal difficulty and anti-social patterns, and brought out the finest potential in people who were held back due to the hardships and oppression of their lives. He has established tutorial and educational programs, opportunities for youth to receive free job training, and legal and medical services for the indigent. His church has taken in senior citizens cast aside by their relatives, and children abandoned by parents and unwanted by agencies. He has provided a wholesome environment where people are accepted and made to feel needed and productive regardless of race, sex, age or educational or religious background.

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ENOLA D. MAXWELL, Executive Director, Portrero Hill Neighborhood House:

I have known the Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplified the life and teachings of Jesus Christ: What is the need, and what can I do to help.

For this Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King were persecuted, and many others were condemned without having done any evil.

DENNIS ROBERTS, Attorney (from a letter to Rev. Jim Jones):

I have been following with great interest the vituperative and defamatory attacks against you and the Peoples Temple which have appeared in New West magazine and, more recently, reprinted in the Mendocino Grapevine. I recently saw the July 21 editorial in the Sun-Reporter.

I initially met you in my capacity as attorney for Dennis Banks. At the time of our first meeting his wife, Ka-Mook, was incarcerated in Kansas under a \$20,000 bail. The defense fund was virtually non-existent and the possibility of Ka-Mook obtaining bail was slim indeed. Then you and the Temple stepped forward out of the goodness of your heart and produced virtually the entire bail for Ka-Mook. This put her in the position of being free to help prepare our defense. Today, we got the wonderful news that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco held that the government's case against her must be dismissed. If you did not provide the bail, she would have had to sit in jail for about two years until she was ultimately vindicated, and instead of being free to be with her family and small babies. If I knew nothing else about you, this would be sufficient for me to sing your praises to every available ear. However, after our initial meeting I was so impressed with your good works that I started to do my own "investigation." Everyone spoke in the most glowing terms of you, the Temple, and the work that you have performed. You have consistently articulated the position of the underdog and provided the support necessary to stand up to overwhelming governmental attack. In so many cases you and the Temple made the crucial difference in the ability to withstand these attacks.

I am not a Christian and for many years have felt strongly about the hypocrisy of so many who called themselves "christians." It is only upon coming in contact with the Peoples Temple that I was able to start to reappraise this opinion and realize that there were people who did take their professed religion seriously and who, in fact, did live up to what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

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JERRY S. GARDNER, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Mendocino Cty.):

I wish to take this opportunity to express my dismay with recent articles being published in local newspapers and by New West magazine, regarding the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Church.

I have known Rev. Jones for over seven years and have found him to be an honest, reverent, and Christian example in our community.

Temple members have been licensed by the State of California to provide care and supervision for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. These Temple members have always been above reproach and among the most capable of providers. State evaluations of these facilities conducted in 1972 will bear this out.

It is unfortunate that such an exemplary man and organization must be subject to this sort of yellow journalism.

HOWARD WALLACE, Gay Action/Labor Committee:

I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW WEST magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works of Peoples Temple continue uninterrupted that I am now writing.

For many years now, I have been a socialist and a trade unionist, an anti-war organizer and active supporter of the Black, Latino, feminist and gay movements in the United States. In that time I have witnessed a host of smear campaigns against all these movements. Peoples Temple is only the latest victim.

They are now an object of right-wing attacks because they practice what they preach--solidarity with the oppressed and exploited of the earth. The Temple's consistent struggle on behalf of democratic rights and against social and economic inequality is without parallel, even in San Francisco, historically a center of progressive movements. I am one of many thousands in this city who take pride in counting Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple among my friends.

RICHARD GELLER, Vice-President, Unity Foundation:

I write on behalf of Unity Foundation in reference to the good works of the Peoples Temple organization. Here in San Francisco these selfless Christians have brought help and happiness to countless thousands with their free offering of food, medical care, education, job training, drug rehabilitation, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance....It has been our delight to work with Peoples Temple, whose honesty and credibility we have found impeccable.

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E. ROBERT WALLACH, Attorney-at-law:

As a matter of introduction, I am a past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco (1975), a professor of law at Hastings College of the Law and Consultant to the Dean at that school. I am a lawyer in active private practice. I do not belong to Peoples Temple and my only contact with them has been as a result of our shared interests in a variety of community projects in this city.

I have had an opportunity to meet and talk at length with Rev. Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of the Peoples Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the Peoples Temple makes a major contribution to the social wellbeing of this city, particularly among the disadvantaged, minorities and disabled within our community. Those individuals who often find it difficult to assemble support for their position as they seek to obtain lawful and appropriate rights from our society find a strong and giving ally in Reverend Jim Jones and those with whom he works.

ALBERT E. KAHN, Author, Journalist:

I became acquainted with Rev. Jim Jones more than a year ago and in the intervening period I have been much impressed with the assistance he has given to the peace movement in this area, to Chilean political refugees who have settled in the region, and to the care and welfare of underprivileged citizens, not only among his own followers but also in the general community.

It is my opinion that in all likelihood the present charges being made against him are, besides sensational journalism, in part the result of work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

MICHAEL R. SNEDEKER, Attorney-at-law, Prisoners Union:

I believe their church (Peoples Temple) is one of the most important organizations in California. It combines strongly progressive social policies with a spirituality that makes our common humanity felt rather than simply known as an abstraction. The shortcomings of pure politics is precisely that it does not have content. The limits of pure spirituality are that it removes people from the world rather than connecting them with it. It seems to me that their efforts to combine the material and the spiritual into real existence, to effectively recognize the humanity of all races and ages, to realize the capabilities of everybody, to take care of each other and to take responsibility for the world in which they live, follows the grain of what must be done to build a fully human world.

I have attended their services, the first over ten years



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ago in a remote rural section of California where I worked as a researcher and therapist in a large mental hospital. Their services are a unique blend of joyous music, intensely focused concern for suffering individuals, and attacks on the injustice that is part and parcel of our social order. I have known members of the church and one who left the church; he was a former drug addict who felt that he had gained immeasurably by his association with the Peoples Temple. I have also followed their work on behalf of people who were being unjustly treated and seen their efforts to unify the poor and dispossessed of this country into an effective force. They are a warm, energetic, and progressive group of people.

CHARLES BRIDY, Bay Area Ecumenical Committee of Concern for Chile; Former National Chairperson of the Presidential Campaign for Dr. Benjamin Spock:

I hope that you understand that the media attack on Rev. Jones is part of what appears to be a coordinated right wing propaganda offensive aimed at dividing working people that currently is sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of the Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitic "New Right" and racist organizing - in a period of extreme economic crisis when such periods classically appear in many capitalist societies.

Knowing of the internationally coordinated fascist plot which overthrew the government of Salvador Allende in Chile, I cannot but be sensitive to the totally contrived and subversive nature of the media smears against this exemplary man, Jim Jones.

JOE JOHNSON, San Francisco:

I have been active in community programs in the San Francisco area for over forty years. I am a member of long standing in the I.L.W.U. - Longshoreman's Union, the Third Baptist Church and a Deputy Mayor of the City. I am well acquainted with the activities of Peoples Temple Church and with the integrity and character of its pastor, Reverend Jim Jones.

Concerning them I say without qualification that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the city. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment.

Too often clever and cynical newswriters, skilled in the art of withering sarcasm and satire can capture the imagination of people, take statements violently out of context and create an atmosphere where violence and harassment result.

On two occasions that I know of, this church has been burned, its members physically attacked, its youngsters

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attending school humiliated and terrorized. In spite of these discouraging incidents Peoples Temple has remained a vital force for decency and dignity for us all.

The article printed by New West and others are typical of the forced of evil who would destroy a good thing.

MARGIE BAKER, Supervisor, San Francisco Public Schools:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverend Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California. Rev. Jones' church is located in one of the lower socio-economic areas of San Francisco. His membership seems to consist of members of all races creeds and colors. Rev. Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away. The Peoples Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

CONNIE WILLIAMS, Owner, "Connie's Restaurant;" President of West Coast Caribbean Association:

I am writing to express my feelings about Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the country.

Because Jim Jones has boldly defended the rights of the poor and oppressed in this racist society, he has suffered continuous harassment and persecution. It is not only difficult but dangerous, as you might well imagine, to stand for egalitarian principles in our society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted, and, in the face of it all, has proceeded with his work.

ALEXANDRA HUNTER, Ph.D., Day Treatment Director, Westside Community Mental Health Center:

I am writing in support of the Peoples Temple and their community projects. As you may have heard, certain self-serving media persons, seeking fortune and fame for themselves, are using the Temple and Reverend Jones as the means to their goal.

I am a resident of the Western Addition as well as a director of a mental health program in this area. I am very aware of the services provided by the Peoples Temple to both young and old, mainly minority persons of our community. These services would not be available otherwise.

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**PHILIP MARTIN, Attorney-at-law:**

Although I have no personal official association with Peoples Temple, I am familiar with its work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy and outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic, and public-spirited.

Recent attempts to smear the Temple here in San Francisco are, as far as I can tell, without any foundation in fact.

**JOAN A. BRANN (wife of the late Franklyn Brann):**

I am a member of San Francisco's black community.

Rev. Jones is being maligned by the press. This man is sincerely committed to the poor, the elderly, and to those whose spirits have been worn down by the vicissitudes of racism.

Rev. Jones and his congregation were a great source of comfort to me in a time of painful crisis in my own life. His response to those of us who asked for his help goes far beyond any ordinary call of duty.

**YVONNE S. GOLDEN, Co-ordinator, Opportunity II High School;  
President, Black Teachers Caucus:**

The vendetta against Reverend Jim Jones is not a new story. History is replete with examples of the persecution of those who challenge the status quo. At one level, Rev. Jim Jones should feel a sense of pride in being immersed into the ocean of a most distinguished community of humanity --- where justice, and not expediency, is the good to be pursued; where the legitimate interest of the many, and not the whim of the few, is the mandate of the day; where truth, and not consistency, is the goal to be achieved, and where courage is one of the exacting prices for peace of mind.

No less a stalwart than Martin Luther King found his entry into the so-called political arena by speaking out against the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, and invoked the absolute wrath of the well organized army of apologist of the status quo. Only the blind, the deaf, the dumb and the apologists fail to see the compulsive relationship between the latest avalanche of inconsistencies, half-truths, and outright lies against the Rev. Jim Jones and the upcoming elections in San Francisco.

We who support Rev. Jim Jones will continue to stand by him. We find solace in the eloquence of Thomas Paine:

"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily  
conquered; yet we have this consol-

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ation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher of the Sun Reporter, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America):

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple represent some of the most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to appear in California in recent years....In attempting to use the moral force of Christianity in dealing with man-made problems that bedevil, haunt and dehumanize the social order, Jones has created a cyclone where formerly the political leaders, economic scoundrels, and even impotent religious leaders have failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving those pompous pseudo-leaders naked and to be viewed as the hypocrites that they have been for decades.

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless, rescues young and old from the wretchedness of despair and drug addiction, marshals the political potential of a people, and husbands the economic pittance of the poor masses into a powerful instrument for justice, freedom, and equality, while building a just and humane society, by its very nature will have many enemies hidden, lurking in the shadows of greed, ignorance, neurosis and hallucinations. If such an institution becomes powerful, then it must expect its enemies to become powerful. While the New West article was intended to defame and dismember and deter an increasing band of followers of Christian ethics, the great possibilities are there that the story will boomerang, and that which they seek to destroy out of this momentary irritation will become a potent antidote to the hopelessness and despair that permeate the masses....Surely many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental belief in the power of the organized masses will see in Jim Jones and Peoples Temple not a comet that momentarily lights up the darkness, but another reminder of the meanings of Edmund Burke's prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200 years ago: "All that is necessary for evil in the world to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

KNBC INTERVIEW..... DON HARRIS 11/13/78 in S.F.

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Harris:

I just want to go over this one time for all of you... because I don't know how much all of you know about us.. what we are about to do, how we are going to go about doing it.. So if I clear all that just one time you will all know exactly how we stand.

We are essentially a net-work news service. Someone called the other day and the opening of the sentence was "i understand you are going down to do an expose?"

That is not what we are going to do at all. We are going to do a news story.. there have been some charges and there have been some ans. to charges.. I have absolutely no idea at this point, what the story will look like.. Whether they will be favorable to PT or critical.. And I must tell you in all honesty- I really don't give a damn. It's just not my thing to be concerned about whether they are favorable or critical. As far as I know, none of the 4 of us have had anything to do with PT before.. But by and large, your biggest safe-factor is that we really don't care how the story turns out.

Our initial contact was with a group who made some charges against the temple, we will accompany a group of people going down tonight.. who generally are critical of the temple. I wish you wouldn't misconstrue that, that we are somehow in alliance with the people who are making the charges.. We know them, we are going to deal with them, we are going to listen to what the people have to say.. and to some degree, we will report it. But we simply happen to be travelling together.

If we had been able to set the arrangements up ahead of time, we would have gone in by ourselves.. talked to the people of Jonestown first and then waited for this other group of people to arrive... and done th talking with them. It just happens that we are going together, because that is the way it was scheduled.

You have absolutely no committment to us.. you won't have to talk to us, you don't have to explain anything to us.. we came here because we need information.. we don't know anything about the temple (that is a damned lie from the rest of the conversation/sb).. we don't know anything but what we have found generally in the 'morgue'- that is wire clipping, newspaper clipping.. that sort of thing... so we just came to get some information.

The only thing that I can tell you to give you some peace of mind, as to what we will do, is that unless it becomes a competitive situation.. competitive meaning that unless we have either one of the other networks.. if another network comes in on top of the story, we will file instantly.. and we will try to let you know about that. But as long as there is no other network there.. then we control the release time and we will try to hold everything until we have a chance to look at the whole week long, or two week long, whatever this thing turns out to be.. then we will start filing. If it is going to be (introduces Dr. Goodlett as he comes in..)

Garry: "Dr. Goodlett was there about a month ago- to examine JJ. He was the president of the Black Publishers of the U.S. and he has a newspaper here- the Sun Reporter.. Metro news and sev. others.. and he has been a long, long friend of the temple.. and a very close, dear friend of mine.

Harris: "The bottom line is that sometime before we leave tonight.. we will try to set up a way, the mechanism for what we are doing.. I don't care how we do it- as long as you are sure it will work for you.

if we find that we have to file in a hurry- give us the name of somebody in Georgetown or here- because if we find that there won't be much time.. there will be time for 1 phone call- to somebody and that's all. To say- we are filing- the story will be negative.. or we are filing and you don't have anything to sweat... that's all I can do for you.. that is all I am supposed to do for you. That is all ethically we can promise anybody.

Garay: "Well, let me say a couple of things..we don't have any qualms or any reservations about what is there. I don't care who goes there- as far as I am concerned they won't find anything but what we have seen ourselves. We have not only seen it- the Amer. Embassy has been there.. The Guyanae gov. has been there time and time again.. I have been there twice.. and what you see there is not a manufactured front.. as a matter of fact, I consider it a kind of paradise.. a kind of utopia in action..living, proof. I have seen it.. But I want to also tell you that we are very apprehensive not for what is there or what is being done.

We are being attacked.. in areas that we quite don't know where it is coming from.. if we knew where it was coming from, of course, we would stop it.. Now there are, what they consider a group of "concerned relatives",.

Now, Mr. Duncan there- he just came back, and he is not a member of the temple.. his daughter has been there for a long time, he was worried about- seeing his own daughter.. and he was also taken in by some of the crap that some of these so-called CR, these dissidents are putting out. And he went there and saw it for himself.. His wife went down with him- and she stayed there.. This is what we are talking about.. we have had Rev. Moore, who was the head of the Northern Meth. church for the entire northern part of Calif.- he has two daughters that have been there for 2 or 3 yrs. and he went down there with his wife, they visited there for 2 or 3 weeks, and they came back... talk to them- they saw what was going on there.. there is no mystery about what is going on there. but the thing that is a mystery is how it is that Tim Stoen.. who was the attorney and probably one of the top leaders of the temple for yrs., all at once he has filed law suits in the very areas that he advised the temple. Now, I have a law suit against him on the breach of attorney /client relationship. And I have asked for an injunction and the judge has not yet ruled.. he may be considering something, because there were 30 affidavits filed, one by Mr. Duncan, and by people who are not members of the temple, who were aware of the conduct of this man's relationship.

Now, I don't know what is going on.. I don't know what is under all this.. whether it is an IRS investigation.. whether it is a CIA plot.. but something is amiss, something is wrong.. And these are the kinds of things that we don't have ans. to.. We are not going to let anybody from that group get into Jonestown. It's only a little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at.. not once, but several times.. we don't know where those shots came from.. they got into Jonestown.. now, by the way, there is no security at Jonestown.. no barbed wire..at my insistence, last yr. I said that there should be someone at the entrance.. now they have a 24 hr. vigil at the entrance, you can't drive in there without getting permission and there is a communications at the gate, to the community itself.. announcing who ever goes thru there. But that is just a facade, because you can get in thru the jungle in a thousand areas.

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Pat asks Harris: "Who are the Concerned relatives who are going over..."

Harris: "Oh, Cobb, Stoen, Katsaris, the names are not all that familiar. I have only been doing research on this thing for 2 or 3 weeks? (sounds like). Essentially the same folks- you must have all the names from court papers etc. Medlocks,...

(they are now setting up equipment-)

(Garry is talking about Ryan's aide talking about having sent invitation out to a number of congressmen inviting them to go- Burton etc... sd. he did know that Phil Burton wrote back that he couldn't go.)

Goodlett is saying- nobody would tell him when they are coming to his house- they would come at his convience- not when they say... I would say- you'd better stay at home, cause you ain't getting in! talks about all these people being schoundrel . etc. and expect to run thru the plantation when they want to.. oh, no. They would have alot of exercise going back home if it was up to him (Goodlett)- but then he is not part of the congregation..

Garry to Goodlett: "Well the thing is that they arbitrarily say they are coming// Goodlett" and I would kick their ass out too!" pardon my french... nothing wrong with being invited to come- just come at the proper time..

Sounds like Javers: "Well, I think Ryans position was that he was going to Georgetown no matter what.. and the hope that he would get into Jones town if Rev. Jones would let him in..

Harris responds to Garry's question as to who is paying for these trips.. Harris says- off the record... from what I have heard... it is a collective thing... that each person is paying a portion of their expenses.. and that there have been some collections of money by them as a group.

Charles asks if the U.S. gov. is paying for any of this- he wants to know- Harris says not according to Ryan.. in fact there was some serious discussion about them even travelling on the same plane... and Ryan was very careful to spell out when he talked to us- that these were not memb of his party... that they would be on the same plane as his delegation- but that was all the connection..

Pat says- the appearance is otherwise.. regardless of what Ryan says.. to whom asks Harris? Pat says- to the public

Harris says- the public won't see it except thru me, him (Javers) or either one of the other reporters... Pat says- what I am saying is unles that is spelled out to the public- the impression left is that they are part of the congressional delegation.

Harris' response: That is entirely possible.

Charles says before showing the interviews.. he does not intend to get into any of the law suits etc.- that is a matter pending before the courts... he points out about the 16 phone patches etc. we have the tapes in the office.. and these people are not interested in anything like facts.. As a matter of fact, Tim Stoen has told several people, including Mr. Duncan over there, (tape turns)... picks up... "his client said to him, that JJ is the father of that child.." (must be talking abt Hallinan)... here is it right here- an affidavit under oath..

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Jon Harris is saying that he needs a person to establish contact with quickly either in S.F. or Georgetown

Harris is saying that he would like to go in... even if he has to stay until after they leave..

Charles says he would like to have them go in and he would like to have Mr. Favers go in too.

something about Charles saying by nature... newspaper people are not very happy with T.V... t.v. is entertainment..(laughter)

Jon Harris is saying that he has no idea when this will be shown... he says "I have a sackel full of notes..." and at this point he says he is 'abismally ignorant', but I'll get smarter in the next 24 hrs. (sounds like he says) 'when I get to read all this stuff'

(think they are setting up for the t.v. now)...

- Harris asking Dr. Goodlett what his association with PT is...

Goodlett saying he first became involved when a number of his patients and J's mother was in town and she had physical problems and came as a patient. and He had a chance to treat her. And then he became involved in their medical program...at one time they had their physical therapy clinic under his license. And he has known JJ as a leader for social justice, concerned about others.

- Harris: "have you ever been to Jonestown?"

- Goodlett: "yes, I have been to Jonestown."

- Harris: "xxxx what do you think?"

- Goodlett: "well, it was a very unique experience... in Socialism. It is the effort to transmitt an idea into being, and they have succeeded far beyond my anticipation. I have known some of these youngsters that are down there since they have been born, and they were real lost souls on the avenue out here... and also (something about) people who were suffering from rheumatism etc. and other debilitating diseases, and now they have a new lease, a new hold on life."

- Harris: "Then what is causing all this furor, all these charges?"

- [REDACTED]: "well, you know, I am a psychologist, I know there are times when the attitude 'love and hate' are sometimes undistinguishable. (something about...) when people lose sight of their objective...and something happens... they turn their love into hate. I have known some of these people, and I knew that some of them had been looking a long time for something, and then I was surprised when they turned around, because they had been going the wrong way for yrs. before. But I have known JJ for a number of yrs., and I have examined this man closely and I find nothing wrong with him."

- Harris: "I am told that he is ill, that he is very ill."

- [REDACTED]: "Do you mean psychologically or physically?"

- Harris: "Both, but I am talking about this particular report having to do xxx with him pysicaly."



Goodlett: "Yes, I went there to see him about a medical problem... and I have been trying to deal with the problem."

Harris: "Then he is seriously ill."

Goodlett: "He is ill and he refuses to go into a hospital...in fact, I sent a message to him that he had not kept faith, and that the project would be leaderless in that he had sacrificed his health. And if he didn't get something done in a short span, it would be very, very dangerous in the long run."

Harris: "what sort of illness does he have?"

Goodlett: "I don't discuss that, that is a medical problem, but he was ill enough for me to go see him... and I am not an undertaker, I am a physician, you know."

Harris: "Dr., I am interested in the young man who is a dr. there."

Goodlett: "Now, this young man, he was spaced out on alcohol and drugs and when I heard that he wanted to be a physician, and he couldn't get into a medical school in this country and I advised them to send him to a medical school in Mexico. And after he was there for a couple of years he straightened up etc., and with the help of Willie Brown and others, we got him into Irvine, Univ. of Calif. He is a modern Switzer... this man has got it! Down in the jungle in this clinic, which is the only medical clinic in that region...people are lined up everyday from outside the compound, to get medical care. He is doing a tremendous job. In fact, when I go into retirement, I am going to spend more time down there..."

Harris: "You are going to join the group?"

Goodlett: "Not particularly, I belong to Third Bapt. church. I am a Bapt. not a Templeite. I'm not Catholic either... but I go to the Catholic church sometime, and I go to Holy Rollers sometime. I don't go much but I do go there. (laughter)."

Harris: "In from so. Georgia- I'm familiar with Holly Rollers. I'm still.. I hear you and I hear these other folks, and they say what a good place this is and what a good job it is doing, what I can't understand why all these people... again, if it were one or two... or three, then you could dismiss it as malcontents..."

Goodlett: "You go and were going to see to it... and I say that because I think I have the confidence in the man...we're going to see to it that if they turn the other delegation away... that you will get an opportunity to get in and see of your own accord... Jonestown. And when you come back, I'll put the same question to you.. and you will have difficulty ans. it. Because everything you see there will impress you by the fact that man can do many things if he does them collectively."

Harris: "Do you believe there is a conspiracy?"

Goodlett: "yea. Conspiracy of silence, and conspiracy of those who would lie etc. I am not afraid of new ideas, and I am not afraid of Socialism... but you may be brain washed into thinking that we may have reached the milenium of laissez-faire capitalist dogma... And I have seen what they have done to Cuba.. etc. and there are those who don't want Socialism to succeed under any circumstances, I know there are those people in this country, who feel they have all to lose and nothing to gain.. who are trying to rule this country and the world, and would even blow up the world, rather than lose it. Now, I'm not a lawyer but I can talk about things I believe in."

Harris: "What you are saying is the government would rather destroy this thing than have it succeed?"

- [redacted] Lett: "What I, for instance, the men who make up the gov., see the gov. represents the collective operations of people who control..."

- Harris: "you are saying there are some people who are involved in the gov. who would like to see this operation fail?"

- [redacted] Lett: "indeed, indeed, indeed."

- Harris: "Do you know who they are?"

- [redacted] Lett: "oh, no, I don't know who, like I don't know who has been trying to destroy the Panthers, but we know that eventually it will be proven CIA and these other guys.. in the federal gov. You know, at one time Nixon talked about Faëism, and he was proven to be right, and I am not a visionary who is without some social perception."

- Harris: "have you ever seen anybody beaten?"

- [redacted] Lett: "No, and I have never treated anybody who has suffered any ill harm.."

- Harris: "never saw anybody down there who looked underfed, mal-nouris"

- [redacted] Lett: "I saw people underfed before I went to Jonestown, yes, but that was here (in this country), I saw they had a program for people who were overweight, who had eaten too good!"

- Harris: "you find no basis for these charges?"

- [redacted] Lett: "I find no basis for them, and with my deep social perception... (cut off) I'll ask you- how do you explain this?"

- Harris: "you tell me, and when I get back, you call me collect and we'll talk (or something to this effect)."

- [redacted] Lett: "Let me tell you, I am the one guy who would send you folks back home if I were there..because first I don't like anybody to come to my house... uninvited, and expect to bring people..."

- Harris: "wait a minute, I don't think you know the whole story... it was not to go there uninvited...we asked to go there before this."

- [redacted] Lett: "yes, and were you given something that would be considered an invitation?"

- Harris: "We didn't get there yet."

- [redacted] Lett: "well, have you been invited to come at this time?"

- Harris: "no, nobody has said we aren't going to get an invitation, the general feeling that we got was that things were in an uproar right now, and let's figure out where we are... but understand... I don't know whether you came in late on this conversation...we are travelling with the group, but it has nothing to do with being associated with the group..."

- [redacted] Lett: "let me tell you, in the event, I don't know what is going to happen, in the event you are not allowed to get in because of your associates, before you leave... you will be invited to come back."

- Harris: "oh, I suspect that I will get \_\_\_\_\_? one way or the other." of the folks in Jonestown.

- [redacted] Lett: "What I am saying, you will be accepted as an invited guest. You see, I have reservations about this personally because of the fact \_\_\_\_\_, sounds like there is 'nothing but good to see'... and don't have anytime to hide.. our people basically are a people of peace."

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and they have been harrassed, plus here in S.F., but I believe, just like Castrol told Allende...

Harris: "by the way, the next assignment after this is in Cuba.."  
with Castro.

Blatt: "Give him my regards..."

Harris: "Do you know him personally, and should I indeed do that?"

Blatt: "yea, indeed."

Harris: "The man that, as is often the case, the man who is going down, or there is a man who is going to be there at the same time... and because I, like you, worry about going in and trying to survey something on a short term notice... a fellow by the name of Jose Broata who left Cuba before Castrol came to power... came to this country to st for the ministry, he is a lay minister in the Bapt. church, and what he really discovered was that he was a damned good capitalist... and is now a sizable painting contractor and he was our next door neighbor for a while and he has now opened offices in Atlanta and is flying back and forth to L.A.... so he is a good working capitalist.. and also a minist. Jose, I believe was the first person to be allowed to go to this country and back.. he makes the trip back and forth very often.. and what we are proposing... part of his family are heavy supporters of the gov.... per are not, and we were going to try to use them as a guide. He, like you, seems to think there are some things that are much better now.

Blatt: "Well, listen, when you get there... JJ and his family were in Cuba ~~was~~ during the time of the revolution...at the end of the Batista regime and the beginning of the Castro regime.. and JJ has been back to Cuba, he was there in Jan. of 77... and that calling card will not hurt you! That you have come and looked upon this Temple, as a friend... I hope..."

Harris: "I am anxious to see this thing thru.

Blatt: "You know, one thing I am sure sorry that this country was so open minded and allowed all those Cuban refugees into this country... (a voice says there are over 100,000 of them..) They represent the worst scoundrels in the world... out of there... and the most racist of the Cubans... and they brought all ~~of~~ of their superiorities and what not.. and in Florida they represent another strata in society pressing on the backs of the blacks... In the South you have the poor whites, sitting on top of the necks and the backs of blacks... got 3 classes setting on the backs of the blacks now.

Harris: "You know that is something that I want to discuss with Jose, he is black and we have never discussed racism before,

Blatt: "Well, then he was one of the few of the elite blacks who were needed by the Batista regime to give it validity.. (Harris agrees about this with him saying that Jose left before..and was just a kid who didn't have enough to eat etc.)

They left over struggle for power... they are the worst... just like the Vietnamese who come here.. they are just another problem for Blacks and racial minorities, we have got enough problems.. with racism, sexism and classism... without having anymore numbers to fight. all of these people, some of them from the most deadly social pathology.. known to man in their particular country. We have the capacity for supporting all of the scoundrels all over the world..

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Harris: "well, I know the other side isn't doing too damn good on picking leaders also..

- [redacted] "well, some of them are surviving..

- Harris: "Idi Amin?"

- [redacted] "well, who in the hell picked him?"

- Harris: "He has Soviet weapons."

- [redacted] "so did the govt. of Nigeria have Soviet weapons...because we wouldn't sell them any..

[redacted] leaves saying he has to practise medicine.. says he does so once in a while you know... it keeps him radical..

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Harris: "my guess is, if everything stays like it is... my guess is that everything stays even... we will release at the end of this 5 day period or whatever it is... what notice do you need from us? or what information would you like from us? as far as release is concerned do you need advance information?"

[redacted] "It would help".

Harris: "ok, if we talk to someone at the temple in Georgetown, will the information be relayed to you?"

[redacted] "not necessarily", because matters of communication are very bad. see, we are not permitted to carry on any communication between Jonestown and S.F., the FCC raises hell about it, and the communication between Georgetown and S.F. is very, very expensive, \$16.. I think for 3 mins. (gets Charles phone #)

[redacted] "You represented the Black Panthers, you talked about some other controversial clients.. are there any that I might not know about that I should?"

[redacted] "Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, Inez Garcia,

[redacted] asks how long do you plan to be there? They say the 19th, or until they plan to get thru.

TAPE 1/SIDE 1. KNBC INTERVIEW

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(Before the interview starts, Charles shows Don Harris the Mazor affidavit and Harris asks if Garry has shown it to Stoen. ~~he~~ says he has not. But that he might ask Grace about it.)

~~Garry~~: You look at that child; it is the spittin' image of Jim Jones.

I've handled an awful lot of paternity cases, and when the mother says this looks just like the alleged father I don't see it. This one is so clear....

~~D.H.~~ Is that right, Carl?

~~Conlett~~: Oh right, the same sculpture.

~~Garry~~: You know what Tim Stoen's answer to that is? He says, well Jim Jones and I look alike. Tim Stoen and Jim Jones do not look alike.

~~Harris~~: This is not an adversary situation. So, if you say something and you didn't like it, you can say so -- let me do that again -- and we'll do it over. You're not getting any break that I don't get- when I screw it up I start over again- you get the same option. You understand- it is not always done that way.. ~~xxxxxxx~~

~~to Walter Duncan~~: "Tell me- what is it like there?"

~~Duncan~~: "It is a beautiful place."

~~Harris~~: "your daughter and wife is there, and you are satisfied that they are well off."

~~Duncan~~: Yes

~~Harris~~: why didn't you stay?

~~Duncan~~: I am ~~xxx~~ employed by the federal gov., I have a job here.

~~Harris~~: "you are not a member of the temple... why not?"

~~Duncan~~: "(sounds like)- he is a deacon at a local church. considers himself an allie of the church, a supporter of it without joining it. (talks about his credentials etc.) says he works freely with all the other churches etc. in the community., and groups thru out the city.

~~Harris~~: "Do you know Tim Stoen?" / yes/ "Do you know about the charges by some people who say they have relatives there.. specifically by Tim Stoen and his wife. Did they talk to you before you went down?"

~~Duncan~~: "well, I accidentally bumped into Tim Stoen and he came over, and he made some statements, my daughter had already been there living.. (inaudible somewhat)- said "if JJ was smart, he would send John back and I would get off his back.

~~Harris~~: "You know that one of the charges is that relatives there are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside the temple. That they could not leave, even if they wanted to. So, you have been there- let me ask you some things.

"Did you see your daughter"// ~~yes~~// "Did you see her alone"// ~~yes~~// "Did you see her whenever you wanted to"// ~~yes~~//-

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some parts of Duncan's response inaudible- something about there were other people around some of the time.. visiting etc.

**Ernie:** "But you didn't feel that they were monitoring what was said?"  
**Ernie:** no. none whatsoever.

**Ernie:** "no pressure? did you have the feeling that if your daughter wanted to leave, she could have?"// **Ernie:** "You are convinced of that?" (inaudible response)

**Ernie:** "your wife went down with you?.. and she stayed... why?"

**Ernie:** "well, my wife has been a member of the church for quite a few yrs., and her state of health, my wife has multiple sclerosis... and the medical facility was good.. (inaudible)..."

**Ernie:** "At the risk of being repetitive.. there are some people who say that Jonestown is a bad place... and JJ is a bad man.. and that people are deprived of their rights there.. what do you say?"

**Ernie:** "That is not true for the period of what I was there. There are a group of people that live in Georgetown, and it would be much easier to leave from Georgetown, just call a taxi... they could be on Pan Am in an hour if they wanted to. Down in Jonestown, there is a problem with transportation... .. there is an atmosphere, once you arrive there.. it becomes more as a family affair.. tremendous entertainment program.. I knew alot of the young people, as they knew my son.

**Ernie:** "One final question, there has been alot of talk about armed guards, and armed patrols... did you see any?"

**Ernie:** "no, none whatsoever. As you enter the project, they do have an outpost, just an individual teenager, with no arms whatsoever. There are no fences, the jungle around serves as a security, no fences... just teenager or some senior citizen standing guard in that one spot. unarmed... just have a small radio there.

**Ernie:** let me point out one thing about TOS, when I first met him, he was highly supportive of the church, I met him on some reale estate matters- or something, in RV. I was really surprised to hear him talk that way when I saw him... since he was one of the strongest supporters of the church before.)

**Ernie:** "Well, maybe in another week, I can sort some of this out and figure some things out. If we get out to Jonestown, I will look up your daughter and your wife and tell them we talked to you.

INTERVIEW WITH **Ernie:**

"I was there 3 times, one of the original group that went there with Rev. Jones to select the site.. was there last yr. Sept. and just returned about 1 month ago... and I am well familiar with the project. I have been a member of the temple for 7 yrs. or so.

**Ernie:** "Jean, lets cut thru the formality of all this... there is obviously a sizable conflict, what is causing all of this. Mr. Duncan says his wife and daughter are fine, and we have a list of 25 folks who are concerned enough to sign affidavits, and a good sized number of them to get on a plane and take a trip... and they are very near convinced that their relatives are not fine. What is going on?"

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Jan: "We have also been trying to figure that out for 1 1/2 yrs. I speak only for myself and anyone here could speak as well. But on a personal level, I think anyone who has been very much a part of something as TOS was, as Mr. Duncan was saying, and then for one reason or another chooses to disassociate themselves, then I think, in order for one to justify themselves and what they have done, they have to try to tear something down. I think that is true in a divorce, or whatever, but I think there is also a lot more here. I know there is, because we have seen evidence over the past yr. of a very well orchestrated effort, a conspiracy in my opinion to malign what we are doing, that involves various agencies. For instance, our SS checks as one example, we have maybe 200 or 300 seniors, all of who are entitled for SS benefits and have applied for such. And when they got over there.. mysteriously the checks were cut off... and we found in the post office branch, a memo that was circulated by HEW which said that all checks SS checks bound for Guyana should be returned.. which is just one indication of high level kind of thing.

Harris: "Who signed the memo?"

Jan: "It was an inner-office memo- just initialed. Also we sent shipment to Guyana, like we have for yrs. for our agricultural project.. and some agents from the Treasury Dept. broke into the crates in Houston, and with no explanation, when Mr. Garry wrote asking some explanation... they said they did not need to ans. etc.  
So, I think it is on several levels... I think some of it is on personal motivation.

Harris: "Forgive me Jean, but I get the feeling that you are holding back, that there is this thing that you haven't quite yet told me what you really think the thing is... now what the hell is it that you really think is happening, as far as the government.. agencies are concerned?"

Jan: "Again, I am just speaking for myself... but I would say that because Rev. Jones over the yrs. has been such an outspoken leader, an outspoken advocate of racial, and social justice.. economic equality.. that one is bound to incur the antagonism of certain elements... more conservative elements. We have seen this when this first occurred last yr. it was very clearly pointed out by Assemblyman Willie Brown and a large number of community leaders, in fact Willie Brown said he was surprised that it hadn't happened earlier... JJ such an outspoken leader of human rights... He certainly has directed us... a large interracial church.. a number of reasons that he would be attacked..

Harris: "I don't understand why, you are a fairly sizable group, what you have about 2,000 members?"

Jan: "no, I would say we have 2-3,000 active members in Bay area, and a large support group...and in L.A. a sizable group also. (over 1,000? not audible).

Harris: "It hardly makes a respectable target for Federal antagonism. What agencies are you talking about?"

Jan: "Well, the way this whole thing has been set up.. well over a yr. ago, before all this came to our attention... Dennis Banks, whom Rev. J had supported.. told him that someone approached him from the Treasury Dept. saying it would go easier for Dennis Banks, who at that time was facing extradition, if he would speak out publically against Rev. Jones

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and prior to that, about 6 mos. earlier, we had helped Dennis' wife get out on bail in Oregon, and our congregation gathered enough \$ on the spot to pay for the bail. This congregation has supported lots of people over the yrs. So when that came to our attention, we asked lots of agencies, including Treasury and deference departments, what the interest was.. and why Dennis had been approached, and that is still an unanswered question. That is just one example.. and the man that had approached him at that time also told him that Grace Stoen had talked to a Treasury agent."

Harris: "A number of people, Tim Stoen, Grace Stoen, Debbie Layton, Cobbs, a number of people said, that somewhere along the line, the church shifted.. and became, instead of a working socialist group, became a pure authoritarian group. They say people are beaten...is that true?"

Pat: "NO, it is not true."

Harris: "You have never seen people beaten?"

Pat: "no, I've never seen anyone beaten."

Harris: "have you ever seen anyone hit?"

Pat: "These are all questions that you are asking me that are directly related to the law suits..I don't necessarily feel free to get into these things."

Harris: "All right, your attorney is here.. he can advise you... Am I getting into an area that is sensitive?"

Pat: "I think you are... you see the difficulty is, that everything we say in the media.. ends up in an affidavit by TCS.. and we are privy to all kinds of confidential information, that I have not publically exposed..as yet."

Harris: "Up to now, you have not been (inaudible)"

Pat: "I can't expose that... TCS himself has made that allegation, and in private notes that he has made.. in his own hand.. but I am not ready to expose that publically."

Harris: "You do not wish this known publically?"

Pat: "No, there are so many things which we are not ready to expose, and to do so, I think would be harmful to our lawsuits. You might ask him, have you ever ( ~~xxxxxxx~~, accused? your wife... of having been a CIA agent. Ask him if he himself has had any connection with the CIA? Ask him if he has ever been a CIA agent in Germany? We have some things written in his own hand writing...where he talked about communism and socialism being so bad.. and then he ends up being a great advocate of socialism-- I don't get it. I don't understand one minute being one thing and then the next something different. You might ask him where is he getting the money? to be able to hire a lawyer in Guy. for 25,000\$ cash. and the lawyer that went down and spent atleast 3 or 4 weeks..at the most expensive hotel in Guyana... and went back and forth several times.. he himself has gone back and forth.. Where ~~has~~ is he getting the money to be able to do all the things that he is doing? He obviously doesn't have any clients, except these 3 law suits and he claims they were all instantaneous. Where does he get the money? (Pat adds Stoen himself went to Guyana for several weeks.)(they talk more about all the money spent in Guyana.)

Those are questions that I intend to ask on these law suits... deposition but I don't want to tip my hand about that. But there are some things that I can talk about. I personally investigated.. in addition to exx people that are there.. I offered the first time that I went down there.. there was the Clivers...I said to them- your mother and dad want you to come



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back- he was almost 19 then.. and he said he would run away if he was made to leave Jonestown.. and he and his fiance and I went to the Capitol and I sd. I have credit cards here- I can take you back if you want to go. He sd. he didn't want to go back... I happen to know that the people in Georgetown, the temple members there. Have to rotate... because they like to get back to the jungle, they don't want to be there.. and these rotations go on atleast every 3 or 4 wks. They consider Georgetown to be civilization and they want to get back to Jonestown... you will see that for yourself.. if you get the chance to go there. I have personally investigated all that.

Harris: (interrupting): "We have to go, we are running tight.. You are convinced that Jonestown is a good place?"

Garry: " I think it is a beautiful place.. I consider it Paradise. It's something that I read about at one time.. that there would be a society like that... where there is no such thing as agesim, racism, sexism.. and no such things as hunger. I have read about it as a panacea- utopian. But I have seen it in action, on 2 sep. occasions.

Harris: "Here is a fairly sizable group who say they have tried to get their relatives out of there, and can't.. why is that... what is going on?"

Garry: " All I can tell you is that I have been a lawyer for 40 yrs.. and tried some of the most controversial cases there've been, and I will never at any time, extend my own reputation, my own integrity, unless I personally know it... I went there myself, I investigated myself, I talked to all kinds of people, I conversed with them, ate with them, slept with them, and I am satisfied there is not one single person there who wants to come back... they could come back any time if they wanted..

Harris: "Debbie Layton comes out and says she had to go thru the Amer. Embassy because the temple took her passport..and her money and that she saw people who were beaten.. that she saw children thrown in the wells to scare them... that people are hungry. This girl was a member of the temple for 5 or 6 yrs. If the temple is such a paradise.. why would Debbie Layton lie, why would she come out and spread all these stories?"

Garry: "I can't tell you why she did it?.. I can't tell you what subjective relationship she had with her husb. etc. When she went there- maybe she did't reconcile with herhusb... I don't know.. all I can tell you is that when anybody says they are hungry there- that is an outright lie.. there is so much food that you can't possibly eat everything that you get.. and everybody eats the same thing- there is no such things as one person getting 1 diet and someone else eating some thing different. Let me give you an example of the Senior citizens there.. there are sev. hundred there. They live in the medical compound.. there are cotages right around the medical area... and every single morning... someone knocks on their door.. and says has anybody there had any problems last night... that kind of security... for old people. for senior citizens, is something that I can't duplicate here in this country. And when I see children all over the place, in classes, and anxious to work in the fields... after their school time, and they do it laughing and singing... carrying on all kinds of songs.... and when I see the entertainment at night... when they are dressed in their beautiful colorings, and clothing, when I see all that... and when I see the group meetings that they have.. where several hundred people will stand there and discuss matters that come up... they discuss current events.. when I see all that- I cannot be persuaded that anybody there is there against their own will.

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By the way, there are any numbers of people here who are anxious to go- there are atleast 2 or 3,000 people here who want to go.. and they have relatives there- they know what is going on there. but they feel they have to be here to do their contribution here in the U.S. I have seen this- no one tells me about this.

Harris: "Let me cover a few things quickly here if I can... Let me see- there are 1,200 people in the compound now.. multiplied by \$900. air fare or even half that- 450. for a one-way trip- that is alot of money... where did it come from?"

Garry: "Some of these people had their own properties that they turned over to the temple.. they believe in collective community living...and one person that I talked to had turned over all his worldly goods to be there... and he said if he had to do it all over again- he would have saved some more money to do it. There is several million dollars invested in there... it's a city that they have built- right out of the jungle..."

Harris: "I am told that it is essentially a socialist group."

Garry: "Yes, it is a very utopian socialist group.."

Harris: "Marxist, authoritarian?"

Garry: "No, I told you there is no such thing as elitism there.. an authoritarian group would have elitism..they have 'leaders'. They don't have leaders there.. You talked to Jean Brown a few minutes ago and you asked her what she did... and she said she is just a member.. as a matter of fact, she is a member alright... but she works 24 hrs. a day.. along with everybody else.. and there is no such thing as one person being a 'leader' and another person being a follower.. That is hard to visualize and that is hard to understand.."

Harris: "Do you agree with Jean that there is some kind of conspiracy?"

Garry: "Well, I am too much of a lawyer to use words like conspiracy.. All I can say is that there is something 'screwy'.. there is something underlying this and I have not been able to get at it.. I refuse to call names, I refuse to explore myths... but there are an awful lot of things that cannot be explained unless there is some form of drive.. to destroy the Peoples Temple."

Harris: "By who?"

Garry: "I don't know ."

Harris: "By the government?"

Garry: "I don't know.."

Harris: "Well, you must suspect.. you have investigated this thing, you have followed it.. you are an attorney.. you are by nature an inquisitive investigator.."

Garry: "Well, many yrs. ago during the Panther days.. I said the gov. was trying to destroy the Black Panther party.... I am not prepared to say that the gov. is doing this, or whether a private group is doing this... everything points to that there is a group doing this.. and I have not been able to put my finger on it.. The reason that I have not been able to put my finger on it yet is that I have been trying to eliminate certain areas... in my investigation... and the more I get into it- the deeper it becomes... whatever that group is.. I don't know what it is... at the present time.. I intend to find out. hopefully in the next few weeks.."

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Harris: "If everything is as you say it is.. the group, the two congressmen and their staff.. why not allow them into Jonestown?"

Garry: "Well, there is an ans. for that..in the first place, my clients are paranoias.. the fact that they are paranoid, doesn't mean that they are wrong.. they do not trust the two congressmen that have volunteered to go down there.. They had asked, several months ago, that representatives of the Black Caucus go down there.. and so far Black Caucus has not been able to... The reason that they have confidence in the Black Caucus is that atleast 60% of the people at Jonestown is Black... and they are oriented to Socialism.. a utopian socialism.. and they relate to all of the Third World groups.. and they feel that some Black Congressmen went down there.. that they would trust them,

You see, it was little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at several times.. and when I went down there- he had already been shot at, and the place was just panicked..and I suggested myself, that they arm themselves and get security... well, they finally decided to put some people at the compound.. but that is all.. they would not arm themselves.. they would not use that kind of security... and the other day when we were down there.. Joe mazor who is a private investigator suggested to them that JJ should be constantly guarded.. and he sd. he would be willing to come down there and help them defend and set up a security guard and show them how to handle arms etc.

But JJ is not that kind of a person.. he figures if anything is going to happen to him- its going to happen to him..

Harris: "We have talked to people that said in this country.. JJ had bodyguards.. alot of body guards.. the Secret Service said that they were disturbed by JJ's body guards, and you are telling me he has no body guards?? Yet photographs in S.F. papers, show body guards, big men, obviously in a protective formation around Jones, if they weren't body guards.. they were damned good imitations."

Garry: "My idea of a body guard is someone who is there with guns... ready and walking around.. there are no bodyguards with him in Jonestown..

Harris: "And there are no guns in Jonestown?"

Garry: "I have not seen any guns"

Harris: "Debbie Layton says there is an armed squad.. that there are patrols around Jonestown.. you say that is not true?"

Garry: "If you go there, you will find that is not true. I hope that you can go there, so that you can see for yourself."

Harris: "As attorney for the temple, at this moment... the Congressional delegation will not be allowed in..?"

Garry: "I don't know, I don't know. I don't know if it will be allowed in or not... I have not been privy to that... Mr. Ryan did not see fit to contact me.. so that I could make the proper arrangements.. you know, this is their community.. this is their home.. and for a Congressman to barge in and say I am coming down on such and such a date.. JJ has said, and the temple has said.. that is no way to come to our town.. why don't you give up time to invite you to come down.. and when you come down, we want atleast 2 members of the Black Caucus.. to be a part of that delegation. Just don't say I'm coming down whether you like it or not."

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Harris: "And the group called Concerned Relatives, will they be allowed?"

Garry: "No, they will not. I would advise them that they would not have to have them there. In the first place, my client does not trust them.. we don't know what kind of a situation that would be.. We were told at one time, that there was a delegation that came in there ready to kidnap everybody.. and whether that was true or not I don't know, but that was told to me by a person who himself went there to do that."

Harris: "there is in the case of Tim and Grace Stoen.. a child, John Stoen. There is a calif. court order giving Grace Stoen custody of the child John, but JJ still has the child."

Garry: "Because it is his child."

Harris: "He is the father.."

Garry: "he is the father.. when you see that child, you see JJ, you see identical person.. you can't escape that.. there is no way in the world to escape that.."

Harris: "Is Grace Stoen the mother?"

Garry: "Yes,"

Harris: "JJ is married"/// yea// Grace Stoen is not his wife.. // that's true// "is it common, as charged by some of the group, that family units shift, change partners and are encouraged to do so by the church?"

Garry: "no, that is not true."

Harris: "There are also statements.. that while JJ's wife was in this country until recently, that JJ lives with two other people... two other women.. If JJ is indeed the father of Grace Stoens child, then does that not lend some credence to these charges?"

Garry: "What charges?"

Harris: "That JJ is living with two other women who are not his wife."

Garry: "I don't know who JJ is living with.. everytime I've been there, his wife marceline is with him.. I did not go to their bedroom to see who sleeps with who... and frankly I am not even interested in that kind of thing.. of evaluation.. of my client.."

Harris: "In the end, because you are their attorney, you are going to end up being one of the main spokesman, if not the main spokesman.. have I missed anything, is there anything else that ought to be added?"

Garry: "Well, there are alot of things that I can add.. but there is a legal matter of being in court.. I do not intend to talk about anything that I consider to be a breach of my responsibility.."

~~KNBC INTERVIEW~~..... ~~DON HARRIS~~ 11/13/78 in S.F.

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Harris:

I just want to go over this one time for all of you... because I don't know how much all of you know about us.. what we are about to do, how we are going to go about doing it.. So if I clear all that just one time you will all know exactly how we stand.

We are essentially a net-work news service. Someone called the other day and the opening of the sentence was "i understand you are going down to do an expose?"

That is not what we are going to do at all. We are going to do a news story.. there have been some charges and there have been some ans. to charges.. I have absolutely no idea at this point, what the story will look like.. Whether they will be favorable to PT or critical.. And I must tell you in all honesty- I really don't give a damn. It's just not my thing to be concerned about whether they are favorable or critical. As far as I know, none of the 4 of us have had anything to do with PT before.. But by and large, your biggest safe-factor is that we really don't care how the story turns out.

Our initial contact was with a group who made some charges against the temple, we will accompany a group of people going down tonight.. who generally are critical of the temple. I wish you wouldn't misconstrue that, that we are somehow in alliance with the people who are making the charges.. We know them, we are going to deal with them, we are going to listen to what the people have to say.. and to some degree, we will report it. But we simply happen to be travelling together.

If we had been able to set the arrangements up ahead of time, we would have gone in by ourselves.. talked to the people of Jonestown first and then waited for this other group of people to arrive... and done th- talking with them. It just happens that we are going together, because that is the way it was scheduled.

You have absolutely no committment to us.. you won't have to talk to us, you don't have to explain anything to us.. we came here because we need information.. we don't know anything about the temple (that is a damned lie from the rest of the conversation/sb).. we don't know anything but what we have found generally in the 'morgue'- that is wire clipping, newspaper clipping.. that sort of thing... so we just came to get some information.

The only thing that I can tell you to give you some peace of mind, as to what we will do, is that unless it becomes a competitive situation.. competitive meaning that unless we have either one of the other networks. if another network comes in on top of the story, we will file instantly. and we will try to let you know about that. But as long as there is no other network there.. then we control the release time and we will try to hold everything until we have a chance to look at the whole week long, or two week long, whatever this thing turns out to be.. then we will start filing. If it is going to be (introduce Dr. Goodlett as he comes in..)

Carry: "Dr. Goodlett was there about a month ago- to examine JJ. He was the president of the Black Publishers of the U.S. and he has a newspaper here- the Sun Reporter.. Metro news and sev. others.. and he has been a long, long friend of the temple.. and a very close, dear friend of mine.

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**Harvey:** "The bottom line is that sometime before we leave tonight.. we will try to set up a way, the mechanism for what we are doing.. I don't care how we do it- as long as you are sure it will work for you.

if we find that we have to fôle in a hurry- give us the name of somebody in Georgetown or here- because if we find that there won't be much time.. there will be time for 1 phone call- to somebody and that's all. To say- we are filing- the story will be negative.. or we are filing and you don't have anything to sweat... that's all I can do for you.. that is all I am supposed to do for you. That is all ethically we can promise anybody.

**Harry:** "Well, let me say a couple of things..we don't have any qualms or any reservations about what is there. I don't care who goes there- as far as I am concerned they won't find anything but what we have seen ourselves. We have not only seen it- the Amer. Embassy has been there.. The Guyanese gov. has been there time and time again.. I have been there twice.. and what you see there is not a manufactured front.. as a matter of fact, I consider it a kind of paradise.. a kind of utopia in action..living, proof I have seen it.. But I want to also tell you that we are very apprehensive not for what is there or what is being done.

We are being attacked.. in areas that we quite don't know where it is coming from.. if we knew where it was coming from, of course, we would stop it.. Now there are, what they consider a group of "concerned relatives",.

Now, Mr. Duncan there- he just came back, and he is not a member of the temple.. his daughter has been there for a long time, he was worried about- seeing his own daughter.. and he was also taken in by some of the crap that some of these so-called CR, these dissidents are putting out. And he went there and saw it for himself.. His wife went down with him- and she stayed there.. This is what we are talking about.. we have had Rev. Moore, who was the head of the Northern Meth. church for the entire northern part of Calif.- he has two daughters that have been there for 2 or 3 yrs. and he went down there with his wife, they visited there for 2 or 3 weeks, and they came back... talk to them- they saw what was going on there.. there is no mystery about what is going on there. but the thing that is a mystery is how it is that Tim Stoen.. who was the attorney and probably one of the top leaders of the temple for yrs., all at once he has filed law suits in the very areas that he advised the temple. Now, I have a law suit against him on the breach of attorney /client relationship. And I have asked for an injunction and the judge has not yet ruled.. he must be considering something, because there were 30 affidavits filed, one by Mr. Duncan, and by people who are not members of the temple, who were aware of the conduct of this man's relationship.

Now, I don't know what is going on.. I don't know what is under all this.. whether it is an IRS investigation.. whether it is a CIA plot.. but something is amiss, something is wrong.. And these are the kinds of things that we don't have ans. to.. We are not going to let anybody from that group get into Jonestown. It's only a little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at.. not once, but several times.. we don't know where those shots came from.. they got into J nestown.. now, by the way, there is no security at Jonestown.. no barbed wire..at my insistence, last yr. I said that there should be someone at the entrance.. now they have a 24 hr. vigil at the entrance, you can't drive in there without getting permission and there is a communications at the gate, to the community itself.. announcing whoever goes thru there. But that is just a facade, because you can get in thru the jungle in a thousand areas.

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Pat asks Harris: "Who are the Concerned relatives who are going over..."

Harris: "Oh, Cobb, Stoen, Katsaris, the names are not all that familiar. I have only been doing research on this thing for 2 or 3 weeks? (sounds like). Essentially the same folks- you must have all the names from court papers etc. Medlocks,...

(they are now setting up equipment-)

(Garry is talking about Ryan's aide talking about having sent invitation out to a number of congressmen inviting them to go- Burton etc... sd. he did know that Phil Burton wrote back that he couldn't go.

Goodlett is saying- nobody would tell him when they are coming to his house- they would come at his convenience- not when they say... I would say- you'd better stay at home, cause you ain't getting in! talks about all these people being schoundrel . etc. and expect to run thru the plantation when they want to.. oh, no. They would have alot of exercise going back home if it was up to him (Goodlett)- but then he is not part of the congregation..

Garry to Goodlett: "Well the thing is that they arbitrarily say they are coming// Goodlett" and I would kick their ass out too!" pardon my french... nothing wrong with being invited to come- just come at the proper time..

Sounds like Javers: "Well, I think Ryans position was that he was going to Georgetown no matter what.. and the hope that he would get into Jones town if Rev. Jones would let him in..

Harris responds to Garry's question as to who is paying for these trips.. Harris says- off the record.... from what I have heard... it is a collective thing... that each person is paying a portion of their expenses.. and that there have been some collections of money by them as a group.

Charles asks if the U.S. gov. is paying for any of this- he wants to know- Harris says not according to Ryan.. in fact there was some serious discussion about them even travelling on the same plane... and Ryan was very careful to spell out when he talked to us- that these were not members of his party... that they would be on the same plane as his delegation- but that was all the connection..

Pat says- the appearance is otherwise.. regardless of what Ryan says.. to whom asks Harris? Pat says- to the public

Harris says- the public won't see it except thru me, him (Javers) or either one of the other reporters... Pat says- what I am saying is unclear that is spelled out to the public- the impression left is that they are part of the congressional delegation.

Harris' response: That is entirely possible.

Charles says before showing the interviews.. he does not intend to get into any of the law suits etc.- that is a matter pending before the courts... he points out about the 16 phone patches etc. we have the tapes in the office.. and these people are not interested in anything like facts.. As a matter of fact, Tim Stoen has told several people, including Mr. Duncan over there, (tape turns)... picks up... "his client said to him, that JJ is the father of that child.." (must be talking about Hallinan)... here is it right here- an affidavit under oath..

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Harris is saying that he needs a person to establish contact with quickly either in S.F. or Georgetown

Harris is saying that he would like to go in... even if he has to stay until after they leave..

Harris says he would like to have them go in and he would like to have Mr. Favers go in too. something about Charles saying by nature... newspaper people are not very happy with T.V... t.v. is entertainment..(laughter)

Harris is saying that he has no idea when this will be shown... he says "I have a sack full of notes..." and at this point he says he is 'abysmally ignorant', but I'll get smarter in the next 24 hrs. sounds like he says "when I get to read all this stuff"

(think they are setting up for the t.v. now)...

Harris asking Dr. Goodlett what his association with PT is... Goodlett saying he first became involved when a number of his patients and J's mother was in town and she had physical problems and came as a patient, and he had a chance to treat her. And then he became involved in their medical program...at one time they had their physical therapy clinic under his license. And he has known JJ as a leader for social justice, concerned about others.

Harris: "have you ever been to Jonestown?"

Goodlett: "yes, I have been to Jonestown.

Harris: "what do you think?"

Goodlett: "well, it was a very unique experience... in Socialism. It is the effort to transmit an idea into being, and they have succeeded far beyond my anticipation. I have known some of these youngsters that are down there since they have been born, and they were real lost souls on the avenue out here... and also (something about) people who were suffering from rheumatism etc. and other debilitating diseases, and now they have a new lease, a new hold on life."

Harris: "Then what is causing all this furor, all these charges?"

Goodlett: "Well, you know, I am a psychologist, I know there are times when the attitude 'love and hate' are sometimes undistinguishable (something about...) when people lose sight of their objective...and something happens... they turn their love into hate. I have known some of these people, and I knew that some of them had been looking a long time for something, and then I was surprised when they turned around, because they had been going the wrong way for yrs. before. But I have known JJ for a number of yrs., and I have examined this man close and I find nothing wrong with him."

Harris: "I am told that he is ill, that he is very ill."

Goodlett: "Do you mean psychologically or physically?"

Harris: "Both, but I am talking about this particular report having to do with him physically."



**Woodlett:** "Yes, I went there to see him about a medical problem... and I have been trying to deal with the problem."

**Harris:** "Then he is seriously ill."

- **Woodlett:** "He is ill and he refuses to go into a hospital...in fact, I sent a message to him that he had not kept faith, and that the project would be leaderless in that he had sacrificed his health. And if he didn't get something done in a short span, it would be very, very dangerous in the long run."

**Harris:** "what sort of illness does he have?"

**Woodlett:** "I don't discuss that, that is a medical problem, but he was ill enough for me to go see him... and I am not an undertaker, I am a physician, you know."

**Harris:** "Dr., I am interested in the young man who is a dr. there."

- **Woodlett:** "Now, this young man, he was spaced out on alcohol and drugs and when I heard that he wanted to be a physician, and he couldn't get into a medical school in this country and I advised them to send him to a medical school in Mexico. And after he was there for a couple of yrs he straightened up etc., and with the help of Willie Brown and others, we got him into Irvine, Univ. of Calif. He is a modern Switzer... this man has got it! Down in the jungle in this clinic, which is the only medical clinic in that region...people are lined up everyday from outside the compound, to get medical care. He is doing a tremendous job. In fact, when I go into retirement, I am going to spend more time down there..."

**Harris:** "You are going to join the group?"

**Woodlett:** "Not particularly, I belong to Third Bapt. church. I am a Bapt. not a Templeite. I'm not Catholic either... but I go to the Catholic church sometime, and I go to Holy Rollers sometime. I don't go much but I do go there. (laughter)."

**Harris:** "In from so, Georgia- I'm familiar with Holy Rollers. I'm am still.. I hear you and I hear these other folks, and they say what a good place this is and what a good job it is doing, what I can't understand why all these people... again, if it were one or two... or three, then you could dismiss it as malcontents..."

- **Woodlett:** "You go and were going to see to it... and I say that because I think I have the confidence in the man...we're going to see to it that if they turn the other delegation away... that you will get an opportunity to get in and see of your own accord... Jonestown. And when you come back, I'll put the same question to you.. and you will have difficulty ans. it. Because everything you see there will impress you by the fact that man can do many things if he does them collectively."

**Harris:** "Do you believe there is a conspiracy?"

**Woodlett:** "yes. Conspiracy of silence, and conspiracy of those who would lie etc. I am not afraid of new ideas, and I am not afraid of Socialism... but you may be brain washed into thinking that we may have reached the milenium of laissez-faire capitalist dogma... And I have seen what they have done to Cuba.. etc. and there are those who don't want Socialism to succeed under any circumstances, I know there are those people in this country, who feel they have all to lose and nothing to gain.. who are trying to rule this country and the world, and would even blow up the world, rather ~~xxx~~ than lose it. Now, I'm not a lawyer but I can talk about things I believe in."

Harris: "What you are saying is the government would rather destroy this thing than have it succeed?"

- ~~Goodlett~~: "What I, for instance, the men who make up the gov., see the gov. represents the collective operations of people who control..."

- Harris: "you are saying there are some people who are involved in the gov. who would like to see this operation fail?"

~~Goodlett~~: "indeed, indeed, indeed."

Harris: "Do you know who they are?"

~~Goodlett~~: "oh, no, I don't know who, like I don't know who has been trying to destroy the Panthers, but we know that eventually it will be proven CIA and these other guys.. in the federal gov. You know, at one time Nixon talked about Fasism, and he was proven to be right, and I am not a visionary who is without some social persepction."

- Harris: "have you ever seen anybody beaten?"

~~Goodlett~~: "No, and I have never treated anybody who has suffered any ill harm.."

- Harris: "never saw anybody down there who looked underfed, mal-nouri"

~~Goodlett~~: "I saw people underfed before I went to Jonestown, yes, but that was here (in this country), I saw they had a program for people who were overweight, who had eaten too good!"

- Harris: "you find no basis for these charges?"

~~Goodlett~~: "I find no basis for them, and with my deep social perception... (cut off) I'll ask you- how do you explain this?"

- Harris: "you tell me, and when I get back, you call me collect and we talk (or something to this effect)."

- ~~Goodlett~~: "Let me tell you, I am the one guy who would send you folk back home if I were there..because first I don't like anybody to come to my house... uninvited, and expect to bring people..."

- Harris: "wait a minute, I don't think you know the whole story... it was not to go there uninvited...we asked to go there before this."

~~Goodlett~~: "yes, and were you given something that would be considered an invitation?"

- Harris: "We didn't get there yet."

~~Goodlett~~: "well, have you been invited to come at this time?"

Harris: "no, nobody has said we aren't going to get an invitation, the general feeling that we got was that things were in an uproar right now, and let's figure out where we are... but understand... I don't know whether you came in late on this conversation...we are travelling with the group, but it has nothing to do with being associated with the group..."

- ~~Goodlett~~: "let me tell you, in the event, I don't know what is going to happen, in the event you are not allowed to get in because of your associates, before you leave... you will be invited to come back."

- Harris: "oh, I suspect that I will get \_\_\_\_\_? one way or the other." of the folks in Jonestown.

~~Goodlett~~: "What I am saying, you will be accepted as an invited guest. You see, I have reservations about this personally because of the fact \_\_\_\_\_?, sounds like there is 'nothing but good to see'... and don't have anytime to hide.. our people basically are a people of peace"

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and they have been harrassed, plus here in S.F., but I believe, just like Castrol told Allende...

Harris: "by the way, the next assignment after this is in Cuba.."  
with Castro.

Goodlett: "Give him my regards..."

Harris: "Do you know him personally, and should I indeed do that?"

Goodlett: "yea, indeed."

Harris: "The man that, as is often the case, the man who is going down, or there is a man who is going to be there at the same time... and because I, like you, worry about going in and trying to survey something on a short term notice... a fellow by the name of Jose Broata? who left Cuba before Castro came to power... came to this country to study for the ministry, he is a lay minister in the Bapt. church, and what he really discovered was that he was a damned good capitalist... and is now a sizable painting contractor and he was our next door neighbor for a while and he has now opened offices in Atlanta and is flying back and forth to L.A.... so he is a good working capitalist.. and also a minister Jose, I believe was the first person to be allowed to go to this country and back.. he makes the trip back and forth very often.. and what we are proposing... part of his family are heavy supporters of the gov.... part are not, and we were going to try to use them as a guide. He, like you, seems to think there are some things that are much better now.

Goodlett: "Well, listen, when you get there... JJ and his family were in Cuba ~~xxxx~~ during the time of the revolution...at the end of the Batista regime and the beginning of the Castro regime.. and JJ has been back to Cuba, he was there in Jan. of 77... and that calling card will not hurt you! That you have come and looked upon this Temple, as a friend... I hope..."

Harris: "I am anxious to see this thing thru.

Goodlett: "You know, one thing I am sure sorry that this country was so open minded and allowed all those Cuban refugees into this country... (a voice says there are over 100,000 of them..) They represent the worst scoundrels in the world... out of there... and the most racist of the Cubans... and they brought all ~~fx~~ of their superiorities and what not.. and in Florida they represent another strata in society pressing on the backs of the blacks.... In the South you have the poor whites, sitting on top of the necks and the backs of blacks... got 3 classes setting on the backs of the blacks now.

Harris: "You know that is something that I want to discuss with Jose, he is black and we have never discussed racism before,

Goodlett: "Well, then he was one of the few of the elite blacks who were needed by the Bastista regime to give it validity.. (Harris agrees about this with him saying that Jose left before..and was just a kid who didn't have enough to eat etc.)

They left over struggle for power... they are the worst... just like the Vietnamese who come here.. they are just another problem for Blacks. and racial minorities, we have got enough problems.. with racism, sexism, and classism... without having anymore numbers to fight. all of these people, some of them from the most deadly social pathology.. known to man in their particular country. We have the capacity for supporting all of the scoundrels all over the world..

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Harris: "well, I know the other side isn't doing too damn good on picking leaders also.."

[redacted] "well, some of them are surviving.."

- Harris: "Idi Amin?"

- [redacted] "well, who in the hell picked him?"

- Harris: "He has Soviet weapons."

- [redacted] "so did the govt. of Nigeria have Soviet weapons...because we wouldn't sell them any.."

[redacted] leaves saying he has to practise medicine.. says he does so once in a while you know... it keeps him radical..

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Harris: "my guess is, if everything stays like it is... my guess is that everything stays even...we will release at the end of this 5 day period or whatever it is... what notice do you need from us? or what information would you like ~~xxx~~ from us? as far as release is concerned- do you need advance information?"

[redacted] "It would help".

Harris: "ok, if we talk to someone at the temple in georgetown, will that information be relayed to you?"

[redacted] "not necessarily", because matters of communication are very bad. see, we are not permitted to carry on any communication between Jonestown and S.F., the FCC raises hell about it. and the communication between Georgetown and S.F. is vey, very expensive, \$15..I think for 3 mins. (gets charles phone #)

Harris: "You represented the Black Panthers, you talked about some other controversial clients.. are there any that I might not know about that I should?"

[redacted] "Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, Inez Garcia,

[redacted] asks how long do you plan to be there? They say the 19th, or until they plan to get thru.

(Before the interview starts, Charles shows Don Harris the Mazor affidavit and Harris asks if Garry has shown it to Stoen. He says: ~~to Stoen~~. But that he might ask Grace about it.)

Garry: You look at that child; it is the spittin' image of Jim Jones.

I've handled an awful lot of paternity cases, and when the mother says this looks just like the alleged father I don't see it. This one is so clear....

Harris: Is that right, Carl?

Carl: Oh right, the same sculpture.

Garry: You know what Tim Stoen's answer to that is? He says, well Jim Jones and I look alike. Tim Stoen and Jim Jones do not look alike.

Harris: This is not an adversary situation. So, if you say something and you didn't like it, you can say so -- let me do that again -- and we'll do it over. You're not getting any break that I don't get-- when I screw it up I start over again-- you get the same option. You understand-- it is not always done that way.. ~~xxxxxxx~~

Walter Duncan: "Tell me- what is it like there?"

Duncan: "It is a beautiful place."

Harris: "your daughter and wife is there, and you are satisfied that they are well off."

Duncan: Yes

Harris: why didn't you stay?

Duncan: I am ~~not~~ employed by the federal gov., I have a job here.

Harris: "you are not a member of the temple... why not?"

Duncan: "(sounds like)- he is a deacon at a local church. considers himself an ally of the church, a supporter of 't without joining it. (talks about his credentials etc.) says he works freely with all the other churches etc. in the community., and groups thru out the city.

Harris: "Do you know Tim Stoen?" / yes/ "Do you know about the charges by some people who say they have relatives there.. specifically by Tim Stoen and his wife. Did they talk to you before you went down?"

Duncan: "Well, I accidently bumped into Tim Stoen and he came over, and he made some statements, my daughter had already been there living.. (inaudible somewhat)- said "if JJ was smart, he would send John back and I would get off his back.

Harris: "You know that one of the charges is that relatives there are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside the temple. That they could not leave, even if they wanted to. So, you have been there- let me ask you some things.

"Did you see your daughter"// yes// "Did you see her alone"// yes// "Did you see her whenever you wanted to"// yes//-

some parts of Duncan's response inaudible- something about there were other people around some of the time.. visiting etc.

Harris: "But you didn't feel that they were monitoring what was said?"  
Duncan: no. none whatsoever.

Harris: "no pressure? did you have the feeling that if your daughter wanted to leave, she could have?"// [redacted] "You are convinced of that?"  
(inaudible response)

Harris: "your wife went down with you?.. and she stayed... why?"

[redacted]: "well, my wife has been a member of the church for quite a few yrs., and her state of health, my wife has multiple sclerosis...and the medical facility was good.. (inaudible)..."

Harris: "At the risk of being repetitive.. there are some people who say that Jonestown is a bad place... and JJ is a bad man.. and that people are deprived of their rights there.. what do you say?"

Duncan: "That is not true for the period of what I was there. There are a group of people that live in Georgetown, and it would be much easier to leave from Georgetown, just call a taxi... they could be on Pan Am in an hour if they wanted to. Down in Jonestown, there is a problem with transportation... .. there is an atmosphere, once you arrive there.. it becomes more as a family affair.. tremendous entertainment program.. I knew alot of the young people, as theyknew my son.

Harris: "One final question, there has been alot of talk about armed guards, and armed patrols...didyou see any?"

[redacted]: "no, none whatsoever. As you enter the project, they do have an outpost, just an individual teenager, with no arms whatsoever. There are no fences, the jungle around serves as a security, no fences... just teenager or some senior citizen standing guard in that one spot. unarmed,.. just have a small radio there.  
(Duncan says- let me point out one theing about TOS, when I first met him, he was highly supportive of the church, I met him on some reale estate matters- or something, in RV. I was really surprised to hear him talk that way when I saw him... since he was one of the strongest supporters of the church before.)

Harris: "well, maybe in another week, I can sort some of this out and figure some things out. If we get out to J\_nestown, I will look up your daughter and your wife and tell them we talked to you.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]  
"I was there 3 times, one of the original group that went there with Rev. Jones to select the sight.. was there last yr. Sept. and just returned about 1 month ago... and I am well familiar with the project. I have been a member of the temple for 7 yrs. or so.

Harris: "Jean, lets cut thru the formality of all this... there is obviously a sizable conflict, what is causing all of this. Mr. Duncan says his wife and daughter are fine, and we have a list of 25 folks who are concerned enough to sign affidavits, and a good sized number of them to get on a plane and take a trip... and they are very near convinced that there relatives are not fine. What is going on?"

Jean: "We have also been trying to figure that out for 1 1/2 yrs. I speak only for myself and anyone here could speak as well. But on a personal level, I think anyone who has been very much a part of something as TCS was, as Mr. Duncan was saying, and then for one reason or another chooses to disassociate themselves, then I think, in order for one to justify themselves and what they have done, they have to try to tear something down. I think that is true in a divorce, or whatever, but I think there is also a lot more here. I know there is, because we have seen evidence over the past yr. of a very well orchestrated effort, a conspiracy in my opinion to malign what we are doing, that involves various agencies. For instance, our SS checks as one example, we have maybe 200 or 300 seniors, all of who are entitled for SS benefits and have applied for such. And when they got over there.. mysteriously the checks were cut off... and we found in the post office branch, a memo that was circulated by HEW which said that all checks SS checks bound for Guyana should be returned.. which is just one indication of high level kind of thing.

Harris: "Who signed the memo?"

Jean: "It was an inner-office memo- just initialed. Also we sent shipment to Guyana, like we have for yrs. for our agricultural project.. and some agents from the Treasury Dept. broke into the crates in Houston, with no explanation, when Mr. Garry wrote asking some explanation... they said they did not need to ans. etc. So, I think it is on several levels... I think some of it is on personal motivation.

Harris: "Forgive me Jean, but I get the feeling that you are holding back, that there is this thing that you haven't quite yet told me what you really think the thing is... now what the hell is it that you really think is happening, as far as the government..agencies are concerned?"

Jean: "Again, I am just speaking for myself... but I would say that because Rev. Jones over the yrs. has been such an outspoken leader, an outspoken advocate of racial, and social justice.. economic equality.. that one is bound to incur the antagonism of certain elements... more conservative elements. We have seen this when this first occurred last yr. it was very clearly pointed out by Assemblyman Willie Brown and a large number of community leaders, in fact Willie Brown said he was surprised that it hadn't happened earlier... JJ such an outspoken leader of human rights... He certainly has directed us... a large interracial church.. a number of reasons that he would be attacked..

Harris: "I don't understand why, you are a fairly sizable group, what you have about 2,000 members?"

Jean: "no, I would say we have 2-3,000 active members in Bay area, and a large support group...and in L.A. a sizable group also. (over 1,000? not audible).

Harris: "It hardly makes a respectable target for Federal antagonism. What agencies are you talking about?"

Jean: "Well, the way this whole thing has been set up..well over a yr. ago, before all this came to our attention... Dennis Banks, whom rev. C had supported.. told him that someone approached him from the Treasury Dept. saying it would go easier for Dennis Banks, who at that time was facing extradition, if he would speak out publically against Rev. Jones

and prior to that, about 6 mos. earlier, we had helped Dennis' wife get out on bail in Oregon, and our congregation gathered enough \$ on the spot to pay for the bail. This congregation has supported lots of people over the yrs. So when that came to our attention, we asked lots of agencies, including Treasury and deference departments, what the interest was.. and why Dennis had been approached, and that is still an unanswered question. That is just one example.. and the man that had approached him at that time also told him that Grace Stoen had talked to a Treasury agent."

Harris: "A number of people, Tim Stoen, Grace Stoen, Debbie Layton, Cobbs, a number of people said, that somewhere along the line, the church shifted.. and became, instead of a working socialist group, became a pure authoritarian group. They say people are beaten...is that true?"

Man: "NO, it is not true."

Harris: "You have never seen people beaten?"

Man: "no, I've never seen anyone beaten."

Harris: "have you ever seen anyone hit?"

Man: "These are all questions that you are asking me that are directly related to the law suits..I don't necessarily feel free to get into these things."

Harris: "All right, your attorney is here.. he can advise you... Am I getting into an area that is sensitive.?"

Harris: "I think you are... you see the difficulty is, that everything we say in the media.. ends up in an affidavit by TOS.. and we are privy to all kinds of confidential information, that I have not publically exposed..as yet."

Harris: "Up to now, you have not been (inaudible)"

Harris: "I can't expose that... TOS himself has made that allegation, and in private notes that he has made.. in his own hand.. but I am not ready to expose that publically."

Harris: "You do not wish this known publically?"

Harris: "No, there are so many things which we are not ready to expose, and to do so, I think would be harmful to our lawsuits. You might ask him, have you ever ( ~~xxxxxxxx~~ accused? your wife... of having been a CIA agent. Ask him if he himself has had any connection with the CIA? Ask him if he has ever been a CIA agent in Germany? We have some things written in his own hand writing...where he talked about communism and socialism being so bad.. and then he ends up being a great advocate of socialism-- I don't get it. I don't understand one minute being one thing and then the next something different. You might ask him where is he getting the money? to be able to hire a lawyer in Guy. for 25,000\$ cash. and the lawyer that went down and spent atleast 3 or 4 weeks..at the most expensive hotel in Guyana... and went back and forth several times.. he himself has gone back and forth.. Where is he getting the money to be able to do all the things that he is doing? He obviously doesn't have any clients, except these 3 law suits and he claims they were all instantaneous. Where does he get the money? (Pat adds Stoen himself went to Guyana for several weeks.)(they talk more about all the money spent in Guyana.)

Those are questions that I intend to ask on these law suits... deposition but I don't want to tip my hand about that. But there are some things that I can talk about. I personally investigated.. in addition to emx people that are there.. I offered the first time that I went down there.. there was the Clivers...I said to them- your mother and dad want you to come



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back- he was almost 18 then.. and he said he would run away if he was made to leave Jonestown.. and he and his fiance and I went to the Capitol and I sd. I have credit cards here- I can take you back if you want to go. He sd. he didn't want to go back... I happen to know that the people in Georgetown, the temple members there. Have to rotate... because they like to get back to the jungle, they don't want to be there.. and these rotations go on atleast every 3 or 4 wks. They consider Georgetown to be civilization and they want to get back to Jonestown... you will see that for yourself.. if you get the chance to go there. I have personally investigated all that.

Harris (interrupting): "We have to go, we are running tight.. You are convinced that Jonestown is a good place?"

Garry: " I think it is a beautiful place.. I consider it Paradise. It's something that I read about at one time.. that there would be a society like that... where there is no such thing as ageism, racism, sexism.. and no such things as hunger. I have read about it as a panacea- utopian. But I have seen it in action, on 2 sep. occasions.

Harris: "Here is a fairly sizable group who say they have tried to get their relatives out of there, and can't.. why is that... what is going on?"

Garry: " All I can tell you is that I have been a lawyer for 40 yrs.. and tried some of the most controversial cases there've been, and I will never at any time, extend my own reputation, my own integrity, unless I personally know it... I went there myself, I investigated myself, I talked to all kinds of people, I conversed with them, ate with them, slept with them, and I am satisfied there is not one single person there who wants to come back... they could come back any time if they wanted..

Harris: "Debbie Layton comes out and says she had to go thru the Amer. Embassy because the temple took her passport..and her money and that she saw people who were beaten.. that she saw children thrown in the wells to scare them... that people are hungry. This girl was a member of the temple for 5 or 6 yrs. If the temple is such a paradise.. why would Debbie Layton lie, why would she come out and spread all these stories?"

Garry: " I can't tell you why she did it?.. I can't tell you what subjective relationship she had with her husb. etc. When she went there- maybe she didn't reconcile with herhusb... I don't know.. all I can tell you is that when anybody says they are hungry there- that is an outright lie.. there is so much food that you can't possibly eat everything that you get.. and everybody eats the same thing- there is no such things as one person getting 1 diet and someone else eating some thing different. Let me give you an example of the Senior citizens there.. there are sev. hundred there. They live in the medical compound.. there are cottages right around the medical area... and every single morning... someone knocks on their door.. and says has anybody there had any problems last night... that kind of security... for old people, for senior citizens, is something that I can't duplicate here in this country. And when I see children all over the place, in classes, and anxious to work in the fields... after their school time, and they do it laughing and singing... carrying on all kinds of songs.... and when I see the entertainment at night... when they are dressed in their beautiful colorings, and clothing, when I see all that... and when I see the group meetings that they have.. where several hundred people will stand there and discuss matters that come up... they discuss current events.. when I see all that- I cannot be persuaded that anybody there is there against their own will.

By the way, there are any numbers of people here who are anxious to go- there are atleast 2 or 3,000 people here who want to go.. and they have relatives there- they know what is going on there. but they feel they have to be here to do their contribution here in the U.S. I have seen this- no one tells me about this.

Harris: "Let me cover a few things quickly here if I can... Let me see- there are 1,200 people in the compound now.. multiplied by \$900. air fare or even half that- 450. for a one-way trip- that is alot of money... where did it come from?"

Gerry: "Some of these people had their own properties that they turned over to the temple.. they believe in collective community living...and one person that I talked to had turned over all his worldly goods to be there... and he said if he had to do it all over again- he would have saved some more mobby to do it. There is several million dollars invested in there... it's a city that they have built- right out of the jungle..."

Harris: "I am told that it is essentially a socialist group."

Gerry: "Yes, it is a very utopian socialist group.."

Harris: "Marxist, authoritarian?"

Gerry: "No, I told you there is no such thing as elitism there.. an authoritarian group would have elitism..they have 'leaders'. They don't have leaders there.. You talked to Jean Brown a few minutes ago and you asked her what she did... and she said she is just a member.. as a matter of fact, she is a member alright... but she works 24 hrs. a day.. along with everybody else.. and there is no such thing as one person being a 'leader' and another person being a follower.. That is hard to visualize and that is hard to understand.."

Harris: "Do you agree with Jean that there is some kind of conspiracy?"

Gerry: "Well, I am too much of a lawyer to use words like conspiracy.. all I can say is that there is something 'screwy'.. there is something underlying this and I have not been able to get at it.. I refuse to call names, I refuse to explore myths... but there are an awful lot of things that cannot be explained unless there is some form of drive.. to destroy the Peoples Temple."

Harris: "By who?"

Gerry: "I don't know.."

Harris: "By the government?"

Gerry: "I don't know.."

Harris: "Well, you must suspect.. you have investigated this thing, you have followed it.. you are an attorney.. you are by nature an inquisitive investigator.."

Gerry: "Well, many yrs. ago during the Panther days.. I said the gov. was trying to destroy the Black Panther party... I am NOT prepared to say that the gov. is doing this, or whether a private group is doing this... everything points to that there is a group doing this.. and I have not been able to put my finger on it.. The reason that I have not been able to put my finger on it yet is that I have been trying to eliminate certain areas... in my investigation... and the more I get into it- the deeper it becomes... whatever that group is.. I don't know what it is... at the present time.. I intend to find out. hopefully in the next few weeks.."

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Harris: "If everything is as you say it is.. the group, the two congressmen and their staff.. why not allow them into Jonestown?"

[redacted] "Well, there is an ans. for that.. in the first place, my clients are paranoia.. the fact that they are paranoid, doesn't mean that they are wrong.. they do not trust the two congressmen that have volunteered to go down there.. They had asked, several months ago, that representatives of the Black Caucus go down there.. and so far Black Caucus has not been able to... The reason that they have confidence in the Black Caucus is that atleast 60% of the people at Jonestown is Black... and they are oriented to Socialism.. a utopian socialism.. and they relate to all of the Third World groups.. and they feel that some Black Congressmen went down there.. that they would trust them,

You see, it was little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at several times.. and when I went down there- he had already been shot at, and the place was just panicked..and I suggested myself, that they arm themselves and get security... well, they finally decided to put some people at the compound.. but that is all.. they would not arm themselves.. they would not use that kind of security... and the other day when we were down there.. Joe mazor who is a private investigator suggested to them that JJ should be constantly guarded.. and he sd. he would be willing to come down there and help them defend and set up a security guard and show them how to handle arms etc.

But JJ is not that kind of a person.. he figures if anything is going to happen to him- its going to happen to him..

Harris: "We have talked to people that said in this country.. JJ had bodyguards.. alot of body guards.. the Secret Service said that they were disturbed by JJ's body guards, and you are telling me he has no body guards?? Yet photographs in S.F. papers, show body guards, big men, obviously in a protective formation around Jones, if they weren't body guards.. they were damned good imitations."

[redacted] "My idea of a body guard is someone who is there with guns... ready and walking around.. there are no bodyguards with him in Jonestown."

Harris: "And there are no guns in Jonestown?"

[redacted] "I have not seen any guns"

Harris: "Debbie Layton says there is an armed squad.. that there are patrols around Jonestown.. you say that is not true?"

[redacted] "If you go there, you will find that is not true. I hope that you can go there, so that you can see for yourself."

Harris: "As attorney for the temple, at this moment... the Congressional delegation will not be allowed in..?"

[redacted] "I don't know, I don't know. I don't know if it will be allowed in or not... I have not been privy to that... Mr. Ryan did not see fit to contact me.. so that I could make the proper arrangements.. you know, this is their community.. this is their home.. and for a Congressman to barge in and say I am coming down on such and such a date.. JJ has said, and the temple has said.. that is no way to come to our town.. why don't you give up time to invite you to come down.. and when you come down, we want atleast 2 members of the Black Caucus.. to be a part of that delegation. Just don't say I'm coming down whether you like it or not."

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Harris: "And the group called Concerned Relatives, will they be allowed?"

Garry: "No, they will not. I would advise them that they would not have to have them there. In the first place, my client does not trust them.. we don't know what kind of a situation that would be.. We were told at one time, that there was a delegation that came in there ready to kidnap everybody.. and whether that was true or not I don't know, but that was told to me by a person who himself went there to do that."

Harris: "there is in the case of Tim and Grace Stoen.. a child, John Stoen. There is a calif. court order giving Grace Stoe custody of the child John, but JJ still has the child."

Garry: "Because it is his child."

Harris: "He is the father.."

Garry: "he is the father.. when you see that child, you see JJ, you see identical person.. you can't escape that.. there is no way in the world to escape that.."

Harris: "Is Grace Stoen the mother?"

Garry: "Yes,"

Harris: "JJ is married"// yes// Grace Stoen is not his wife.. // that's true// "is it common, as charged by some of the group, that family units shift, change partners and are encouraged to do so by the church?"

Garry: "no, that is not true."

Harris: "There are also statements.. that while JJ's wife was in this country until recently, that JJ lives with two other people... two other women.. If JJ is indeed the father of Grace Stoens child, then does that not lend some credence to these charges?"

Garry: "What charges?"

Harris: "That JJ is living with two other women who are not his wife."

Garry: "I don't know who JJ is living with.. everytime I've been there, his wife marceline is with him.. I did not go to their bedroom to see who sleeps with who... and frankly I am not even interested in that kind of thing.. of evaluation.. of my client.."

Harris: "In the end, because you are their attorney, you are going to end up being one of the main spokesman, if not the main spokesman.. have I missed anything, is there anything else that ought to be added?"

Garry: "Well, there are alot of things that I can add.. but there is a legal matter of being in court.. I do not intend to talk about anything that I consider to be a breach of my responsibility.."

STATESIDE FEEDBACK WEDNESDAY

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--Chronicle called Garry in a panic because Ron Jarvis, their reporter got arrested in Georgetown. Currency violation.

ARTICLE IN CHRONICLE READS:

CHRONICLE NEWSMAN HELD

\* The Chronicle reporter, Ron Jarvis, traveling with a delegation of California ? on a fact finding trip to the Peoples Temple jungle settlement of JT was detained by Guyana immigration authorities last night at Timehr International Airport. In a phone call made less than three hours after his detention began, shortly after midnight as the group disembarked from a Pan Am flight, Ron Jarvis said he was given no official explanation of why he was being held. No other members of the delegation, which includes Rep. Leo Ryan were detained, Jarvis said. The Representative, other journalists, and friends and relatives of J-Teen settlers all were permitted to proceed to their accommodations in the capital. R. Jarvis said that one of the ~~of~~ four uniformed officers who initially detained him put him in a fifteen ~~square~~ foot square room in ninety degree heat with the windows painted over, and told him your release depends on the ~~big~~ decisions the big ones make. The officers eventually allowed him to ~~walk~~ walk around in the small airport -- an opportunity he said he used to place a phone call to the US Embassy and to the Chronicle. The officers hovered nearby. Embassy officials said they would begin working on his problem. Officials in Washington, contacted by the Chronicle also said they would begin investigation of the detention. Jarvis said that after his detention began he was searched and then charged with a currency violation when authorities found 350.00 Guyanese that he had illegally exchanged in SF for his trip. He said he did not know what officials planned to do with him for the remainder of the night.

EXAMINER RELEASE

REPORTERS FACE BOOT IN GUYANA

Reporters and Photographers accompanying a Congressman on a fact finding trip faced immediate expulsion from the country today after immigration officials altered their passports. Tim Reierman said officials came to my hotel this morning, demanded my passport and that of the photographer and altered the authorization of stay from five days to one. Other members of the press faced the same situation with the exception of NBC News. ...

(Dymally's office called-- secretary had heard about Ryan coming and is concerned that he be accommodated. She used to work for him and thinks he is the kind of person who is impressed by facts.. thinks it would be a mistake to erect barriers to open access.)

EXAMINER ARTICLE CONTINUED:

(Highlights)

-- Leo Ryan said the relatives hope to visit the PT jungle mission where ~~2200~~ 1200 N. Americans are operating a massive agricultural project under the leadership of Rev. JJ.

-- Leo Ryan said his visit was prompted by reports that some of the 1200 Americans may have been physically or psychologically abused and may not be free to ~~the~~ leave the remote settlement.

-- Tom Flemming would like to visit-- they wanted to send him Friday with Claire ~~xxx~~ because he is afraid to fly.

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Exposed CIA activities  
in Chile.

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Conspiracy File

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Collect call from Tim Clancy to N.E. reporter Gordon Lindsay

Hello Tim, Gordon Lindsay.

Yes. How are you?

I'm very well indeed, thank you.

I was returning your call.

I know that you are not supposed to talk to me, which I find very strange, but I have a yellow piece of paper that was put out by the Peoples Temple in San Francisco on May 10, 1978. I've been trying to get ahold of Dr Moore today and having no success there, so that is about the end of my I mean I've been trying to track him down all over the country.

He is out of town right now.

Yes, he is in Asilomar., and point number 16--this is comments about Jonestown Guyana from on-site visits. Number 16 says: "A writer from one of the largest news agencies in the world (quote) 'It's very very impressive. Thank you for this opportunity. Best wishes.'" Now, you don't quote the name of the reporter.

No we didn't.

You don't know who it is?

Well, No, I don't.

I checked the largest news agencies in the world one the Associated Press whom I happen to know (the general manager very well, and he said that no one from the AP has been down there. So I checked UPI whom I happen to know Bob Andrews over there, and he said that maybe one from that news agency has been to Jonestown, so I checked Reuters, being British, I know Reuters very well, and now one from Reuters has been down there, and so I checked AFP (French press agency) and they say no one has been down there. Now that takes care of all the large news agencies in the world.

Well I don't know the name of the person. I know--I'm sure that the quote is quite valid. I was going to get around to calling you--It's kind of a surprise that you called this morning.

~~not at all~~

Well I am trying to do a story

*we had heard -*  
I understand, I understand. We had a couple of questions. *Surely - Lindsay* Basically for one



Tim talking:

thing we had heard from various people around town that Mr Tim Stoen had contacted that your article was going to be out this week. It was going to be a smear on the Temple, and people should read it, and we were a little concerned that you called yesterday and expressed interest in talking to various people who had been there - I understand that were not members of the Temple who had been there and back would be interested in speaking to you about their feelings and opinions ~~of~~ the project.

Peoples Temple people would.

A--Peoples Temple people would of course, I mean there are people ~~who have~~ that have been there and would be more than happy to express their feelings, but from what I understood you wanted people who were not necessarily ~~members~~ but were rather in a little more objective position to speak to you about it.

That's right. I think -- I mean I've applied -- God knows how many times to go down to speak to Jones without any success and then I get word from the Lt. Governor's office -- Dymally -- saying that I have to have permission from the Guyanese government to go to Jonestown, and that is quite honestly -- I hope you put it on tape -- is a pack of lies.

Well...

Because the Guyanese government gave me full permission while I was <sup>down</sup> there -- the chap's name is Hutton Archer. And I understand that Dymally was on the short wave radio to Jonestown about that particular thing.

Well, I don't know...

Well, I know you do Tim because you were on the radio as well (over Tim's further ~~explanation~~ explanation).

I don't know where you are getting your information but...

Well, I've got tapes of it.

Oh, I see. Well, as a result of the airplane incident <sup>9 years</sup> they have some serious reservations about letting you in the country. We've been talking to them of course about the possibility of you're...

The Plane incident. As a reporter, when I am told to go ~~out~~ after a story and people reject my advantage to go down there and do a decent job of reporting, I normally make every effort to find out what is going on and one of the things is to find out what the place Jonestown looks like. <sup>well</sup> I know exactly what it looks like.

Oh, understandable, but also you can understand the concern of a country <sup>4</sup> when you violate their airspace.

There is no violation of airspace. You're allowed to fly over.

Well, I mean, that may be your opinion, but I think that they feel otherwise. There are some reservations in the ministries about this.

If you were in my position, wouldn't you think that someone was putting up a brick wall between me and Jim Jones?

No, Not at all.

Why wouldn't he allow me to go down there when I hadn't done anything at all except ask permission to go down?

Well Mr Lindsay you never approached the Temple about going down there before you...

Well my point is you know, the Temple, as far as I'm concerned, is based in Jonestown. That's where--how many people are down there?

There are quite a few people there.

Well...

Let me say this. If you were considering doing both sides of the story, which I really have no idea what you plan on doing with your article, but if you ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> --were considering doing both sides of the story, we are interested in seeing that you get down there to talk to Rev Jones.

It's been seven weeks now.

Well, as I explained, there are going to be problems to overcome the feelings that ~~some people have~~ some people have about airplanes and its going to take time...

But let's go back to the earlier--what I said earlier. When I was down there, in Georgetown, I asked Hutton Archer, at the ministry of information if I could go down to Jonestown, and I have a witness, my partner, right there sitting with me and Hutton Archer said there--he saw no reason why we could not because we were not in there to do a political story. And then he called someone at the Peoples Temple in Georgetown itself.

Who is this gentlemen?

Hutton Archer, I think his actual title is deputy minister of information, and he said as we were not in there to do any political story, we had no ax to grind whatsoever, and we had no response from the Peoples Temple. I was sitting there--I mean, you do admit that the Peoples Temple is in Jonestown don't you? (chuckling)

Indeed.

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And how many people are down there? So we can get that straight.

Well, I'm not sure exactly.

It's over a thousand, right?

Well, you can get the details like that from Charles.

You know I've been trying to get ahold of Garry for four days.

Well, he's right in the middle of a murder trial and he's presenting his side of the case. And it's going to close this week.

I understand, but my deadline will have long past by then.

Well, if you are interested in doing both sides of the story, then something can be worked out, I mean--the Moores--you have their number, I take. I mean I have it here, but I guess you probably already have it.

What Moore's number?

Yes

Well, he's in a place called Asilomar at the moment which is in Monterey, and I've left a message there, but I can do no more.

Right, well he should be back tomorrow or the next day.

That's my deadline's over.

Your deadline's over by then?

Yes, I'll be happy to follow-up the story and do anything else I can, but I've given Peoples Temple more than enough time. I've given them six weeks now.

We thought your deadline was the 28th.

Why would you possibly think that?

That's what we had heard from various people.

The 28th of this month?

~~was~~ Right.

Good God, No.

It was supposed to be a week ago, but we got an extension on it to see if Peoples Temple would be <sup>a little</sup> more cooperative.

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Well, we are willing to cooperate. If it takes time to work out getting you into the country like that--we don't have that much say with the government. They are going to do what to do.

It took me 24 hours to get down there and into the country.

That was when you first went down there? Mr Lindsey.

Huh?

I say, that was when you first went down there. That was before you also flew over the project. And that caused a little bit of concern with the people there. And that is going to take some time and effort to go around.

What concern could I possibly cause?

Well, you did. That's...

From what ministry?

Huh.

From what ministry? I will make representations from my government down there.

Well, I don't know which ministry, I know our people...

Well you find out.

both talking

If you'll find out which minister, and which ministry, I will be happy to get the high commissioner of the British government to look into the matter for me, and I will also have someone from the American government, as I am working for an American newspaper, to look into the matter for me too because we can move a lot faster than most people can.

Well, if you're planning on doing two separate stories, one presenting one point of view and <sup>one</sup> later, presenting--looking at the other point of view, then I don't think that we would be interested in any type of cooperation. But if the story is going to be objective and its going to present both sides, of the story, then we will do our best to cooperate with you.

Four weeks ago--Look look let me quote you something. I've got all this garbage in front of me. One I've been accused of causing a cardiac arrest of a woman. I've got all these things here. Where is the one I would like to quote you... It says here we have not made--and this came from Charles Garry--we have not made a single call to him--that's me--of anyone else in any threatening manner whatsoever.

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(still Lindsey talking)

Until he came into Mr Garry's office, we did not know his name or who he was. Lie. Hutton Archer told Peoples Temple my name and who I worked for. How could anyone get an unlisted number for someone whose name or address we do not know? It is very easy to get an unlisted number--this strikes me as very ~~particular~~ peculiar--if you will take up the challenge of finding out who made and is making these phone calls, find out who informed ~~the FBI~~ about his supposed death threat, we would consider this a test of proof of his sincerity of doing an objective article. Include in his story of who is harrasing PT and the sources of these threats, and they expect me to find out who is making phone calls? Now that's impossible, even the telephone company takes 5 or 10 minutes to put a trace on a phone call.

Well Mr Lindsey, ...

I'll read you what it says here (?) We will take any lie detector test, truth serum, voice print or whatever is required to prove to him we are not the source or any way responsible. I find that going overboard ~~isn't~~ well my goodness (That's true-says Tim)

I don't want you chaps--if you're telling the truth, I'll accept it.

Well, we are just trying to make a point. And we are very serious, and...

All your points seem to be very overboard; ~~you~~ <sup>they seem to</sup> go to the extreme.

Probably because we haven't got the representation that we've...

I talked to Charles Garry four weeks ago that I was quite happy to go down there to do an objective story, and I think, you know, it seems that what is known in terms of the run around, getting no where--I'm wasting a tremendous amount of money making phone calls getting no where.

I mentioned to the problem of why we are having troubles getting you in now, and you told me about you had gone there and the government had said you could get in but the situation is different now, but there is also another possibility there is a free-lance journalist and author who is going to be going to the project -- all the paperwork and everything has been arranged, and he is going to be going there very soon to do a story --it will be a longer type of thing. He has done stories for your paper before. We've galked to him, and he said that he would be willing to do something shorter and give your jpaper the exclusive story on that.

What's his name?

I am not at liberty to give you his name at the moment, I just...

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There is nothing secretive--he works for the National Inquirer?

Well, he doesn't work for the ~~the~~ National Inquirer, he's written for it. He is a free-lance author.

He cannot, believe you me, he cannot say that he will give it to the Inquirer. They have to approve it before he even goes down there. I know how the Inquirer works. backwards.

Well, I'm sure you know far better than I do. I'm just saying that he offered to do that. I'm not saying that they would accept it--the story. ~~He's just saying~~ But he's planning on going down there, and he's going to do that.

Now why have we been so secretive about who the reporter is if he's a reporter worth his salt, he doesn't mind giving out his name to anyone.

Well, your views are...

I've given my name to everyone, I haven't tried to keep mine a secret at all. I mean that's the normal reporter. If a reporter ~~xxxx~~ is not prepared to give his name out, then he's not a reporter in my book.

Well, I don't think he's actually a reporter, <sup>he's</sup> he's an author.

An author.

He's done <sup>newspaper</sup> newspaper feature articles.

That's all I do--Newspaper feature articles.

I understand.

I donot consider myself an author.

There must be... some difference there...

I consider myself a reporter. Feature reporter. If you like to have this gentleman call me, I would be delighted to talk to him.

OK, I was just saying that there is a lot of people I think who would be interested in talking, but they have a lot of reprehensions about how they are going to be represented in the press.

Everything I do I tape so they cannot be misquoted. I've already told Charles Garry that. I spoke to Charles Garry for two hours--on tape.

Is that right. I didn't realize it was that long.

In his office.

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Well, a lot of people feel that we are the victims of a conspiracy with regards to the media.

I think you feel you are victims of a conspiracy.

I do. I do personally. I think there is good reason for it. Well let me -- you've mentioned a lot of things. . .

You give me the name of the ministry that's complaining about me going down there, and I will sort it out with the High Commissioner and the American ambassador--we have a lot of power.

You do personally?

No, no, not I, but I am the least, I am just a reporter. No, no I have no power, but by power I mean influence in government circles. Newspapers have to deal in government circles. I mean I do deal something with a congressman that I have spoken to about Peoples Temple and various Senators.

I see.

And how they feel about it you --I'm covering every base that I possibly can. I've been in this country for 21 years now, so I think that I know the American scene fairly well.

Well, you've certainly spent enough time here to see it first hand. Now if you said you've past your deadline already, what point is all this discussion?

The point of all this discussion is let's get on the stick and <sup>talk to</sup> Jones by radio. If you can get me down there 24 hours, to Jonestown, then maybe I can hold off the deadline.

I think that would be impossible. I am fairly sure that that would be impossible. 24 hours is just not enough time.

In this business, we never say its impossible.

Well, I won't say its impossible, but it would be highly unlikely.

OK Well, if we don't hear from you, we will just go ahead with the story right?

Well, if that's what you are going to do... <sup>don't see that</sup>

All I can say... OK the thing is that I...

We're interested in working with you--we need <sup>the</sup> ~~some~~ time to work it out.

You see, I can't understand this, as of tomorrow, this will be 7 weeks I've been on this story. Seven weeks--it's the longest I've spent on one story in my life. on actually one story... When I covered the heart transplant, I spent 8 months, but that was an ongoing thing--a daily thing. This is just a one feature story.

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(Lindsay still talking)

That was a news story far more than a feature story. So as I say, I've never spent this much time ~~with~~ with... These chaps on watergate didn't spend ~~this~~ much time almost.

Well,

So I certainly have given it my honest effort.

OK, well let me get back to you. You'll be at this number then?

Yes.I will.

OK.

Ok thanks very much,

Thanks, Mr Lindsay.

Bye.....



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Gordon Lindsey  
National Enquirer  
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Hello

Tim

Speaking

Gordon Lindsey here.

Yes.

I've been just having a chat with our lawyers.

Yes

And we perfectly understand the matters ~~about~~<sup>around</sup> the litigation. We understand that the gentlemen work deals with something <sup>in</sup> putting the lines out. But they did bring up a couple of things about the litigation the question I've asked concerns Steve Katsaris, Jim Cobb and the Medlocks.

Uh huhm

The other one on the children ~~the~~ the-- you know, the charges are that he's holding children down there. Charges or alligations they mean the same thing to me. They have been decided in the court here. ~~One~~ <sup>Even though</sup> is pending in the Guyanese court. As ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> know.

Uh huhm

We don't feel that is litigation in this country at all.

But we have to go by the advise of our attorney, Mr Lindsey, I'mm...

~~At~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~right~~, all I'm saying that the way we feel, I mean

Fine

I'm just trying to get this so we don't have to go ~~another~~<sup>wait another</sup> 24 hours. I'm trying to bend over backwards to get your side of it, right?  
I mean, I just called Reno Nevada again and I found out the Rev Moore is somewhere in Redding California. Where I don't know. But the other charges--he's already replied--or the Temple has about the Debbie Layton charges, and I understand there's a possible--Charles Garry told me this--a possible lawsuit being brought against Debbie Layton by her mother and ~~her~~<sup>her</sup> sister, but these charges I'm not questioning at all, we're just talking about what she alledged to have happened down there. All I'm trying to say is that we are completely clear on the matter.

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OK

As I say, I just don't, I can't afford <sup>to wait</sup> all this time any more on going just back and fourth ~~xxxxxxx~~ before we get to the point that we can start talking.

I appreciate your concern. I'll just mention again that we have to talk to Garry and go by what he says.

~~well~~ <sup>well</sup> that's fine. This is the way we feel.

OK

Sp I'll hear from you, by the way if you need to call me this evening, you can call on the number I gave you.

The number that you gave me before?

654-2064, the office number?

uh hum

If I'm not here just have them switch it over to my home.

They'll do that?

Oh, no trouble, I'll ma... they do it automatically, but I'll double check it.

OK fine.

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THIS WILL BE REPEAT, BUT THEY ARE POINTS I WANT TO BE SURE ARE UNDERSTOOD: THEY ARE MARKS COMMENTS ABOUT THE DOCUMENT:

1. It is explosive. The article and the means of getting it. It was 7 1/2 rather than 10, but the guy who gave it to mark made him swear it would never leave his hands. Mark has the copy and will keep it, though told to destroy it. When the guy went back to call his job the morning Mark met him, he said they were very edgy with him and asked him if he had let anything out. Mark said no way can anyone know this has been done, because people could lose jobs and land in jail. He said it is tighter than the Pentagon papers and the guy fears reprisals. Whatever response to the article Mark prepares, it will in no way indicate that he is writing in response to the document. It must not show any correspondence at all.
2. People must all make denials of the Mann thing. These quotes must be made available to him, and they must not be in affidavit form. Just over the radio is sufficient. He will weave that into his response to N.E. based on what George Hunter told him about Paula and Mann. But he cannot mention that he knows it landed in Reid's lap-- he has no other source for that information than the article.
3. He wants a copy of Mazor's affidavit and thinks it would be good to use in talking to Ryan. We have to possibly leave this up to Charles, but I am sending Mark a copy.
4. The names which were indicated on the article copy which can never be used are Frank Anderson, Carol Zell, and Roy Singh. If there were to be any indication we knew these names, there would be a direct link to the person who gave Mark the article as the Enquirer was sworn to secrecy re. these people. It is indicated clearly on the copy.

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5. Mark may be willing to take some chances; I think we should consult with him first, though. He knows the circumstances and just how far out various necks are stuck.

5. The problems in a particular are, in Mark's opinion, the Mann thing, and the fact that Charles said what he did to Lindsay. He feels that the Enquirer had perfect license to go ahead and print every word without fear of malice suit because they have laid all the charges at Garry's feet and he said he could make no comment regarding their truth or untruth. And the fact that he said he is the only spokesman for the Temple leaves us wide open. Therefore he wanted permission to say he is also a spokesman for PT, as are any number of members as indicated to the press.

6. If we have time, your analysis (over the phone) of points to refute would help. I don't know how much time we have. Mark asked for and got materials that are public information which he can base his response on.

THE ARTICLE:  
Untitled so far.  
by Gordon Lindsay

Begins  
the promised land has turned into a hell hole of beatings  
torture 12 hour work days and a diet consisting mainly  
of rice

Horrifying details of the concentration camp"

Jones is a mixture of Moon and Manson"

Sources Debbie Layton'

Tim Stoen~

Katsaris} Cobb^

Two agents. Names are in piece but will not be published  
in article.

? Al and Jean Mills

All the children are sick

A lot have hair missing and gashing sore on their legs

The BVI / people in it from one to seven days  
The planned mass suicide and murder

Ambassador Mann and Paula Adams have been having an affair  
for a couple of years. She taped sounds of their making  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

love. Jones ordered her to. Stoen heard the tapes, Paula  
played them when he was present.

Carolyn Layton typed transcripts from the tape, Jones edited  
the transcript and Debbie Touchette handed to Deputy  
Prime Minister Reid. Mann made no comment. *he knows about it*

Garry says only he can speak for PT No ones else can speak  
for them in Guyana or MF.

When confronted with charges Garry answered "off the record"  
He concluded after hearing all charges. "I can neither  
confirm nor deny the charges"

Ramirez said major fraud involved. Hopes to file the case  
in a few weeks. Ramirez encouraged article. ~~xxx~~ perhaps (IMPLIED)  
it would make it possible to extradite Jones

Kathy Hunter

Very strong statements about Jones and sex with many, many  
people in PT. Jones was brutal with the many women he had  
sex with. Now he is sleeping with Maria and Carolyn

*is he  
the one  
safe place  
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PT's keep  
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UNTITLED  
GORDON LINDSAY

Promise Land has turned into a hell hole, a concentration camp people in the evil clutches of a man who is a cross between Moon and Manson. Life consists of mass suicide attempt, beatings til blood is drawn, pressure applied to temples until people fall out, the "box" where children are put and the well.

There are 4 couices: live under the inhumane conditions; escape and die in the jungle; escape and be killed by J., commit suicide.

According to Debbie Layton - she escaped.

Al and Jeannie Mills left 1975 -- afraid of reprisals, told then everyone who left would be killed.

Tim Stoen - says J is worth 15 million. Stone himself had an account in his name - sole signator - of over 1 million.

Debbie L. says she was aware of \$65,000 per month in Social Security checks signed over to J.

Stoen: "JJ is the most evil man who ever walked. He is cynical, bored with life, money is not his game. He gets his kick out of power.

He treats people as pawns. He has a volcanic drive to control."

Stone: Nobody in Jonestown or Georgetown is allowed to make phone calls.

All mail and all calls are monitored and censored.

According to the pilot who flew Lindsay over the project, Agostini, the jungle is deadly-- describes pirhana, snakes, parasites etc. and portrays it as impenetrable.

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Nobody can talk to anyone without two other Temple members present. According to Lindsay, request after request to have PT members talk to the Enquirer were denied. The Temple house in Georgetown is considered

off-limits. Nobody but PT members can be there. All Guyanese, when asked about PT, are tight-lipped.

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F. Henneke - U.S. State Department, would not shed any light. Burnham and Vance have ignored the 6-page petition which Stoen sent them (and received his return-receipt statement). The petition was signed by 51 people, and names have been added. Dated May 10, 1978. There were serious charges to be ignored by the government.

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Richard Bwyer refused to talk; Richard McCoy refused to talk; Fred Henneke refused to talk, when Gordon Lindsay asked for comments. Goes into Debbie's background, joining Temple as a young woman and how she had taken her mother to Guyana in hopes she could see a lovely place as she was dying of lung cancer.

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Rice diet. There are two ways in -- one on the boat which JJ owns, the other is an airstip built by P.T. The Matthew's Ridge airstrip is a military base which is heavily guarded

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Crowded. 75 cabins, 14 people per cabin. Huts have tin roofs. JJ told Debbie she would be arrested if she went back to the U.S. Said the CIA had a conspiracy against the Temple and she would be jailed. Claims JJ propagandized everyone like this.

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People are allowed to talk to their relatives on the radio phone patch, but every word is monitored by JJ telling them what to say. When Debbie arrived she was put into the fields to do manual labor. People work from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (a ten hour day). (At the beginning she claimed it was a 12 hour work day). The people go to bed at 1:00 AM and sometimes as late as 4:00 AM after nightly meetings.



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Nightly meetings start at 7:00 PM. If people are late they are punished. Describes a Learning Crew supervised by people with arms. You cannot talk or smile on Learning Crew. People who work at the piggery 3 miles from the compound have to run there in the morning.

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Learning Crew has separate cabins with armed guards. Watched 24 hours. Mentions rice diet again. Chicked once a month.

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J harps on the chicken consumption - says it costs him \$2,000 a meal and the people should appreciate it. Sundays people work from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are 400 seniors and 300 children. Seniors are not made to work in the field but have plots of ground they are expected to work long hours on to make produce. The toddlers play in the dirt. There are 50 babies fenced in an area 10' x 6'. The children are sick, they all have ringworm, parasites, hair missing, gashing wounds on their legs. Only cassava powder is put on them, there is little or no medication.

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There is lots of sickness. Worms; people are de-wormed regularly. D.B. said she got sick, was given tea to drink and dropped down to 98 lbs. No one can escape because J has people walking around to test people, ask them "Do you want to leave?" If you answer yes, you are punished. Asked about these charges, F. Henneke said he had never personally been to Jonestown, but that any complaints are looked into by the State Department. There have been numerous inquiries.

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In every case where relatives or friends have sent inquiries or complaints Henneke says the State Department has sent someone from the Embassy in Georgetown to P.T. to investigate. Inquiries about brutality etc.

None of these persons have confirmed the allegations of brutality or mind control. Our representatives have always given Jonestown advance notice of our arrival. D.B.says that when U.S. representatives arrive, the work day is shortened. Henneke said he had received allegations that all people had signed suicide notes. His answer: not our concern at this stage. All we can do with the investigation we are doing. There is a long distance between Jonestown and Georgetown. Arrangements have to be made in advance.

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Re. allegations of "thin, hollow eyes," Henneke said: "Those reports have not been brought back. People appear to be healthy, considering they work on agricultural production. But McCoy is not a doctor nor a nutritionist. He is ~~emanantly~~ qualified as a counselor officer, but he is not qualified to do a psychological analysis. But we have investigated every report."

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Henneke : "Debbie Layton's charges are believable, but they do not trigger any actions by the Embassy in Georgetown." Re. 3 children held there and Superior Court judges have ordered their return: "Unfortunately, child custody cases are a worldwide phenomenon. The U.S. government is not prepared to intervene." Re. the question where is the truth about all these charges: "The truth lies with Peoples Temple."

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Richard Byer was asked same questions and whether he minded being asked about Peoples Temple. Byer: "I do mind, Mr. Lindsay. These are American citizens and no officer of government may comment on their activities. (Cites the Privacy of Information act). I suggest that you address yourself to their Representatives in U.S. Congress."

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Richard McCoy confirmed meeting with Steve Katsaris, Maria Katsaris, and Ambassador Mann. But he could not comment on the meeting without the written permission of all participants there. Refused to comment if Maria were strained. Steve Katsaris maintained that McCoy told him something very peculiar was wrong, and that four members of Peoples Temple had accompanied Maria to see her father. But McCoy would not comment to Lindsay.

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Lindsay describes a verbal exchange between himself and McCoy which boils down to McCoy protecting information he has. Responds:

"I will talk when I have clearance -- you will have to direct your questions to the State Department."

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Debbie L. claims everyone spies on everyone else, everyone is scared of everyone else. Daily routine of torture. "One guy twists a necklace and wraps it around his fist to put pressure on Peoples Temples. Draws blood.

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Security Alert Team (S.A.T.) beats people up. The "Box" is 4'x3' where you are put if you aggravate J by having differences of opinion with him. From one to seven days there -- forced to eat food all mixed up together. This is punishment for men and women.

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Torture for children is "Big Foot" - a 9' deep well where children are thrown in, caught by adults in the bottom and thrown back up. Kids scream "Thank you Dad" for saving them. This is from 5 to 12 years.

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One of JJ's sons had a gun in his cabin because he was on S.A.T. Debbie claims she planned to take his gun and kill herself. When the

mass suicide came up, it was because of a crisis where someone outside had spoken unfavorably against P.T. This mass suicide was attempted on the night of a visit of a Guyanese minister -- he was forced to resign. J called a crisis meeting. All the guns were gotten out and everyone met in the Pavillion. J said there was no hope, brought out medicine and each person took a sip of a red liquid. Each person drank except J who was sitting in an elevated chair watching. Debbie said she was happy -- thinking that now it was all over.

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The red liquid was to take 45 minutes to work. Maria Katsaris went around telling trusted people to act like they fainted. Debbie says she knew then that J had put up a "dummy run" and after 45 minutes he said he was sorry he had to do it, but he had to see who would run.

Debbie claims Carolyn Layton fed sleeping pills to two of the favored children -- John Stoen and Jim Prokes (Carolyn's son by a brief marriage to Mike Prokes). She said she would rather have the children asleep when she had to shoot them.

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J likes thin people. YOU have to be thin to please him. But thin does not apply to him. He associates fat with being capitalistic and having love of worldly things. But he has put on weight being there. He has moved into a compound with Maria Katsaris and Carolyn Layton and the two children. He has a huge bed covered with mosquito netting. The only bed with mosquito mesh on it.

Mosquitoes are bad at Jonestown -- Debbie says everyone is bitten.

J has a refrigerator in his room with meat, fresh fruit, eggs etc. C.L. and M.K. eat with J, have snacks etc. Charles Krug wine, Jack Daniels on hand, because J loves Booze. He is hypoglycemic and needs lots of protein, and nobody questions it anyhow because he is the leader and the people think the leader has to be fit to lead.

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24 people to a cabin. There are relationships and families, but people share a narrow bunk. You only see your own children between 6 and 10 PM and there are meetings from 7:00 PM on.

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Everyone who has left the temple Lindsay has talked to says J is a compulsive talker. There is a PA system which goes for 6 hours per day and he reads the news, changing it to scare people. Everyone is afraid of escaping because the whole world is against Peoples Temple, according to J, so then what is the point of leaving?

J talks and confronts people in meetings. Debbie says the proper way to take confrontation, or torture, is to not fight back, stand and let it happen until the breaking point.

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Pregnant women are forced to work in the fields until the last days. One lady Debbie said gave birth a few minutes after leaving the fields. She was financial secretary and saw the coffers. \$65,000 per month in Social Security checks signed over to J. Then Lindsay says she told him a story that "smacks of Hitler" -- children confessing to J about their parents. One man figured a way to get out to Venezuela and his 13 year old son was told of the plan and that he would be going. He told J. J held a crisis meeting over that, it went on hours until 5:00 AM. The man's brother held a gun to his head and threatened to kill him. J would not allow that, but talked and talked.

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Visitors come occasionally, the work day is shortened and the meals get better. Everyone puts on the front of being in utopia. Two others reinforced Debbie's stories according to Lindsay: Al & Jeannie Mills.

These two were in the church six years until it became oppressive.

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Claim that they had to sign blank sheets of paper and incriminating statements, therefore they changed their names.

J at first took offerings as freewill. Then he demanded 15%. Then 25% -- then demanded people turn over all they had to be a true follower. People sold their homes, property. Mills claimed they had given \$150,000 worth.

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Planning Commission, which Mills were on, consisted of beatings in public and blood was drawn. Al was the photographer for the church. He took photos of a man who had been beaten in the face and was told to take the picture by J to show people and make a lesson of the person. He was in charge of prayer cloths, oil, etc. Claim that \$20,000 per month came in, at least \$18,000 per month profit from this.

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They left with the beatings, when they became oppressive. First it was a belt, then switch, then electrical cord. J asked some of the members who had been former slaves to construct a cat-o-nine tails. Then they used a wooden paddle full strength. People got from one to 150 hits. Their daughter was beaten 75 times. The reason they did not speak out is fear of the crowd, which would turn on you and brutalize you if you did not go along.

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Debbie Layton escaped by plotting over a long period of time to get sent into Georgetown. She never mentioned wanting to leave. She worked in the radio room and made subtle hints to J that the people in Georgetown were making mistakes in passing messages. J suggested that she go to town to help with the radio there. One night there was a cultural show and

everyone was gone. She stayed and volunteered to do the radio.

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That night she called her sister. She promised to write her sister a long letter. Each week after that she went to the Pegasus Hotel to call her sister. She did not have a passport because they are taken from people on arrival. One day McCoy told her that if anyone needed an emergency passport for medical treatment they could get one from the Embassy in half an hour. Her sister wired a ticket to Georgetown Pan Am office. Debbie went to McCoy and got the passport. A non-member drove her to the Pegasus to meet McCoy's deputy who drove her to the airport.

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There she met Peoples Temple members picking up some new arrivals. She told them she was on a secret mission. But she did not have the proper Guyanese tax clearance, so she had to return. She went to the Tower Hotel and stayed the night there alone. The deputy who drove her to the airport was Dan Webber. She was followed by Temple members the next day. She decided to call J personally to show she was not afraid to talk to him. She called from the Embassy. Told him she wanted to settle down and have a family. J had told her she was egotistical, naive, and could not find happiness.

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He said she would be arrested upon returning to the U.S. and suggested she go to England or to Russia and pave the way for Peoples Temple to go there. McCoy assured her she would not be arrested because she was not on any wanted list.

When she returned to the U.S. she refused to talk to anyone. She had a friend guard her 24 hours a day. Lindsay asked her if she were fabricating any of her story. She said: "What have I to gain?"

Asked if people could leave Jonestown, how many would go, she said everybody but about 10 people would leave.

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National Enquirer talked to 12 former members, and all had similar stories. All said members were expected to have complete and undying faith in J. They were forced to sell homes, turn over all their money, experienced beatings in L.A. and S.F. Also confirmed that the L.A. Temple was sold and the S.F. one is up for sale.

Among others he talked to were Tim Stoen, Jim Cobb, Steven Katsaris.

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Tim Stoen used to live the good life. He was interested in Peoples Temple in October, 1969, because he wanted to see if man could create a real community free of racism, based on equality. He thought he had found that in J. He was real idealistic. He was disturbed by the conditions of the U.S. in 1968 -- King and Kennedy assassinations, alienation and distrust in America. J made him feel guilty about driving a Porsche. He joined the Temple and gave up his dream of being in politics. He bought his clothes at the Salvation Army thrift shop and turned over \$70,000 to the church. When he broke from the church, he did not have a penny to his name.

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He spent several years with blinders on his eyes, but now there is not one facet of Peoples Temple he refuses to talk about. When J took their son to Guyana, Stoen knew it was futile to protest. The child was sent without Stoen's permission or knowledge. It was legal because three or four years earlier he and wife had signed consents so that if the child were to go on trips with the church and the parents couldn't make it, the child could be cared for in an emergency. Everyone had to sign generalized powers of attorney over to J.

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J even claimed to be the father of John. The birth certificate states



Stoens are- Grace and Tim. There have been two court hearings, one is now pending and a Superior Court judge in S.F. had ordered the child to the U.A. (Frank Finnegan). Three paragraphs follow which quote from the court order.

Lindsay says it is hard to believe that the level-headed, intelligent Stoen could get himself painted into such a corner.

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Stoen says he slowly started to question when beatings took place. Says he didn't go to services and only caught the tail-end of meetings. He rationalized the beatings because he saw JJ letting himself get beat as well, though not as hard as others. In October 1978 J sent John to Guyana, and Tim joined him at Christmastime with Mervyn Dymally.

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Stoen could not take John back because J had guards on him. Stoen left and was determined to return. He did so February 16, 1977. He resigned the grand jury hearings/proceedings he was involved in. In late February J flew to Port Kaituma and accused Stoen of working for the CIA.

Stoen left in March to think things over. Knowing he could not get John out, he went to London. There he was tracked down by a Peoples Temple member who had a message from Jim: "We're going to move these people... I need you." Stoen says the old J magic worked again and he promised to go back for 3 months. While there he saw lots of John -- comments how wonderful it was to hold John and have him fall asleep in his arms.

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In May, 1977, Stoen went back into the jungle with John. He worked hard there. Says you cannot use the word "happiness" because when J is around he makes you feel guilty for the sins of the world, but he enjoyed it there. Stoen says he returned to the U.S. in June, 1977, and there had to face questions that were being raised in the media.

Stoen says he still believes that the U.S. is the best society the world

has known. And at Peoples Temple he spent too much time concentrating on injustices and alienation. In the U.S. he has met loving, kind people.  
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He called his wife and she said J had accused her of keeping John Locke in a closet. He said, "Honey, I'm coming and I'm taking on Jones." I have been fighting ever since."

Said he almost let himself get arrested in Georgetown when he went there after the child; he was told to leave and "I let the emotions and bitterness get the better of me -- I lost my judgement."

Lindsay says, "Tears well up in Tim Stoen's eyes as he looks at the picture of John in his office, and he says, 'John, this is your dad in San Francisco, and I love you. We are working everything out to get you free, to come back here where you will be healthy and happy... Something in me says that is the way things are going to turn out.'"

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Stoen contends that J has 15 million. Says at one time in 1975 J had told Stoen that "we had made our goal" -- which, according to Stoen, was \$10 million. Claims that between 1975 and 1978 J has accumulated \$5 million more. Only one person, J, knows everything because J operates on the "need to know" philosophy and he would never tell any one person everything. Stoen says he helped set up the Guyanese banking system for the Temple, but J would never let him know the names of the bank accounts. And as Stoen is not a curious person, he never asked.

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There is extensive sex within the church. Stoen believes J is brutal and anti-woman. Claimed by J that only he can provide women with sexual experiences; he is sleeping with C.L. and M.K. Marceline, his wife, lives in a communal hut. There has also been sex in and with the government of Guyana. According to Stoen, Paula Adams has a

relationship with Mann and taped him while they wer making love.

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Paula was ordered by J to record their conversation while making love and get something on Mann to prove that he waan't a principled socialist. Paula Adams played the tapein Stoen's presence. C.L. transcribed it and the tape was given to Debbie T. who (as J's personal PR person) handed it to Reid. This is cited as a typical "divide and conquer" tactic.

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Mann was not available to comment (per Gordon Lindsay). Friends of J include: Moscone (who appointed him to the Housing Commission), Brown, Dymally (who visited) and Rosalyn Carter. Steve Katsaris' daughter called him a child molestor.

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He took a lie detector test to prove that the charge was false. Says that the more his daughter became close to the church, the more closed she became with him. Describes their happy days together when Maria was at home, how when she soloed on hier first flight she was so proud she gave her dad her license.

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Maria called from Georgetown to tell him she would be there a couple weeks, then it was extendeda few more weeks. S. K. contacted S.F. Temple to tell Maria he was going to visit her. Then he said he got threats on the phone, got cold responses from Maria, and then he started to worry about his daughter's being in trouble.

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He got a radio patch from Maria saying that even if he came to Guyana she would not see him. So he went to Washington, D.C., to the Guyanese Embassy, and he was given the freedom to visit Guyana.

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McCoy had a transcript for him when he arrived, a tape delivered by Paula Adams from Maria saying he was a child molestor. He describes how he went to Washington, D.C. and talked to Senators and Congressmen, and that he learned Maria was so trusted in the church she had upwards of \$20,000 in her closet in her room.

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Maria's signature was on secret accounts. Mann said he had talked to Bishop Jones and he would be welcome to come and visit Maria. Then he describes the visit with McCoy, Mann, himself, Maria and four people with her from the Temple Describes Maria as rigid, making standardized statements.

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Says she looked sleep-deprived or looked like she was on drugs. Ollked bad. Re. suicide note, which he had asked her if she were forced to sign, she only responded: "Who is your source? Reveal your source of information."

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Continues describing visit. Again claims she had standardized replies to his sincere questions.

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Maria called from Caracas to tell him she had had a lie detector test and it proved she was telling truth about molestation and he should call off the lawsuit, or he would be embarrassed.

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Jim Cobb left 1973. J said he should wear long coats and act like he was carrying a gun; he was big and served as a guard. He claims to have been hit with a belt. Now his family is in Guyana; names each one and gives ages. States he has filed a lawsuit against PT.

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Permission to visit Jonestown and JJ was denied to Enquirer. The reporter was forced to leave the country. His wife received a call that her husband "would not come out of this alive."

According to Charles Garry, the only spokesman for Peoples Temple, no one can speak to members of the press in S.F. or Guyana but through him. So Lindsay interviewed Garry.

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Garry said he was treated well in Jonestown. But regarding Debbie Layton's charges, when Lindsay said, "Did you know about....." Garry said, "This must be off the record, but....." Lindsay said that 80% of the interview, which was 2 hours, was "off the record" and Charles Garry finally admitted: "I can neither confirm nor deny the reports you have."

July 19 National Enquirer was approached by Steve Ramirez of the Los Angeles District Attorney's office. Investigator. Asked for Enquirer's help in the case against J -- the office had received a complaint from Wade and Mabel Medlock that PT had extorted real property worth \$100,000.00 from them. Ramirez said this was not the only complaint of extortion he had received. Said major fraud was involved, and he hoped to file a case in two weeks. Ramirez said, "If I do, we will have to look into extradition as J is in Guyana." Said that with the National Enquirer helping, this story could be brought to national attention. The Enquirer agreed to hand over files for use by the bureau.

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Part II

GUYANA

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Arrived at Timehri airport with photographer Cyril Maitland. Immigration officials were said to be in the pay of JJ to check on people coming into the country. Well, according to Lindsay's experience, this must be true; it was told to him by former members.

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They were frisked on arrival. Officials went through everything they had with them. Confiscated legal documents they had on P.T. Sec. Baird of Ministry of Home Affairs said they should see him for the return of the papers.

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They saw a man named Hutton Archer of the Ministry of Home Affairs who asked if they were planning to write anything of a political nature. It would take 2 to 3 days to contact Bishop Jones about their going to Jonestown. Archer said as long as they were not doing anything political they should have no problem. But then Baird informed them that the matter had been taken to a higher authority and that he had bad news for them-- they would not be allowed to stay in Guyana and were to leave on the next plane.

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A man named Thorn laughed and asked if he could keep the documents which had been confiscated. Said they would make really good reading about Bishop Jones. McCoy told him he could not help, that Lindsay would have to see the British Embassy ( he is a Britisher).

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We were told unless we left the country we would be thrown in jail. They went to Trinidad where they hired a pilot to fly them over the project. Name Randal Agostini. They circled over the place 11 times.

Part II - 2

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People ran for cover when the plane flew over. Said there was a message communicated on the radio at the time of their flight over. It was that they needed some more rat poison to take care of the rodents because "they are at our front doorstep."

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PART III

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Minister John V. Moore.: "If I were Stoen's I would think about kidnapping John. If I were Stoens, I would be concerned. I spoke to John Stoen. He is a charming child. He's bright, and J is keeping the child in Jonestown because it is in the best interest of the child."

Mrs. Moore: Though she says Debbie Layton is lying, she said: "There are always paranoid people in a church. They are nutsies and some group is trying to wipe them (P.T.) out." Later Mrs. Moore said: "J is probably doing something wrong in the eyes of the court."

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Quotes Moores' positive comments for several paragraphs. Asked about Debbie Layton, Mr. Moore said: "I would call her credibility good., honest. No, I am not calling her a liar."

Barbara Moore: "I don't know why J doesn't return John Stoen. I expect I would be concerned if I were the parents. But it doesn't bother me. The law doesn't always tell the truth."

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Paul McCloskey, when he heard what Debbie Layton claimed, said "Get all the information to me you can and I will raise holy hell. Cy Vance is a friend of mine and I'll be glad to force the issue beyond where I have forced it before." He is well-versed in the case of Tim Stoen. McCloskey is described as outraged that the State Department takes the position that the child custody is a matter of civil litigation between two parties who are U.S. citizens, and will not intervene. He states that it seems the State Department ought to intervene because the child has some rights, too.

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Lindsay repeats that the State Department has been unresponsive. It is



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frustrating that the State Department cannot intervene in civil matters. Got hundreds of letters saying that the U.S. Congress ought to stay out of the affair. These are from Peoples Temple members; they show blind obedience to a religious leader -- compares to Moon. If this JJ is a disciple of God, he doesn't prove it to me (Lindsay).

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Vivian Davis was a nice person, tells she has daughters there and feels happy with their lives and well being. But her replies, according to Lindsay, were cryptic and brief.

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When Lindsay questioned her about 3 children being there outside the law -- the woman said she did not know of it.

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\* *designated in original copy not to be named.*  
Talks to two "agents" who are not to be named. Carol Zell and Frank Anderson. Describes Zell's observations of her boyfriend Anderson and how it was for him when he left the Temple years ago. Frank described J as being charismatic, and that he was in awe of him. Gave his money. There were guards at the door. When he left he had wild nightmares and could not cope with the guilt he felt.

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The woman coached him out of his guilt feelings and his self-recriminations for having left the Temple. She claims he still keeps a red cloth on him which J gave him. He refuses to talk and refused to come to the phone when Lindsay asked to talk to him.

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Kathy Hunter episode is recounted, just paraphrased from the Press Democrat article. Her trip to Georgetown, the "terror" etc. which the Temple allegedly caused her. Starts off saying how brotherhood was J's original teaching, how she was drawn to that, and how intelligent and witty J was. Said she spoke to Tim Clancy from the Temple and asked

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Tim Stoen was in Jonestown May 20, 1977. He says that the term "steaming jungle" is not an exaggeration but actuality. Said he was a super idealist and had a martyr complex. Lived in a dormitory while in Jonestown. Had no privacy. Primitive conditions which no person with a taste for civilization would like, it would wear on a person.

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Agostini said from an expert's eye, there are about 60 small huts; if there are 1200 people there, then that makes 14 people to a hut. Said a man named [REDACTED] had contacted him in Georgetown. (in original copy not to be named) Said he had heard through the grapevine that he was going to do a story on the Temple. Lindsay asked if he could tape the man. [REDACTED] said "If you put me on tape, and customs searches you, they will confiscate it [REDACTED] and my life won't be worth a thing." [REDACTED] said a great deal of money (about one million) had passed between J and Burnham. Also says that a cache of arms had arrived in Georgetown and were shipped on to Jonestown. Said from the air it appears like a prison yard. Everyone is wearing the same dark uniform. The story ends with Lindsay flying off and watching the camp swallowed up by the formidable jungle.

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LANTANA FLORIDA 33462  
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November 2, 1978

Mrs. Judith Merriam  
1029 Geary Blvd., Apt. 28  
San Francisco,  
California 94109

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

Thank you for your recent letter and your interest in  
The ENQUIRER.

I enjoyed reading your suggestion, but because of the  
vast number of suggestions we receive, it is impossible to  
develop them all. While I regret we cannot use your parti-  
cular idea, I do appreciate your taking the time to send  
it to us.

Should you have another suggestion which you believe  
would be appropriate for The ENQUIRER, please don't hesi-  
tate to share it with us.

Again, thank you for writing and I hope you continue  
to read and enjoy The ENQUIRER.

Sincerely,

Ann Bell  
Reader Service

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CABLE ADDRESS: "SEAJOHN"

November 2, 1978

National Enquirer  
600 S.E. Coast  
Lantana, Florida

Gentlemen:

I have been advised by Peoples Temple that your newspaper contemplates writing an article about the Temple which will be published in the near future.

It goes without saying that the Temple has every reason to believe any article you may write about them will present a negative one-sided perspective.

I should explain that I am not their attorney and have never actually represented Peoples Temple in any litigation. However, they have referred many of their poorer members of the church to my office for legal help when those people had legal problems and could not afford to pay regular fees.

All of my clients from the church, without exception, speak in glowing terms about the church and about the Pastor, Jim Jones. Further, I have no doubt that none of the members of the church ever lied to me about facts in connection with their cases, whether civil or criminal. When one has been practicing law for over 30 years as I have, this in itself is a positive recommendation for the type of church that Peoples Temple and their Pastor is.

By the way, I agreed to help represent some of the members of Peoples Temple in Los Angeles at the request of Timothy Stoen.

Several months ago, because of the adverse publicity regarding Peoples Temple, I started an investigation of my own with reference to the matters referred to in various published articles and my investigator advises me that he may be on the track of a super sensational story.

Without going into any details before I can check, verify and authenticate what my investigator has advised me that he has discovered when, as, and if I am in a position to authenticate his findings,

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National Enquirer

November 2, 1978

I will submit them to your publication with documentary proof of the facts set out.

I know that spectacular news sells publications and I may be in a position to offer you some truthful, spectacular news.

In conclusion, I wish to make it clear that if an article is published in the National Enquirer or any other publication that I feel is libelous or untrue regarding Peoples Temple, I shall represent them and file suit against you.

You are no doubt aware that the only defense would be the truth and under the recent case of Doctor "X" in New Jersey, the court has held that the writer of such an article and the publisher must produce their files when properly subpoenaed or face charges of contempt of court.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN N. FROLICH

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For Jim

SAN FRANCISCO

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO		DIST. DIV. DET. Property Crimes Division	DAY & DATE Wed 06/29/77
CLEMENT DE AMICIS Deputy Chief of Investigations		SUBJECT: Attempted Burglary at New West Magazine Office, 325 Pacific	

POLICE REPORT

Sir:

The following is the body of the supplementary report as it will appear when entered into the system. I have reviewed the investigation and conclusions arrived at by the members investigating and concur with them.

On Friday, 06/17/77, Mr. Tracy of the New West Magazine was notified by his secretary, Kathy Whelan, of the damaged window lock. Ms. Whelan said the window was down and the lock was in place although the slide bolt was broken when she first noticed it. When Officer Duffy of Central Station arrived, the window and lock were still in the same condition. Officer Duffy was told by Mr. Tracy that nothing was missing from the office. Mr. Tracy further stated that one or two of the folders in a file cabinet containing information on the Reverend Jim Jones appeared to be an inch or so higher than the rest of the folders. After inspecting the premises and interviewing Mr. Tracy, Officer Duffy concluded entry had not been made.

On Monday, 06/20/77, Inspector Evans of the Burglary Detail, responded to 325 Pacific and conducted the follow-up investigation. After inspecting the premises and interviewing the concerned persons, Inspector Evans also concluded that entry had not been made.

On Monday, 06/20/77, Inspector Michael Brynes of the Crime Lab responded to 325 Pacific. The window lock had been removed and replaced with a new lock by that time. Because of the time lapse, physical condition of the building and the number of persons that had visited the scene, Inspector Brynes was unable to determine if the pry marks on the window frame and sill were of recent origin. After being given a description of the position and condition of the window lock, Inspector Brynes concluded that if entry had been made the lock would have had to be pieced together after the window was closed and the exit made through the front door. It would seem logical that if someone made entry and pieced

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the lock together, they would also have made sure that any folders they touched would have been returned to the file cabinet exactly as found and not an "inch or so higher than the rest of the folders." No other files were disturbed.

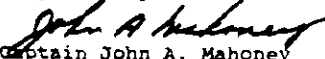
The only useable physical evidence were palm prints and fingerprints located on the outside of the lower windowpane. A search of our files was started immediately. Meanwhile, fingerprints were requested of all the New West employees to determine if they had touched the window. On Friday, 06/24/77, Mr. Jon Carroll of the New West Magazine, responded to the Hall of Justice to be printed. His prints matched those found on the window. Mr. Carroll was interviewed by Inspector Evans and stated he had been working late on Monday, June 13, 1977, finishing an article for the magazine. He went to the men's room and locked himself out of the New West office. He then proceeded to the third floor and located Mr. Tom Cook, Sedway and Cook, who suggested he use the fire escape to get back into the office. According to both Mr. Cook and Mr. Carroll, Carroll went down the fire escape, found the window unlocked and let himself into the New West office. This accounts for Carroll's prints being on the window.

From the indentations on the window frame and sill, it is apparent that someone used a pry tool on the window but it cannot be determined how recently.

It is the conclusion of the investigating officer that because of the lack of physical evidence entry was not made to the New West office between 06/16/77, 1830 hours, and 6/17/77, 0900 hours.

The investigating officer recommends that the classification of this remain as an attempted burglary.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Captain John A. Mahoney  
Commanding Officer  
Property Crimes Division

## Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ

P. O. Box 214, Redwood Valley, California 95470 —Phone: (707) 485-7219

James W. Jones, Pastor

March 28, 1973

Letter to the Pastors,  
Disciples of Christ Denomination

Re Rev. James W. Jones,  
Peoples Temple Christian Church

Dear Disciples Leader:

Our board of trustees at Peoples Temple Christian Church is so very appreciative of the warm Christian fellowship we have constantly enjoyed from pastors such as you who are part of our splendid Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) brotherhood. Because so many of you have been so supportive of our ministry and because God has blessed our work to such an extent that it is becoming increasingly publicized, our board deems it only fair to provide you some background information so as to enable you to answer whatever questions may arise. We have traditionally sought to avoid publicity, even though nearly all that we have received has been very fair and very favorable. So with reluctance we enter a new era and send you the enclosed information, hoping that you will reciprocate by sharing with us your activities as well.

For 22 years Rev. James W. Jones, who is an ordained minister of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) brotherhood, has worked to establish a congregation of Christians who would devotedly follow the "simple requirements" of Christ and his apostles, and thereby also be true to the "basic truths" of the Disciples of Christ.

"Two basic truths were in the minds of the men whose work led to the beginnings of the Disciples of Christ.

The first was that the church ought to be one without sectarian divisions.

The second was that the reasons for its divisions were the addition of 'human opinions' to the simple requirements of Christ and his apostles as tests of fitness for admission to the one church, and the usurpation of rule over the church by clergy and ecclesiastical courts unknown in the days of its primitive unity and purity." (Garrison and DeGroot THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, A HISTORY, page 11.)

Preaching the literal requirements of Jesus in Matthew to FEED THE HUNGRY, SHELTER STRANGERS, VISIT THE SICK AND IMPRISONED, Rev. Jim Jones has inspired the congregation of Peoples Temple Christian Church to devote themselves to human service in the name of Christ. Describing this "highly regarded" church, the San Francisco Chronicle recently mentioned a number of the charitable activities whereby the church implements Matthew 25

"... called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents.

For I was an hungry, 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.  
St. Matthew 25: 35-36.



maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties." *San Francisco Chronicle*, January 17, 1973.

The ecumenical and social witness of Peoples Temple has led the clergy of other denominations to express their appreciation. Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay in California, recently wrote:

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They have the marks of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

The President of the Ukiah Ministerial Council, Dr. Elmer Schmitt, published a report on churches in the area, stating

"Progress in meeting the needs of people. . . is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

The apostolic and "primitive" Christian church quality of the congregational life at Peoples Temple Christian Church is manifest also in plain living and in a sane, subordinated spiritual ministry which takes place in an atmosphere of relative calm and which works in cooperation with medical science. Marceline Jones, wife of the pastor, heads a team of registered nurses who encourage people to consult physicians, often for the first time in their lives. Rev. Jones has often publicly stated that the field of healing should not be left to those who would abuse it or live extravagantly from it, and that although he would personally prefer not to have a healing ministry (so as not to divert attention from becoming Christ-centered, principled Christians), it is a New Testament ministry and a gift from God which he must use as a wise steward.

Our church does not want to be known primarily for a healing ministry even though its results have been medically verified. In fact, one doctor, I. H. Perkins, M.D., stated in a letter:

"To Whom it May Concern:  
Reverend Jim Jones. . . has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible."

In giving credit to God for these cures, Rev. Jones publicly described himself as "only a messenger" of God.

Rev. James Jones is a graduate of Butler University, has studied deeply into Biblical history and exegesis, spent two years on sabbatical as a foreign missionary establishing programs for orphans abroad, and has, with his wife, Marceline, adopted impoverished children of five ethnic backgrounds.

For many years he had a "tentmaker" ministry, combining the pastoring of a church with being a public school teacher and with being a very successful businessman. He has served with acclaim in many civic posts, including Foreman of the Mendocino County Grand Jury and as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission for the City of Indianapolis. Last year he was given the Special Merit Award for civic leadership by the *San Francisco Sun-Reporter*, one of the largest newspapers in circulation in northern California.

My personal enthusiasm and esteem for this God-ordained ministry at Peoples Temple results from it having brought me to Christ from a life of increasing alienation and despair. I was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a veteran of the Peace Corps, and a graduate student at the University of California (Berkeley) when I first met Rev. Jim Jones. Until then I saw no hope that people of all backgrounds could learn to live together. It was the integrity and character of Jim Jones that convinced me the Christian life could be lived without compromise in this world. It was the close unity of the members that convinced me,

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a unity that comes from devotion to the teachings of Jesus Christ. I can find no excuse to do other than my best to implement more of Christ's teachings in my life and in my job as a public school teacher.

In conclusion, please let me convey to each of you the very great respect Rev. Jim Jones has for the pastors of the Christian Church throughout the land and its Christ-centered leadership, both general and regional. It is an honor to work for Christ with people such as you. It is additionally an honor to serve in a denomination structure free to institute ministries under the leading of the Holy Spirit, thus realizing the truth of Romans 12: 4-5:

"In our one body we have a number of members, and the members have not all the same function, so, too, for all our members, we form one Body in Christ and we are severally members one of another."

If you would like any additional information, or if at times we can be of some assistance to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

May God richly bless you.

In Christ,

  
G. DONALD BECK, Jr.,  
Board of Trustees  
PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
of the Disciples of Christ

Enclosure Information Sheet

**PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ**

James W. Jones, Pastor

P. O. Box 214, Redwood Valley CA 95470 --- Phone: (707) 485-7219

Gentlemen:

Recently K C B S ran a series of News Broadcasts about Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church.

In response to these broadcasts and to previous news stories, we have received several requests for further information about the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones. We have compiled the enclosed information in answer to these requests, and to inform the general public.

If you would like further information, please feel free to write or call.

Sincerely,

*James R. Pugh*

James R. Pugh  
Board of Elders

*Respectfully*



**PEOPLES  
TEMPLE**  
OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
James W. Jones,  
Pastor

Gentlemen:

Recently CBS-Network radio stations ran a series of feature interviews with Pastor Jim Jones about his Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ ministry.

We have received many requests for further information about this humanitarian ministry as a result of these broadcasts and previous news stories. We have compiled the enclosed information in response to the increasing interest in our work, and to inform the general public.

If you would like further information, please feel free to write or call us.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Prokes*

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**PEOPLES  
TEMPLE**  
OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
*James W. Jones,*  
Pastor

October 25, 1973

Dear Friend,

We have read the "Chile Ad" in the San Francisco Chronicle of Oct. 15, 1973, and we commend you for the principled way in which you exercise the courage of your convictions. This is just a short letter to express to you how much your stand is appreciated by our church. We are heartened for the cause of freedom and democracy that citizens are deciding to make known their sentiments and convictions in this matter. We join you in the hope that steps will be taken to preserve the democratic traditions of Chile.

James W. Jones, the president of our church (which has 10,000 members and is probably the largest Protestant congregation in California), wants to convey to you his kindest regards. We have contributed to this cause and have written our congressmen appropriately. Our work is devoted to the achievement of brotherhood and justice, and it is operating human service programs on many fronts to combat the effects of discrimination, poverty, and racism. We feel that people of good will who love liberty should communicate with and recognize one another, that the light of freedom may burn more brightly. It is in this spirit that we are writing to you, and taking the liberty of enclosing some information about this work and its leader, James W. Jones, who has inspired and directed it with such tireless dedication.

Thank you again for your display of conscience. May our combined efforts for peace and justice quickly bear fruit!

Very truly yours,

  
Lee Ingram  
Secretarial Assistant

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# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim V. Jones,  
Pastor

March 13, 1974

### NOT FOR PUBLICATION OR BROADCAST

*"The Jews are hungry  
and you give them  
stones to eat."  
I like that.  
I like a message  
that is clear.  
I like to see  
people who are  
clear and not  
confused.  
I like to see  
people who are  
clear and not  
confused.  
I like to see  
people who are  
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confused.  
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people who are  
clear and not  
confused.*

An attempt was made last weekend to blow up the bus in which our Pastor, Jim V. Jones of Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ denomination, whose interracial human service ministry recently gave the \$2,000 contribution to the Hearsts for Patricia, was aboard at the time with his wife. As newspaper and broadcast accounts stated, the bus was parked with ten others owned by the church outside of the building in San Francisco where Rev. Jones conducts services. The bomb was found by a church security guard underneath the fuel tank. The fuse had burned down to a fraction of an inch before it somehow went out -- which different ones at the scene said was a miracle. Rev. Jones himself removed the deadly explosive, and able members of the San Francisco Police Department's Bomb Squad came and took possession of the bomb.

Rev. Jones had denounced all violent groups just a few days before the bomb incident, and a local ABC-TV newsmen suggested that the attempted bombing may have been prompted by the church's stand against violence and its work within the system to help eradicate violence.

Even though Rev. Jones has never sought publicity, he has been in the news often from acting according to conscience. Although newsmen who were involved with this story were most considerate, unfortunately we have actually been hurt by the news accounts of violence against our church. Last August, one of our churches was completely destroyed by professional arson; last December, molotov cocktails were thrown at another of our churches; some of our animals have been mutilated and tortured; and an atmosphere of fear has occasionally been created that temporarily caused a small but significant drop-off in attendance, because many newcomers felt intimidated. Our lay view is not to report these types of incidents to the press, but law enforcement officials say nothing can be done about it because the press picks them up on police radios.

Naturally, we do not wish more publicity concerning this matter, though we are staunch supporters of a free press and have even given substantial sums of money to newsmen's defense funds. So please be assured that we in no way wish to interfere with your good judgment concerning what is newsworthy and what should be reported as a matter of the public's right to know. However, if

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as professionals in the news media, you feel something regarding this incident should be reported, our concern about the effects of the reports compels us to request that the following be considered: One correspondent at the scene kindly agreed not to report the incident if he could help it since he felt that publicity at this time might encourage additional violent attempts against moderate groups such as ours, who only want to help people and make them respectable, productive citizens.

We have been advised by authorities to consult with security and bomb experts, which we have done. Since then, one man came into our service with a weapon, but it was detected and the situation was handled discreetly with no problems. A most sophisticated security system has been installed which now includes a burglar alarm system, electronic detectors (which can spot dangerous weapons and bombs from a distance), sprinkler and fire alarm systems, etc. Some of our members are being trained for observations by experts in the field. As disagreeable as it is for us to do, people are being checked at the doors when entering our services. Though our security is trained to be very gracious, it is a hardship on the several thousands of members who attend each of our services and who are delayed when entering the meetings due to the new system. We feel it is extremely unfortunate to have to be so careful in a church and have only resorted to these intricate, innovative security methods because of the encouragement we have received from others to do so.

The person who planted the bomb under the bus our Pastor and his wife were in, must have scaled a building to get to the bus. After the bomb was discovered, Rev. Jones calmly cleared the area of all people before removing the explosive. Our security personnel now surround every one of our buses and buildings.

If anything is published or broadcast about this incident, we feel it would be helpful for the above information to be included so that it might discourage psychotic types from trying to commit violent acts against us again.

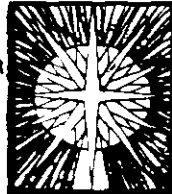
Although some new people have not returned since our San Francisco temple was burned down, our members are some of the bravest people we have ever met. But yet we are so completely non-violent that not even one of our young people have been in any trouble with the law, even though some had serious crime and drug addiction problems before joining Peoples Temple. We have also successfully brought over 100 youth off hard-line drugs, and now many of them are living in our church sponsored college dormitories, studying in human service related fields such as medicine, law, teaching, and psychology.

Rev. Jones and Peoples Temple are concerned for the freedom of the Republic. Because of our abhorrence of terroristic tactics, which threaten to divide our society, we are grateful that many people have been reluctant to take the food distributed in the "People In Need" Program. We feel it is somehow unfitting for food to be accepted under these conditions. Rev. Jones has made public statements in our services that if anyone is in need of food, or if they know of anyone in need of food, to send them to us and we will gladly provide what they need. We believe that violent groups like these are endangering democracy, which we want to protect and sustain. We believe in this system and are working to support it.

Peoples Temple Board of Elders

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September 29, 1974



# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim V. Jones,  
Pastor

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"For I was an hungred  
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:

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

Dear Doctor:

This is written to offer our assistance and to introduce you to the human service work of Peoples Temple Christian Church.

We are a large group of several thousands of members in California alone, in addition to the thousands of members and friends across the country. We belong to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, which has two million members nationwide, including F.B.I. Director Clarence Kelley, Governor Ronald Reagan, and the late President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

Because of our large membership and the many professional and business people on the church staff, including attorney (one is an Assistant District Attorney), social workers, those in the medical profession, professors and teachers, ranchers, engineers, etc., we have been able to establish a large outreach program for rehabilitation, emergency care, counseling, and community service. We have done extensive work with troubled youth, and have been responsible for bringing almost 200 off hard-line drugs, including heroin, with practically no recidivism. They have all become responsible citizens, with a large number attending college and graduate schools, several in medical school and law school. Our church offers free legal counsel to non-members as well as members, and our teachers offer free tutoring to needy children, non-members as well as members.

Because of our work with youth and the fact that none of our young people has been in trouble with the law since coming to us, we have received high praise from police departments up and down the state, including the San Francisco and Los Angeles Police Departments. Too, they have appreciated our support for law enforcement in such ways as our donations to the families of slain police officers, and our donations to the families of each victim killed in the recent San Francisco "Zebra" murders.

Chief Don Saulsbury, Police Chief in the area of our church headquarters (Ukiah Police Department), wrote in a letter dated May 17, 1974, "To Whom It May Concern:"

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"Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered. In fact, any area they visit will benefit because the grounds are 'policed' and all litter is removed prior to their departure. Any assistance you may give to the church members will be greatly appreciated. If, for any reason, you desire additional information, feel free to contact me or any members of my department."

Scores of public officials, Senators and Congressmen on Federal and State levels, as well as a whole host of organizations devoted to community service, have given enthusiastic and generous praise to the human service programs of Peoples Temple Christian Church. Leaders in the business, scientific, educational and religious communities have publicly commended the concerned moral leadership and social responsibility exemplified by Reverend Jim Jones.

As a further extension of our human service work, Peoples Temple provides housing and health care for its senior citizens, maintains a beautiful home for retarded children, and maintains an enormous animal shelter for sick and abandoned animals. Many people in our church have taken adopted children, or have had them placed in their homes by the courts, because of the example of our Pastor and his wife (she is a RN and a Medical Research Investigator for this state,) who have adopted several children of different ethnic backgrounds, several of whom were fathered by American servicemen overseas.

Pastor Jones and all of us at Peoples Temple have a deep respect for your profession, and we want you to know that we stand willing to be of assistance if ever the need should arise.

Most Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Karen L. Layton  
Secretary

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**PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
A MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES WITH PROGRAMS  
AND FACILITIES INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF  
REVEREND JIM V. JONES**

Peoples Temple is an extensive and highly regarded ministry based on the practical teachings of Jesus Christ and summarized by its pastor, Rev. Jim Jones, in the words - "The highest worship of God is service to our fellow man." The church thus reaches out to aid needy people all over the world through many programs designed to relieve human suffering and bring health and well-being to the disadvantaged.

One of the biggest concerns of the ministry is health care. Funds are sent to support medical research into a wide range of areas, including cancer, sickle-cell anemia, and multiple sclerosis. The church's own staff of professional medical people, including many registered nurses, give care to members and to the community.

Peoples Temple provides assistance in almost every kind of human crisis situation where immediate aid is required. Food, clothing, and other supplies have been sent to help those who face disease and starvation, both at home and abroad. Thirty different crops are presently being grown on several thousand acres assigned to Peoples Temple by a government in South America to serve that and other countries' food needs, including the United States in time of emergency. A large ocean-going boat named the "Marceline," after Pastor Jones' wife, who is a state official, is operated by a crew of Temple members transporting food around the world. A unique and effective drug rehabilitation program has successfully rescued more than 200 young people from dangerous drug habits. Those in need of legal advice are given counsel by Temple attorneys. Many who came to the church with backgrounds in crime and militancy have been reformed by the ministry's program and Pastor Jones' non-violent teachings. They have become productive and respected citizens, and there has been practically no return to crime, militancy, or drugs. The Temple has also contributed funds and assistance to many social service programs sponsored by Catholics, Protestants, and Jews alike.

The members of Peoples Temple operate many different facilities. Innovative care homes have been established for senior citizens, orphans, and exceptional children. One of them is a beautiful children's ranch on 40 acres of land along a river. Modern convalescent sanitoriums have been awarded commendations by the state for their high level of care. College dormitories house young people of all faiths, who are being fully sponsored financially by Temple scholarships. The students are studying in various fields of human service and plan to apply their educations to help those who are less fortunate. A community center with an indoor heated swimming pool that was built by the church is open to the public. Nearby is one of the church's large animal refuge centers, known throughout the region for taking in sick, abandoned, and stray animals which are all treated by veterinarians and given the best of care. An apartment building acquired by the Temple will house senior citizens with limited incomes. The ministry also operates a building complex with apartments, business offices, and a large garage where the Temple fleet of Greyhound-type buses and other vehicles are maintained by the church's own mechanics.

The pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim Jones, is a fully-ordained minister in the nationwide 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, which is noted for having congressmen and governors of different political persuasions in its membership. Pastor Jones has served as a school teacher, metropolitan human rights commissioner, and Grand Jury foreman. He and his wife, Marceline, have adopted many children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Pastor Jones has united people of all races and creeds to work together for the good of humanity. It is his belief that if every church would attempt to meet the needs of at least its own, this would provide a buffer against totalitarian communism and fascism, as well as an effective answer to the problems of the welfare state by taking the burden of providing for people off of the government. It is the fervent desire of Jim Jones and his congregation to help establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails.

For further information, write: Peoples Temple, P.O. Box 214, Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470

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# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

May 13, 1978

"For I was as hungry  
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 as hungry  
and fed thee?  
Or thirsty?

"And ye took me in?  
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?  
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

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from Rev. and Mrs. Jones and the members of Peoples Temple both in Guyana and in the United States. We wanted to share with you some very significant good news which we have just received.

The U.S. Ambassador to Guyana and several representatives from the U.S. State Department have made an official report to document their findings upon several visits to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana. The State Department has in effect refuted every one of the charges made against the Temple and Rev. Jones by the so-called "Concerned Relatives", including Timothy Stoen and a handful of detractors.

That report is documented in the press release which we have prepared for the media and shared with you herein. The reaction of all the State Department visitors to Jonestown: extremely impressed! With this seal of approval by the U.S. Department of State concerning the well-being and happiness of the people there, the provocative and purely disruptive nature of Mr. Stoen's and the "Concerned Relatives" activities -- those who continue to cause harassment and charge that the residents of Jonestown are held there against their will -- is conclusively revealed.

Many relatives have been visiting their loved ones overseas. A Superintendent of the Methodist Church is there visiting right now. Over 35 guests a day, officials from Guyana and around the world, are paying visits. Their comments, a few of them, are included for you on the back page. There is no doubt that the accomplishments of this model community are highly significant.

We send you warm regards and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

*Andrew M. Silver*  
Andrew M. Silver



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 12, 1978

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE

has officially refuted the  
of protesting relatives  
Temple Agricultural  
South America.  
report, based upon on-site  
states: "As part of the  
sanctioned protection  
of Embassy in Georgetown,  
Peoples Agricultural Temple  
these officers have been  
and speak privately to any  
were believed by their  
against their will."  
It is the opinion of these  
conversations with local officials  
that it is improbable  
In general, people appear  
and satisfied with their  
residents, regularly hosts  
American and Guyanese govern-  
ments, educators, and represen-  
tatives. The statement of

an American doctor, who heads a medical network of nearly a thousand  
physicians and specialists was: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have  
carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like one in the  
U.S. and with all the public utilities." One of several Ministers of the  
Guyanese Cabinet who have visited called it a stunning example of cooper-  
ation and love. The Chairman of the Guyanese Livestock Corporation, a  
veterinarian who has travelled and studied world-wide, said: "The  
community is the purest form of cooperative living I have ever seen." Dr.  
De Costa, a dentist from India who founded a dental school he heads in  
Guyana, said the health care in Jonestown is fantastic. As an example,  
he said he found only two cavities after examining eighty children. He  
said that is unheard of.

Contrary to false reports, relatives of residents of Jonestown continue  
to visit and are made welcome. A Methodist Superintendent and his wife  
who have two grown children in Jonestown are visiting presently. Just  
returned from Jonestown is a professional nurse, Mrs. Davis, whose daughter  
lives on the Project. Mrs. Davis is not affiliated with the Peoples  
Temple in any way.

She issued the following statement on her return: "I first saw Jones-  
town, South America on Sunday night April 23, 1978, and I was amazed. To  
see it, is to believe. To see that people can work and live together, and  
build such a beautiful town out of what was nothing but jungle. I saw that  
this town had unity, love for their fellow person and equality for all.  
To see children laughing, running and playing with no fear or danger for  
their lives. I saw the work and love that is being put into this new  
town. The schools, nursery, medical and nursing care was being given to  
one and all. Even senior citizens have a great part in this new town.  
They are not cast aside to sit and die, but to help teach the younger  
their knowledge and know-how that they have.

"Jonestown is something that one must see to appreciate and to know and understand what the people are doing. It is really hard to put on paper what my eyes have seen. So I suggest before anyone makes judgment, they should try to see for themselves. Thanks to Jim Jones and his wife, I was welcome."

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Charge D'Affaires, new assistant to the U.M. Ambassador, Andrew Young: "I am impressed."

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana: "Peace and love in action."

Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Works and Transportation, Guyana: "A wonderful experience, a model village community to be emulated."

Head and one of the original members of the MARCO Medical Net (USA): "Incredible, fantastic."

Thirty-five school teachers from the McKenzie District, Guyana: "This is fantastic, beyond one's imagination, miraculous, beautiful, a true example of cooperative living."

Officer in Charge of Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. State Department: "Impressive work."

A writer from one of the largest news agencies in the world: "It is very, very impressive. Thank you for this opportunity, and best wishes."

Head of the Guyana Livestock Corporation, and doctor of veterinary medicine: "The purest form of egalitarian society I have ever seen."

British High Commissioner: "A most impressive start and I wish you all success."

Minister of Education, Guyana: "Very impressive." (The Ministry of Education has accredited all the Jonestown school programs.)

Head Dental Instructor, University of Guyana: "Excellent Community Project."

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March 2, 1972

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than 1 year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men.

It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior.

If any additional information regarding my personal feelings is desired, I will answer all letters directed to my address.

*I. E. Perkins*  
I. E. Perkins, M.D.  
Program Director  
Drug Abuse Program

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# The Christian Church

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The Office of the President

May 22, 1973

Re: Church Support of FREEDOM OF THE PRESS,  
The Power of a Single Example . . .

Dear Editor:

In this time when the First Amendment is subject to recurring attack, so far only the media has been waging the defense. This past weekend, however, a very significant event occurred to show that other institutions in American society will come to the assistance of the press in this fundamental battle to preserve the Constitution. This has resulted from one powerful example.

What I refer to is a resolution adopted by a 4 to 1 majority, following extensive debate at the 1973 Annual Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the Northern California-Northern Nevada region, a brotherhood of 80 churches.

This resolution calls on individual congregations to make cash contributions, speak publicly and contact elected officials for the purpose of insuring a FREE AND RESPONSIBLE PRESS -- opposing any action which infringes upon the First Amendment.

The resolution, submitted by the First Christian Church of San Jose, followed the example last January of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley. Prompted by the personal championing of "Freedom of the Press" by their widely known Pastor, James W. Jones, this congregation gave \$4400 to 12 newspapers, a news magazine and a television station. This action received international attention at the IAPA Conference in Panama in February, 1973.

Inspired by the remarkable Pastor Jones (a Disciples-ordained minister), this congregation initiated a precedent that subsequently influenced the entire convention. We feel that such action will have a snowball-effect, arousing our entire 1.4 million-member denomination to the DEFENSE OF A FREE PRESS.

Enclosed is a photocopy of that resolution, together with:

- 1) An article from the Modesto Bee of this past Sunday, May 20, 1973, entitled "CHURCH MEET DELEGATES BACK PRESS FREEDOM," and
- 2) Articles on the Peoples Temple Christian Church by the Inter-American Press Association and the San Francisco Chronicle supporting the First Amendment.

As President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California and Northern Nevada, it gives me great pleasure to announce our joining with you, the press, in your battle to save the First Amendment and hence the fabric of American society.

Very truly yours,

Karl Irvin, Jr., President

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MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1974

(On April 1 and 2 I visited Peoples Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley, California. The following are a few observations and opinions of what I observed.)

Eight years and ten months ago Jim Jones and 174 members of an Indianapolis church moved to Redwood Valley, California and started a new church that now involves more than 10,000 persons in Redwood Valley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California.

This extended parish is governed by a board of 44 persons (men and women, black and white) who are primarily responsible for financial matters. Major policy and programmatic decisions are determined by a large weekly night business meeting which is generally attended by 500 to 700 persons. Its format is one of participatory democracy.

Peoples Temple Christian Church is heavily oriented toward a Social Gospel ministry. It is integrated with perhaps half of its members from the black race. The church attendance in Redwood Valley is approximately 40 per cent black and this has caused many problems which have led to threats and some acts of violence against Jim Jones and the church. For this reason there is considerable concern for the safety of Jim and at night a watchtower at the rear of the church property and overlooking the parsonage is manned by members of the congregation.

The church building in Redwood Valley is ample testimony of the unusual character of this congregation. The building is one large room that houses a heated swimming pool, the community center and the church. Folding chairs are used for services but when I visited the church it was only a large room with the swimming pool being occupied by a number of younger boys.

I was informed that one of the social concerns of the church is helping to cure drug addicts. To date over 175 persons have been cured from serious drug use. I talked with one of these persons who gave me ample proof of the effectiveness of the church's program in this area of ministry.

A singularly unique program for this congregation is a ranch known as "Happy Acres" where 15 mentally retarded young men and women live. These "guests" are between the ages of 16 and 26. The home is licensed and is staffed by members of the church, two of whom are Jewish. Numerous persons from the church involve themselves in this ministry and their effectiveness is proven by the fact that several of the young men have shown remarkable progress and have been able to work productively in the community.

Happy Acres consists of 40 acres of land, 7,200 grape vines, a large animal shelter, an organic garden, three cottages and a mobile home that is used by two caretakers. Like all of the other homes operated by the church, this one was a model for cleanliness and efficiency.

There are eight (I visited only three) homes which are occupied by older men and women who need help. In one home I talked with three black women who had formerly lived in a Father Divine institution. One was almost 100 years of age.

The homes for the aging were well cared for and staffed by members of the church. They were exceptionally clean and comfortable. A typical home was Hilltop Haven that housed 14 men. Food was prepared in a common kitchen and eaten in a very pleasant dining room. A catfish pond and numerous ducks and geese made the entranceway lively and interesting. This house won a state award several years ago for its excellence.

One of two cottages near the church houses single people who live in a supportive relationship that borders on communal living. In one of these I met a teenage student who before coming to the house was failing in school. However, now he is an honor student with straight A grades. In this same house there also lived a math tutor (an extensive community tutorial program is carried on by the church), a construction worker, an artist, a social worker, a saw mill laborer and some staff from the church.

Twelve Greyhound buses (two have over 1,000,000 miles on them, I was told) are parked at Redwood Valley. A large garage facility is being constructed to house these buses.

The buses are used to carry members of the church back and forth between the three communities (Redwood Valley, San Francisco and Los Angeles) where the church's members are living. They also take members on vacations at no cost to those who go. And last summer the caravan of buses drove through the south on the way to the nation's capitol. One of the interesting sidelights of this tour was that in Mississippi a white man, after observing the tour members at rest stop, came to one of the tour leaders and in his presence tore up his KKK membership card.

In front of the bus garage is an Operational Center for church activities. It houses a recording studio where Jim Jones tapes sermons and messages that are broadcast from Los Angeles to Canada and in the state of Ohio. The Center also has a printing and publishing business which is now in the process of printing a coloring book for teaching. Nine people were working in the print shop when I visited it late at night.

The Center also has several offices for staff who handle answers to mail that comes in at the rate of 200 to 400 letters a day. Many of these people are volunteers and it was in one of the offices that I met Jean Brown who is a niece of Barton Hunter.

Behind the Peoples Temple Christian Church is a very modest ranch style parsonage where Jim and Marceline Jones and their nine children live. Marceline is a registered nurse and works for the State Welfare Department as a convalescent home supervisor. Eight of the Jones' nine children are adopted. Two are black, one is Indian and those that I saw or met seemed to be well adjusted normal teenagers.

Behind the Jones' house is another shelter for animals. It houses Mr. Muggs (a chimpanzee who attends all business meetings and rides the buses between Redwood Valley and Los Angeles), numerous dogs, goats, chickens, etc. This shelter exists for all unwanted animals as a part of Jim Jones' concern is a "reverence for life" quite similar to that of Albert Schweitzer.

In addition to the social programs and concerns mentioned above, the church helps support approximately 150 young people in colleges and universities. It even owns several houses at state schools where some of these students live.

The church also operates two thrift stores, gives endless relief to people in need (at home and overseas), provide medical assistance to those who cannot afford their own, and makes available counseling service to people who need this kind of help. It even provides lawyers and social workers for this purpose and I was told that many of the 80 to 100 calls that Jim Jones receives a day are asking for assistance of this nature. Many times the church has helped get bonds for persons in trouble with the law. It then has assisted in their defense and rehabilitation.

Finally, the church has several long range plans or programs. One of these is to buy land overseas to grow food for relief of starvation in the world. The other is to start a free medical clinic in San Francisco. This latter program is going to necessitate doctors and the church plans on educating several young men for this cause.

Now before ending this report I want to talk about Jim Jones as the church is truly led by this charismatic man. He met me in the church. A mackaw was sitting on his shoulders at the time, and for an hour or more he talked about his work, the healing he did, his theology, the church and its people. In many respects I found him to be very liberal in his theology and especially as to the social work that he promotes and helps to administer. He is very humble, unpretentious, self-sacrificing, completely dedicated and committed to the fulfillment of the Gospel as he understands it.

## CONCLUSION

The Peoples Temple Christian Church does not follow in the traditional Disciple mold of what a local church should be like. It is very different and in many respects proved to be an enigma to me. Many questions were left unanswered by my short visit but this was perhaps because I failed to raise them and the answers did not seem to be obvious. However, from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere.

There is no doubt that this congregation would be far less effective in its ministries if it tried to conform to what may be called the "traditional pattern" of Disciples churches. Because of this, I would be one who would discourage the effort. This difference, however, will always cause many well intentioned persons to look with disfavor on this congregation and be suspicious of its successes. But, as long as it is identified by choice with the Disciples of Christ, I believe that it is good to foster this relationship for the mutual good that can be done for both Peoples Temple Christian Church, the regional and national manifestations. Perhaps this church is a very unique demonstration of the wide diversity that can be practiced in a denomination that stands for unity among all persons who walk after the way of our Lord.

-- Wade D. Rubick

# The Methodist Church

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April 29, 1975

Religion in American Life  
475 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Sirs:

I am prompted to write by a recent newspaper article which stated that Religion in American Life had designated Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple in Redwood Valley, as one of America's leading clergymen. I simply want to thank you for honoring my friend and neighbor in this way. I have known Jim for almost five years and in that time my knowledge of him and my gratitude for his ministry among us has been an ever growing thing.

I was especially grateful for his personal support of my administration when I was president of the Ukiah Ministerial Association. I wanted to do something different on the occasion of our Community Thanksgiving Service and came up with the idea of holding the service where commodities were distributed to the poor. It seemed to me that the wealth of America's harvest should provide a fitting backdrop for a service of thanksgiving. The arrival of the Peoples Temple 90 voice choir assured us a good event. This actually was one of the highlights of my year as president. In a letter I wrote to the paper at the close of my term of office I publicly thanked Jim for his support and then went on to say: "I sure wish that even a few of my members liked me the way his love him!"

Just this last week, at a time of deep personal need, there came a message of encouragement from Jim to help me when I needed that help. He did this completely unsolicited which makes me feel that he has unusual psychic powers. However he does it - he does have a loving concern for his fellow humans and that even includes a brother minister.

I shall forever be grateful for having my ministry blessed by association with Jim Jones.

Warmly,

  
Dr. E. J. Schmitt, Pastor



# THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA • DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

April 30, 1975

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Regarding Reverend Jim V. Jones  
Pastor of People's Temple Christian Church

I consider it a privilege to be acquainted with, and to have the opportunity of working with, Reverend Jim Jones, the Pastor of the People's Temple Christian Church. As the President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada it has been my happy experience to work with Mr. Jones in a number of different ways. I've always been impressed by his integrity, his courage, and the very selfless way in which he commits himself and his congregation to serve people in need.

Pastor Jones has a great organizational ability. He has been largely responsible for the establishment of a large congregation of everyday human beings from all walks of life binding them together in a truly extraordinary commitment to human service. The ministries of this pastor and his congregation are staggering in scope and effectiveness. They include a very excellent drug rehabilitation program, a 40-acre ranch for mentally retarded boys, senior citizen's homes which have been cited for excellent care, emergency food and housing relief in three local communities, college scholarships for young people, and free legal counsel for the poor. These programs result in a very close knit group of people who really do carry out the admonition of Jesus as found in Matthew 25. You will remember the words there -- feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and minister to the sick and the imprisoned.

Pastor Jones is really committed to the very basic Judeo-Christian tradition which believes that the highest worship to God is our service to fellowman. He not only believes this; he lives this admonition.

The People's Temple Christian Church is a joyous congregation of human beings. Their meetings are serious in purpose and yet children and old people enjoy real places of honor. I, for one, covet for all churches the vitality and the spirit of this group of people.

There is an additional aspect to this extraordinary ministry which is just now getting underway through an extensive agricultural mission in South America. Thirty different crops have been planted there to help alleviate hunger in that part of the world.

I am aware that many other people have written to express appreciation and support for the practical and genuine Christianity practiced by Pastor Jones.

In summary, let me say, that Jim Jones is a very compassionate and dedicated human being. I am grateful that our paths have crossed and that we share together in the ministry of Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure and a privilege to write this letter of commendation and reference.

Very sincerely yours,

*Karl Irwin, Jr.*  
Karl Irwin, Jr.  
Regional Minister-President

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August 18, 1976

**To Whom It May Concern:**

This letter will introduce the Medical Staff of Peoples Temple. I am the Medical Doctor in charge of their treatment and examining facilities and oversee and consult with their staff as needed.

Peoples Temple presently plans to establish a medical facility and hospital at an outpost mission in South America which will be staffed with Medical Doctors, Family Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses, a Physical Therapist and a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Medical Equipment and supplies for this facility need to be purchased in the immediate future.

We are presently in need of available information, including prices, on such equipment and would appreciate whatever booklets or other information you might have on hand so that the Financial Committee and Board of Directors can formulate a proposal for the purchases to be made.

Your courtesy in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph. D., M. D.

Enclosure: List of equipment and/or supplies needed.

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October 3, 1976

Dear Editor,

Recently we ran a story in the Sun Reporter about a man, Jim Jones, who is accomplishing remarkable things in the black community through his ministry, Peoples Temple.

Many of the programs in this church serve as models of how to effectively deal with the most critical problems black and minority people face today. The article brought an unusually good response from our readers.

This is a story that is certainly deserving of attention, and thus I am enclosing it with camera-ready pictures for your consideration.

Very truly yours,  
*Carlton B. Goodlett*

Dr. Carlton Goodlett

P.S. I would appreciate being sent a copy of the article as it is run in your paper should you choose to use it. Please send it to P.O. Box 15023, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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MEDICAL PROFESSION

"I have known...Pastor Jim Jones quite some time and know him to be of good moral character, honest, sincere, and absolutely truthful in every respect. Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need at all times. He teaches all of these things to his members, and insists that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: 'we are our brother's keeper.' This idea coincides with his teachings completely.... He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world.... This world will be a better place to live in because of Pastor Jim Jones."

J. Bruce Massey, M.D.  
Physician and Surgeon

"I have found Rev. Jim Jones to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals...and all the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men.... He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."

H. I. Perkins, M.D.  
Drug Abuse Program Director

"I am deeply grateful and proud to know people who are honestly and openly working for a better world."

Price M. Cobbs, M.D.

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church has, indeed, an impressive record of accomplishments, and we congratulate you on your work. It is through these efforts that human life improves and it is up to all of us to try in the most effective way we can to make the lot of all safer and more pleasant."

John F. Burke, M.D.

"This is a splendid and wonderful thing that you are doing and I wish to commend your Pastor Jones and his staff for encouraging your members to maintain good health and for providing medical services for them."

John E. Ray, M.D.

"Many of the world's problems would be solved if others participated as fully and with as much concern as you have shown."

Phillip R. Lee, M.D.  
Chancellor, University of California  
San Francisco



"I wish to compliment you for the interest and concern you have on behalf of the health and welfare of all children."

Jay M. Arena, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Director, Poison Control Center  
Duke University Medical Center

"It is refreshing and gratifying to realize that there are organized groups in our community following the development of social welfare programs in our area with such close interest at all times. Your own commitment to community service projects is greatly appreciated as an even greater affirmation of your concern for the welfare of others in our community."

Craig M. McMillan, M.D.  
County Health Officer  
County of Mendocino

"I commend you and Pastor Jones and the folks of Peoples Temple for the fine work you're doing."

Cortez F. Enloe, Jr. M.D.

"We are aware of Jim's contributions not only to our community but throughout the state. He and his congregation are continuously giving to their fellow man in some Christian way."

Searles R. Boynton, D.D.S.

The Church and its leadership are to be commended."

Jerome A. Lackner, M.D.  
Director of Health  
State of California

"We were deeply impressed with the work which your church has done in drug rehabilitation."

Lois Christopherson, M.S.W.  
Chief Social Worker  
Department of Surgery  
Stanford University Medical Center

The work of Peoples Temple combines the qualities of communal living with the closeness

to nature, plus the spiritual concept of fellowship. I feel that if we are truly to reach the well-springs of better mental health, we will require to be set up alternative forms of living to that of cities and the human alienation that goes with them. Your work sounds like pioneer efforts in the right direction."

R. W. Shepherd

"I am personally very aware of the valuable resources that the Peoples Temple programs are for the Westside residents."

Alexandra M. Hunter, PhD  
Director of the Pacific Medical  
Center-Day Treatment Program

LEGAL PROFESSION:

"I am presently the Municipal Court Commissioner appointed by the nineteen Municipal Court Judges of the City of San Francisco .... For the last several years I have worked closely with this Church which consists of one of the largest memberships in San Francisco. Their tremendous support within the community derives from the fact that they are involved in community service. The Peoples Temple is best known for reaching out to every kind of human need."

Jerrold Levitt  
Municipal Court Commissioner  
San Francisco

"I deeply respect Reverend Jim Jones and the work which he does and all of you who assist him in those noble goals."

E. Robert Wallach  
Attorney-at-law

"As a former executive director of Consumer Action, I would like to share with you some of my impressions concerning the work of Peoples Temple in our City. Since Rev. Jones arrived in San Francisco, he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of some of our city's poorest and most desperate individuals. Jim Jones has inspired thousands to think less of themselves and more about the plight of their neighbors. His ministry has earned the respect and admiration of concerned individuals throughout the Bay Area. Despite the great amounts of public praise and adulation that has come his way, Rev. Jones has remained humble and remarkably self-effacing."

Kay Pachtner, former director  
Consumer Action

"What would this world be like without people with the kind of dedication you and your staff display?"

Benjamin Ward, Director  
Pretrial Services Agency

"Over the years our organization has had frequent contact with Peoples Temple. These relations have given us the chance to appreciate their humanitarian, conscientious efforts on behalf of San Francisco's needy."

Hiram E. Smith, esq.  
Executive Director/President  
San Francisco Neighborhood Legal  
Assistance Foundation

"... the description that you and others have given me of the works of your church--and of your remarkable pastor, Jim Jones--make it clear how deep and broad and various are your commitments to improving and humanizing society, and how marvelously effective your tireless efforts have been."

Anthony G. Amsterdam, Professor  
Stanford University Law School

"I am happy to hear that your Church, led by Pastor Jones, is so involved with some of the serious problems we face today, especially with regard to young people and young adults. I certainly wish to congratulate you and Pastor Jones on the excellent programs you have developed to work with young people, and on the excellent results you seem to have obtained. The efforts of the community and church groups is of primary importance in reaching young people today."

Charles A. O'Brien  
Former Chief Deputy Attorney General  
State of California

"Peoples Temple are experts in the First Amendment."

David M. Fishlow  
American Civil Liberties Union

"I am familiar with its [Peoples Temple] work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy an outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic and public-spirited."

Phillip Martin  
Attorney-at-law

"You are truly a friend of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed."

Charles Lewis, President  
Legal Defense League

"In addition, it is good to learn of the good work and devotion of the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones. Your interest in and concern about the total field of correction is important and encouraging."

Frederick R. Silber  
Bureau of Prisons  
Department of Justice

EDUCATION

"The efforts of your church to live in racial harmony and equality are exemplary; you are obviously putting into practice the humanitarian ideals most needed by our society and by our churches."

S. B. Ethridge  
Director, Teachers Rights  
National Education Association

"You are doing an important job in an excellent manner and I commend Reverend Jones."

Robert L. Docter, Ph.D.  
President  
Los Angeles City Board of Education

"I have known of the activities of Reverend Jones and believe him to be a man of great integrity and possessed of the highest sense of social responsibility. He works day in and day out to provide services for the destitute and outcast in our society and his activities on behalf of the church are a credit to our community. They [Peoples Temple and Rev. Jim Jones] are not motivated by petty political aims, but by a noble sense of principle sadly lacking in the nation in recent years."

Bill Maher  
Commissioner  
San Francisco Board of Education

"It is Ministers with a spiritual message and active participation to follow-up that message that provide an inspiration to those of us who so desperately need a guiding direction in all religious experiences. You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare."

"Peoples Temple Community Church services a broad sector of the San Francisco communities. Many of the outreach programs of that Church enable persons to move about in their daily lives with dignity and integrity that would be impossible if these programs were not available."

Yvonne S. Golden  
Coordinator  
Opportunity II High School

"I have seen the outstanding works of Pastor Jones in the San Francisco area. The members of his congregation whom I have known for a long time and whom I have recently met certainly exemplified the kind of training which they have received from Peoples Temple. Approximately two years ago, my mother was hospitalized for a brain stroke and was paralyzed. Pastor Jones, nurses and his well-trained Missionaries would come in daily to help the member of his church who was also in critical condition. My sister and I were very much impressed."

because they also offered to do whatever they could for my mother. The nurse would bathe the member for Peoples Temple and stay with her all day. My sister had recently had a back operation, yet no one from my mother's church offered to stay and relieve my sister while I worked."

Frances Huff  
Teacher and newspaper columnist

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

"I have been overwhelmed by you (Pastor Jones) and your congregations and your activities with law enforcement."

Winston Churchill, Chief  
Indianapolis Police Department

"We, as minority law enforcement officers, know of the work and accomplishments of Peoples Temple in the area of youth programs and activities that are of a positive social nature. The Temple's work and concern for senior citizens puts it among the best type in San Francisco."

Wilbert K. Battle, President  
Officers for Justice, San Francisco

"The Peoples Temple has done a fantastic job for us in the central part of the City. After considering the outstanding work of the Church, your kind words take on a special significance. I hope I will continue to merit both your support and your respect. ...Thank you again, Reverend Jones, for imparting the spirit of God and human fellowship to your congregation. We are deeply indebted to you for your hard work. With God's help, we will both continue to help men to live happier and more rewarding lives."

Edward M. Davis, Chief  
Los Angeles City Police Department

"Your Congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. Our alliance in maintaining law and order would represent to all citizens, Christian and non-Christians, our dedication to the principle of free society in which no person would be deprived of his freedom to worship in the faith of his free will. It is organizations like yours and thousands of others throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement.

Your expression of warmth and sympathy for the wives and families of police officers who have been victimized by the lurking dangers of their profession is an innately praiseworthy and reassuring as it is in keeping with the Christian principle of brotherly love. Goodness and wisdom are inseparable, indeed."

Frank Isbell, Director  
Community Relations Section  
Los Angeles City Police Department

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time, and we want to add our congratulations to the many you will receive. We hope your congregation will

enjoy the benefits of good health and good deeds for many years to come."

Willie E. Frazier, Secretary  
The Police Commission  
City and County of San Francisco

"I note the many humanitarian projects in which you and other members of your church are involved, and you are to be commended for your contribution to society."

Donald M. Scott, Chief  
San Francisco Police Department

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Thank heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it."

H. E. Britton, Chief  
Fresno City Police Department

"The continuing interest and support of your church family is not only deeply appreciated but also most encouraging to all of us...."

Anne Belisle Daley  
Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff  
San Francisco

Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief  
Ukiah City Police Department

"With support of people like you and the citizens of this country, law enforcement can go forward and make this country a better place in which to live."

J. F. Inman, Chief  
Atlanta Police Department

"Your support of these organizations dedicated to the maintenance of law and order - a very difficult task in these changing times - is particularly gratifying."

J. R. Fisk, Chief Constable  
Vancouver (Canada) Police Department



"In taking the action that you did, you set an example which should be emulated by all concerned with such vital issues as the defense of freedom of expression; and I am sure that your protest not only had a major influence on the outcome of the case itself but also enlightened countless persons throughout the country."

Albert Kahn, author

"I have known Jim for several years and have worked with him in the movement for liberation and self-determination of all peoples. Jim is a highly sensitive man, one who is completely dedicated to the cause of social justice. I have seen him under fire from reactionary elements, and has never wavered in his commitment. He is undoubtedly one of the most articulate and effective leaders in the United States today.

At the same time, he is a humble man who does not seek "to task in the limelight." on the contrary, Jim has made a sincere effort to achieve accord among organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the hope that unity will strengthen the defense against oppression, while submerging his own position in the process."

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D. Ph.D.  
President  
National Newspaper Publishers

"You have done a tremendous job. I wish you continued success and, as a member of this community, thank you for what you are contributing to my city."

Steve Gavin  
City Editor  
San Francisco Chronicle

"For sometime I have been personally aware of your fine programs dealing with the problems of inner cities and your outstanding moral and spiritual guidance provided throughout the United States. ...The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens...."

James M. Rochford  
Superintendent of Police  
Chicago, Illinois

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

"No published list of 100 congregations in America showing exemplary leadership would be complete without your name on it."

H. Newton Hudson, Secretary  
Religion in American Life

"Peoples Temple has an effective social ministry attracting people who, normally, are rejected by society....I support their ministry and I only wish many of us were as-effective as they are at Peoples Temple."

Rev. Dr. A. C. Ubalde, Jr.  
Bethany United Methodist Church

"The ministry and witness of Pastor Jones and the people of the Peoples Temple has great meaning for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...the most meaning of any single incident or event that has happened to me in the days of my ministry for 20 years as a pastor in this part of the church...the ministry of Jesus Christ, which is the action of God in the world, has about it more that is clearly revealed probably by the Peoples Temple than any other member church of the Christian Church....That's an awesome thing and I just praise God...."

Bishop Kari Irvin, Jr. Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ)

"I keep talking about the extraordinary work that all of you do at Peoples Temple. All of you are committed to serve the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ. This is true servanthood and when combined with love it is the most formidable force in the world...from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere."

Wade D. Rubick, Chief Counsel  
Christian Church (Disciples of  
Christ) in the United States and  
Canada

"I am deeply impressed by the ministry which you carry out in the Peoples Temple under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones and I doubt that I have much to suggest to add to it. It seems to me that the kind of concerns you are dealing with and the outreach in which you are involved is exactly the kind of thing that I find extremely significant....Peoples Temple is seriously trying to be faithful in its effort to relate the

"Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Many judges refer young persons to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. And Peoples Temple provides more food services than does St. Anthony's Dining Room! All of these are vital ministry with the people of our city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which would otherwise have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple."

Rev. Norman E. Leach, D. Min.  
Associate Executive Minister  
San Francisco Council of Churches

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent  
United Methodist Church

"I have known Rev. Jim Jones for approximately 8 years and have come to know of his responsible commitment to poor people, multi-racial communities, and services he provides trying to bring about self determination.

We are pleased and honored that you will be with us on Sunday, January 16th to accept Glide's 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award, in recognition of your leadership and contributions to many communities of people."

What I appreciate about you is that you extend yourself beyond specific situations and provide the experience of sharing in the cause to which we are committed."

Rev. A Cecil Williams  
Minister of Celebration and Involvement  
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

"The ministry of this man and his congregation is surpassed by none in our denomination. Their witness in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and ministering to the sick and imprisoned is sorely needed in this troubled age."

Dennis W. Short  
Associate Pastor  
Urban Life  
Christian Church of Southern California

"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphans' homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation .... In fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression that the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to share.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity....

I have found Reverend Jones to be perceptive, committed and dedicated to the empowerment of those who have been neglected or disregarded by normal processes and structures of our society."

Gerald B. McHary, Assistant to the  
Executive Pastor, Christian Church  
of Southern California

"I continue to be impressed by the many ways the congregation has found to relate to its community and to the world."

Ian McCrae  
Social Action Newsletter  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Department of Church in Society

"There can be no doubt that you are actively striving to diminish the injustices and miseries that plague man."

John P. Moss, S.J.  
Jesuits for Peace and Justice  
Jesuit School of Theology

"It is gratifying to know of other Christian groups that are deeply concerned about the welfare of mankind. Your church, under the leadership of your dedicated pastor, the Reverend Jim Jones, must truly be following the teachings of Jesus, not in words only, but in deeds."

Religious Society of Friends  
Palo Alto, California

"In all my dealings with Peoples Temple Church, I have found them to be caring and supportive of the social-religious commands of Jesus Christ, going way beyond the call of the Gospel in order to (as their pastor Jim Jones says) 'Care about someone else besides yourself.'"

Montford Cardwell

Gospel to the unmet needs of persons in situations of extreme crisis, people who are victims of various forms of injustice. May God continue His work through the ministry of Peoples Temple."

Rev. W. Sterling Cary, President  
National Council of the Churches  
of Christ

"The Jewish community in the San Francisco area has developed a great respect for the contributions the Peoples Temple has made to the total community. At a time when many of our efforts in local social welfare and rehabilitation are faltering, the Peoples Temple has produced large, creative social services which produce results. That has been a heartening phenomenon for all of us.

At the same time, the Peoples Temple was one of the first forces in the City to concentrate on needed education against the growth of neo-Nazism in the area."

Eari Raab  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
of San Francisco, Marin and the  
Peninsula

"Pastor Jones' vast ministry will surely attract ever increasing attention. One of Pastor Jones' many skills that I particularly admire is his ability to attract young people and enlist them in Christian service, even to rescue great numbers of them from the grip of drugs. That calls for tremendous spiritual power, which is rare indeed in our troubled time."

Father Alfred Boeddeker, O.F.M.  
St. Anthony's Dining Room

"The City-wide Planning Committee for the Martin Luther King Celebration has chosen you as the local speaker because of your continuous effort in the struggle for equal rights and social justices for all people."

Donneter Lane, President  
San Francisco Council of Churches

"I have been pastor in this city for fifteen years and what that church is doing to enable human life for all races, all styles of life in this city is a miracle."

Reverend Robert H. Stewart  
First St. John's United Methodist Church  
West Nob Hill Parish

THE MEDIA:

"It is impossible to adequately express the deep feelings we have for the members of the Peoples Temple who rallied to the cause of a free press during our recent incarceration at the Fresno County Industrial Farm.

To watch on television hundreds of persons marching in the Courthouse Plaza and to realize they were demonstrating on our behalf is something which we shall remember for the rest of our lives.

Even more important is that those of your congregation who were there, or who were among the hundreds in the church who took time to write to us in jail, understand the essential importance of a free press in this democracy of ours.

The unselfish show of human love and compassion will forever remain as an example to us and our families which demands far more recognition than we are able to give."

George Gruner  
Managing Editor  
The Fresno Bee

"I am very touched that your church has been so dedicated to issues of press freedom."

Katherine Graham  
President  
The Washington Post Company

"I cannot think of a person whom I've grown to admire more. What if more ministers were really involved in social issues? He certainly has my interest and support."

Julia Hare  
Director of Community Affairs  
KSFQ Radio

"We at BLACK ENTERPRISE have the highest regard for groups such as the Peoples Temple."

Tamara Owens  
Administrator, Public Affairs  
Black Enterprise

"It is gratifying to see the evidence of the commitment of you and your fellow members of the Peoples Temple to freedom of the press."

Clayton Kirkpatrick, Editor  
Chicago Tribune

GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS:

"I am grateful . . . for . . . the work of the Peoples Temple Christian Church in defending the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of the press, in managing the drug program, and in running the ranch for handicapped children. Knowing of the congregations deep involvement in the major social and Constitutional issues of our country . . . is a great inspiration to me."

Walter F. Mondale

"Those who are most familiar with the works of Peoples Temple and of your pastor, Mr. Jim Jones, speak glowingly of the numerous social programs your church has established in meeting every type of human need. Your commitment and compassion, your humanitarian principles, and your interest in protecting individual liberty and freedom have made an outstanding contribution to furthering the cause of human dignity."

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
Secretary of Health, Education  
and Welfare

"You and the other members of the congregation are to be commended for your work to aid young people and for your commitment to reach out beyond the walls of the church to make Christianity a meaningful part of all aspects of modern life."

Mervyn M. Dymally  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of California

"It is indeed encouraging to me to find that citizens such as yourself remain deeply committed to the vital freedoms which the First Amendment guarantees, and are sensitive to governmental actions which erode them."

Sam Ervin, Jr.  
United States Senator

" . . . it is only through the hard work and commitment of persons like yourself and those in your church that our great social problems will finally be overcome. Let me express my heartiest approval, then, for the efforts you and your friends are making in your community."

Warren Magnusen  
United States Senator

"Brotherhood and equality have long been pursued by those seeking a newer world. Contr-



butions by groups such as the Peoples Temple serve to keep these goals in sight and bring them ever closer to reality."

Philip A. Hart  
United States Senator

"It is always good to hear that the spirit of the American people is still as vibrant and generous as ever. Pastor Jones seems to be a credit to your community, and I hope his good works continue to play an important power in the continued well being of your area. Citizen power has always been one of my watchwords, and I am glad to see it in action.

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 Senator

"I also welcome hearing of the fine work of your church, and the many projects which your congregation has undertaken, both on a community and a national level."

Henry M. Jackson  
United States Senator

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church sounds almost too good to be true . . . I cannot praise its membership too highly. You are truly practicing Christians in the finest sense."

Mike Gravel  
United States Senator

"The Reverend Jim Jones has taken to heart the Biblical injunction, 'faith without works is dead'. He has translated his commitment to action. He has worked to alert others to the injustices which exist in our society and he has worked tirelessly with those who seek to correct these injustices.

Let me express my heartiest approval of the efforts you and the other members of your church are making to help the less fortunate in our community."

Phillip Burton  
United States Congressman

"Let me commend your pastor, Jim Jones, for the dedication he is showing to his community and surrounding areas and also for the impact he makes on members of his congregation."

Ronald V. Dellums  
United States Congressman

"I am grateful that Peoples Temple is located in the Fifth Senatorial District which I represent. Among the many services this church provides to San Franciscans are: a clinic in the San Francisco church, in which 80 persons are seen each day by qualified nurses for general check-ups or in special clinics, a physical therapy facility for seniors and handicapped persons, a drug rehabilitation program that claims to have 'rehabilitated' 300 former drug addicts, a legal aid program where some 200 people a month come with serious legal, usually criminal, problems, and a central kitchen that serves 1,800 persons a day.

It is heartwarming to have among us human beings who are willing to get involved."

Milton Marks  
California State Senate

"Your contributions to the spiritual health and well-being of our community have been truly inestimable, and I am heartened by the fact that we can continue to expect such vigorous and creative leadership from the Peoples Temple in the future. By your tireless efforts on behalf of all San Franciscans, you have demonstrated that the unique powers of spiritual energy and civic commitment are virtually boundless, and that our lives would be sadly diminished without your continuing contributions."

George R. Moscone  
Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"I am very aware of the outstanding work being done by Pastor Jones and his tremendous contribution to all communities. Please extend to Pastor Jones and all his members my best wishes and my sincere desire that his inspirational work will long continue."

Terry A. Francois  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"I have known Pastor Jones a long time and fully agree with the testimonials he has received about his great integrity and of the spirit of brotherhood and love that he has brought to his parishoners and to all with whom he comes in contact. He is also to be commended for his compassion and his deep understanding of the refugees from Vietnam, and for setting an example to the community by adopting Korean War orphans.

Joseph L. Alioto  
Former Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"Concerning them, I say without qualifications that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the Western Addition. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment. They have sent some of their wayward youth to their large agricultural

"I am personally acquainted with Pastor Jim Jones and the remarkable services of his congregation . . . I am particularly enthusiastic about his program because it shows what the volunteer sector can do with dedicated individuals and it is an extraordinary argument against those who would adopt the view that the government can effectively respond to the social needs of our nation. It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize giving of self and service to others."

Don H. Clausen  
United States Congressman

"This inter-racial church is well known for a host of splendid and effective projects which help people, including drug rehabilitation, senior citizen homes, convalescent-type homes, animal shelters, free legal assistance, and emergency services. The membership includes lawyers, nurses, teachers, community workers, factory and agricultural workers, and others who have committed lives to serving others. They are highly industrious, work well with other groups, and do good without seeking recognition for it."

George E. Brown, Jr.  
United States Congressman

"I was most impressed to hear of the good works your church is doing. You are showing the kind of commitment to social justice which our nation so desperately needs."

Bella S. Abzug  
United States Congresswoman

"Your pastor, Reverend Jim Jones, and your church certainly deserve commendation for the manner in which you exemplify a commitment to the precepts in which you believe. It is easier to claim belief in any religious faith than to actually live by them and your accomplishments certainly reveal the depth of your dedication."

Patsy Mink  
United States Congresswoman

The Peoples Temple is to be commended for the active role it has taken in working for the preservation of press freedoms."

Lawrence Coughlin  
United States Congressman

"I commend you and your staff on the broad scope of community services you provide for all the people."

Cardiss Collins  
United States Congresswoman

"I only wish there were more like the people of Peoples Temple Christian Church."

Don Edwards  
United States Congressman

"I applaud your defense of the First Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution with regard to Freedom of the Press) and commend your Pastor, Jim Jones, for his actions in this matter."

R. Eckhardt  
United States Congressman

"Please pass on my commendation to Pastor Jones and the members of his Church for their Christian service to the community and to our country."

Jonathan Bingham  
United States Congressman

I enjoyed reading about the journey that the members of the Peoples Temple made. My congratulations to all the members of your congregation for setting a fine example for the rest of the nation in your dedication to humane ideals. I especially admire Pastor Jones for his ability to envision and lead these efforts. He has done a great deal to foster the spirit of brotherhood both in individuals in the congregation and in the rest of the community."

Leo T. McCarthy  
Speaker of the Assembly  
California State Legislature

"I have had the great pleasure of knowing a leader with tremendous character and integrity Jim Jones, who is the founder of a large movement called Peoples Temple. The members come from virtually every racial, religious, and socio-economic background. Rev. Jones is regarded among government officials, civic and religious leaders, and particularly the black community and working class people, with utter respect for what he has done to upgrade the quality of life in our area and to bring greater health and well-being to thousands of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people.

Rev. Jones influence for progressive change among the citizenry has been extremely impressive. His ministry, in addition to wide-ranging programs that reach out to every type of human need, also puts out its own newspaper to well over half a million people in this area alone."

Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
California State Assembly

"Ninety-nine percent of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all received it."

Art Agnos

mission in South America entirely at their own cost. This is truly an original, inovative and exciting program. If some of the youths that are in this program were left to roam the streets of San Francisco, the police department would have to have been enlarged, and many people would have lost a great deal of security."

Joe Johnson  
Former Deputy Mayor  
City of San Francisco

"I am greatly impressed with the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church, and feel that you are to be commended for making the Christian gospel relevant to the needs of the people today. Too often in the past the church in general has tended to withdraw from the real world of real people, and it is heartening to know that you are attempting to reverse this trend."

Terry J. Harter, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the Mayor  
Director Urban Development  
City of Los Angeles

"I am aware of the good deeds done by the Peoples Temple and Pastor Jim Jones. I commend you all for the fine job our are doing in the community."

Gilbert W. Lindsay  
Councilman  
City of Los Angeles

"Your church is the kind of church that is, indeed, doing something about the problems in our community. It is good to know that we have you as one of the congregations in my district."

David Cunningham  
Councilman  
City of Los Angeles

"Your projects are indeed worthwhile and we need many organizations such as yours to work with people who need help."

Lina Naito  
Hawaii State Legislature

"I am very impressed with the many wonderful things you are doing. I take special note of the efforts to help the elderly and to provide health care for those who cannot afford it. I join you and the congregation of the Peoples Temple of Christ in working toward the Christian goals of justice, equality, peace and fellowship. Only after we have accomplished these goals, will be be able to say we have a truly just nation and world."

Richard Gordon Hatcher  
Mayor  
City of Gary

CIVIL RIGHTS:

"We feel it extremely timely and fitting that the black community of San Francisco should tender to you this simple gesture of friendship, encouragement and honor for your dedicated and conscientious work in the area of humanitarianism and the social gospel. Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family, all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic--that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmond Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

Carlton Goodlett, M.D., PhD

"The Reverend Mr. Jones has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to inspire the members of his congregation and followers to become involved in community affairs and to participate, and thereby influence, the decision-making process to ensure the establishing of policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the disadvantaged and disenfranchised citizens of San Francisco.

Joseph A. Meza  
Human Relations Commission

"During this period when there are such serious problems with which our minorities are faced, it is encouraging to learn that there is such an effective effort which is being made by the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ."

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director  
NAACP

"Pastor Jones and all of you are setting an example which, if followed by others, would certainly do much to make this world the place it could be."

Charles A. Ericksen  
Field Representative  
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

"AS the head of an organization that has worked closely with the Peoples Temple, the minister, and the members, I have the highest regard for the leadership they are providing, and the positive

contribution they are making in the city of San Francisco. Their commitment and dedication to ending human suffering of the oppressed and downtrodden are unsurpassed by any of the organized churches in the city."

"Your background and willingness to work make you and the others from the Temple a great asset to NAACP, and we hope that you will be participating in many NAACP activities in the months ahead."

Joe Hall, President  
San Francisco NAACP

"Many Indian people when in need for family groceries have called upon us and when we run dry I feel secure because I know that I can place a call to the Peoples Temple and that these families will eat tonight. This has happened often. And it will no doubt happen again tomorrow."

Dennis Banks  
National Director of AIM  
Federal Indian Law Instructor  
D-Q University, Davis, CA

STATEMENT OF ANGELA DAVIS  
TO JIM JONES OVER RADIO PHONE-PATCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1977

This is Angela Davis. I would like to say to my friend Jim Jones and to all my sisters and brothers from Peoples Temple who are in Guyana there: know that there are people here, not only in the San Francisco Bay Area but also across the country, who are supporting you, who are with you. I can personally speak for the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression in cities throughout the country, from Birmingham, Alabama to (inaudible) that there are people who are aware of the contributions of Peoples Temple to our efforts to, for example, free Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington 10. We know that you have participated and brought people to all the marches and demonstrations, and thousands of petitions that have been sent to government officials have been circulated and signed by members of Peoples Temple. And so we are very deeply obligated to you for what you have done to further the fight for justice, to further the struggle against oppression, to further the fight against racism.

I know you are in a very difficult situation right now and there is a conspiracy. A very profound conspiracy designed to destroy the contributions which you have made to our struggle. And this is why I must tell you that we feel that we are under attack as well. When you are attacked, it is because of your progressive stand, and we feel that it is directly an attack against us as well. Therefore, more of us need to know that we will be carrying on this idea, that we will do everything in our power to insure your safety and your ability to keep on struggling.

(In response to loud ovations from hundreds of people with Jim Jones in the Guyana interior, Angela states:) I attempted to say, though not very eloquently, that we are with you, and we appreciate everything you have done. And we know you are going to win, and, in the final analysis, we are all going to win.



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THE FOLLOWING ARE A SELECTION OF EXCERPTS  
FROM STATEMENTS MADE IN RECENT DAYS BY A  
WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND RE-  
LIGIOUS LEADERS IN RESPONSE TO A SENSATION-  
ALISTIC SMEAR CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PEOPLES  
TEMPLE AND ITS MINISTER, REV. JIM JONES.

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MERVYN M. DYNALLY, Lieutenant Governor, California:

Not surprisingly, the metropolitan media have singled out Peoples Temple for scrutiny and criticism. This unusual attack on the Church is the cause of great concern and anguish among the friends of Peoples Temple. However, I am pleased to report that those of us who have looked at the great work of Pastor Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him. My former colleagues in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given such assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Rev Jim Jones. The Chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus and its members are strong in their support of the Peoples Temple and, so is the President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), Carlton Goodlett.

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR., California State Assembly:

I have represented thousands of people in the metropolitan area where the headquarters of Rev. Jim Jones' church, Peoples Temple, is located, and I am very familiar with the outstanding work his organization has done in service to society. Rev. Jim Jones is one of the most principled voices for social justice in the nation, and he has been instrumental in providing forceful leadership in developing practical solutions to serious urban problems, such as crime, drug abuse, and neglect of the elderly. Because he is an extremely effective leader in the arena of social progress, Jim Jones has been the object of some malicious attacks from various individuals who (out of personal vindictiveness, racism, and other despicable motives) have mounted a smear campaign. This campaign has been denounced by progressive community leaders and public officials who are working effectively for the interest of blacks and other minority people in our society.

BONNETER E. LANE, Executive Director, San Francisco Council of Churches:

It is a privilege that I/we have the opportunity to express a word of concern for the Christian ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) here in the city of San Francisco and throughout the state of California.

It appears that persons who contribute to humanity the human needs, find themselves in controversial situations, usually marked by misinformation and unsound reasoning. Rev. Jones has contributed to San Francisco and to the needs of the underprivileged and oppressed. He has not done this alone, but with the concern and co-operation of people who are disciples of Christ, in every sense of the word.

Throughout Christendom there have always been those who rejected those who would be followers of Christ. The Scriptures say "feed the hungry - clothe the naked - heal the sick." (He has the spiritual gift of healing and provisions provided for

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Rev. Jones has contributed spiritually to the San Francisco Council of Churches Board of Directors since becoming a member. His members have shown concern in the issue related to Council work. Theirs is a true spiritual commitment and voluntarily rendered. Rev. Jim Jones' philosophy is a challenge to the citizens of San Francisco and especially to Christians who are not committed to the Christian doctrines.

I/we have the honor and privilege to speak for one from our community and a member of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

CRISTINA VASQUEZ, National Representative, Equal Rights Congress:

To many people in this country, as well as throughout the world, your church and what you stand for has meant hope and justice. But what is more important, that hope has become a reality.

I for one have seen the fruits of your work and have seen that you practice what you teach. There is no doubt in my mind that when an issue of justice or human rights has come to your attention, you have always responded in every way possible to help.

I would like to express that although it outrages me to see what the news media is doing, it does not surprise me. In my life I have always seen that we are always played against each other -- church against church, blacks against latinos, latinos against blacks, every minority and working people blaming each other for their failures and problems because that way they can keep us apart and not see that the real problems is between those who have and those who don't.

I would like...to do whatever little we can to show the media and whoever is trying to discredit your work that as long as we live we will not stand for anybody trying to destroy any of our honest, hard working leaders that are fighting for our rights.

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REV. NORMAN E. LEACH, Program Administrator, San Francisco Council of Churches:

I am writing to express my concern for the work which the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of his Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) perform in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As happens all too frequently, when someone actually attempts to live out the commandments of the Christian Gospel, there is adverse reaction from the non-Christian community. And even, sometimes, from within that community.

Peoples Temple in San Francisco has recently found itself under attack from a few persons who were former members, in addition to a few others who wish to discredit the work and ministry of Peoples Temple - for whatever their motives. I do not attempt to understand or to speak to the motives behind these actions; however, I can and will speak to my observations as to

the ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and his congregation.

Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Judges refer young people to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. All of these are vital ministry with the people of this city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which otherwise would have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple.

ART MCNOS, California Legislature, Majority Whip:

Recently in San Francisco a number of people have begun to attach a political meaning to the work carried on by the Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

As a politician, I am aware from firsthand experiences that the leadership and congregation of Peoples Temple carry out exceptional public service activities without partisan political overtones.

While it is true that their religious beliefs require active participation in issues confronting the community such as supporting in large numbers the tenants of the International Hotel, 99% of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all have received it.

It is most unfortunate that some people in San Francisco feel threatened by this very simple organization and philosophy of service.

JOSEPH E. HALL, President, San Francisco Branch, NAACP:

I am writing to let you know about the outstanding work of the Peoples Temple here in the San Francisco community. Rev. Jim Jones has been a friend to hundreds of youth in the city, and his church has rehabilitated many from drug use, helped young people out of legal difficulty and anti-social patterns, and brought out the finest potential in people who were held back due to the hardships and oppression of their lives. He has established tutorial and educational programs, opportunities for youth to receive free job training, and legal and medical services for the indigent. His church has taken in senior citizens cast aside by their relatives, and children abandoned by parents and unwanted by agencies. He has provided a wholesome environment where people are accepted and made to feel needed and productive regardless of race, sex, age or educational or religious background.

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EMOLA D. MAXWELL, Executive Director, Portrero Hill Neighborhood House:

I have known the Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplified the life and teachings of Jesus Christ: What is the need, and what can I do to help.

For this Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King were persecuted, and many others were condemned without having done any evil.

DENNIS ROBERTS, Attorney (from a letter to Rev. Jim Jones):

I have been following with great interest the vituperative and defamatory attacks against you and the Peoples Temple which have appeared in New West magazine and, more recently, reprinted in the Mendocino Grapevine. I recently saw the July 21 editorial in the Sun-Reporter.

I initially met you in my capacity as attorney for Dennis Banks. At the time of our first meeting his wife, Ka-Mook, was incarcerated in Kansas under a \$20,000 bail. The defense fund was virtually non-existent and the possibility of Ka-Mook obtaining bail was slim indeed. Then you and the Temple stepped forward out of the goodness of your heart and produced virtually the entire bail for Ka-Mook. This put her in the position of being free to help prepare our defense. Today, we got the wonderful news that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco held that the government's case against her must be dismissed. If you did not provide the bail, she would have had to sit in jail for about two years until she was ultimately vindicated, and instead of being free to be with her family and small babies. If I knew nothing else about you, this would be sufficient for me to sing your praises to every available ear. However, after our initial meeting I was so impressed with your good works that I started to do my own "investigation." Everyone spoke in the most glowing terms of you, the Temple, and the work that you have performed. You have consistently articulated the position of the underdog and provided the support necessary to stand up to overwhelming governmental attack. In so many cases you and the Temple made the crucial difference in the ability to withstand these attacks.

I am not a Christian and for many years have felt strongly about the hypocrisy of so many who called themselves "Christians." It is only upon coming in contact with the Peoples Temple that I was able to start to reappraise this opinion and realize that there were people who did take their professed religion seriously and who, in fact, did live up to what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

**JERRY S. GARDNER, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Mendocino Cty.):**

I wish to take this opportunity to express my dismay with recent articles being published in local newspapers and by New West magazine, regarding the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Church.

I have known Rev. Jones for over seven years and have found him to be an honest, reverent, and Christian example in our community.

Temple members have been licensed by the State of California to provide care and supervision for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. These Temple members have always been above reproach and among the most capable of providers. State evaluations of these facilities conducted in 1972 will bear this out.

It is unfortunate that such an exemplary man and organization must be subject to this sort of yellow journalism.

**HOWARD WALLACE, Gay Action/Labor Committee:**

I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW WEST magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works of Peoples Temple continue uninterrupted that I am now writing.

For many years now, I have been a socialist and a trade unionist, an anti-war organizer and active supporter of the Black, Latino, feminist and gay movements in the United States. In that time I have witnessed a host of smear campaigns against all these movements. Peoples Temple 's only the latest victim.

They are now an object of right-wing attacks because they practice what they preach--solidarity with the oppressed and exploited of the earth. The Temple's consistent struggle on behalf of democratic rights and against social and economic inequality is without parallel, even in San Francisco, historically a center of progressive movements. I am one of many thousands in this city who take pride in counting Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple among my friends.

**RICHARD GELLER, Vice-President, Unity Foundation:**

I write on behalf of Unity Foundation in reference to the good works of the Peoples Temple organization. Here in San Francisco these selfless Christians have brought help and happiness to countless thousands with their free offering of food, medical care, education, job training, drug rehabilitation, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance....It has been our delight to work with Peoples Temple, whose honesty and credibility we have found impeccable.

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ROBERT WALLACH, Attorney-at-law:

As a matter of introduction, I am a past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco (1975), a professor of law at Hastings College of the Law and Consultant to the Dean at that school. I am a lawyer in active private practice. I do not belong to Peoples Temple and my only contact with them has been as a result of our shared interests in a variety of community projects in this city.

I have had an opportunity to meet and talk at length with Rev. Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of the Peoples Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the Peoples Temple makes a major contribution to the social wellbeing of this city, particularly among the disadvantaged, minorities and disabled within our community. These individuals who often find it difficult to assemble support for their position as they seek to obtain lawful and appropriate rights from our society find a strong and giving ally in Reverend Jim Jones and those with whom he works.

ALBERT E. KAMN, Author, Journalist:

I became acquainted with Rev. Jim Jones more than a year ago and in the intervening period I have been much impressed with the assistance he has given to the peace movement in this area, to Chilean political refugees who have settled in the region, and to the care and welfare of underprivileged citizens, not only among his own followers but also in the general community. It is my opinion that in all likelihood the present charges being made against him are, besides sensational journalism, in part the result of work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

MICHAEL R. SNEDEKER, Attorney-at-law, Prisoners Union:

I believe their church (Peoples Temple) is one of the most important organizations in California. It combines strongly progressive social policies with a spirituality that makes our community humanity felt rather than simply known as an abstraction. The shortcomings of pure politics is precisely that it does not content. The limits of pure spirituality are that it remove people from the world rather than connecting them with it. It seems to me that their efforts to combine the material and spiritual into real existence, to effectively recognize the humanity of all races and ages, to realize the capabilities of everybody, to take care of each other and to take responsibility for the world in which they live, follows the grain of what must be done to build a fully human world. I have attended their services, the first over ten years

ago in a remote rural section of California where I worked as a researcher and therapist in a large mental hospital. Their services are a unique blend of joyous music, intensely focused concern for suffering individuals, and attacks on the injustice that is part and parcel of our social order. I have known members of the church and one who left the church; he was a former drug addict who felt that he had gained immeasurably by his association with the Peoples Temple. I have also followed their work on behalf of people who were being unjustly treated and seen their efforts to unify the poor and dispossessed of this country into an effective force. They are a warm, energetic, and progressive group of people.

CHARLES BRIDDY, Bay Area Ecumenical Committee of Concern  
for Chile; Former National Chairperson of the Presidential  
Campaign for Dr. Benjamin Spock:

I hope that you understand that the media attack on Rev. Jones is part of what appears to be a coordinated right wing propaganda offensive aimed at dividing working people that currently is sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of the Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitic "New Right" and racist organizing - in a period of extreme economic crisis when such periods classically appear in many capitalist societies.

Knowing of the internationally coordinated fascist plot which overthrew the government of Salvador Allende in Chile, I cannot but be sensitive to the totally contrived and subversive nature of the media smears against this exemplary man, Jim Jones.

JOE JOHNSON, San Francisco:

I have been active in community programs in the San Francisco area for over forty years. I am a member of long standing in the I.L.W.U. - Longshoreman's Union, the Third Baptist Church and a Deputy Mayor of the City. I am well acquainted with the activities of Peoples Temple Church and with the integrity and character of its pastor, Reverend Jim Jones.

Concerning them I say without qualification that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the city. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment.

Too often clever and cynical newswriters, skilled in the art of withering sarcasm and satire can capture the imagination of people, take statements violently out of context and create an atmosphere where violence and harassment result.

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The article printed by New West and others are typical of the forced of evil who would destroy a good thing.

MARGIE RAJER, Supervisor, San Francisco Public Schools:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverend Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California. Rev. Jones' church is located in one of the lower socio-economic areas of San Francisco. His membership seems to consist of members of all races creeds and colors. Rev. Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away. The Peoples Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

CONNIE WILLIAMS, Owner, "Connie's Restaurant;" President of West Coast Caribbean Association:

I am writing to express my feelings about Jim JONES and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the country. Because Jim Jones has boldly defended the rights of the poor and oppressed in this racist society, he has suffered continuous harassment and persecution. It is not only difficult but dangerous, as you might well imagine, to stand for egalitarian principles in our society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted, and, in the face of it all, has proceeded with his work.

ALEXANDRA HUNTER, Ph.D., Day Treatment Director, Westside Community Mental Health Center:

I am writing in support of the Peoples Temple and their community projects. As you may have heard, certain self-serving media persons, seeking fortune and fame for themselves, are using the Temple and Reverend Jones as the means to their goal.

I am a resident of the Western Addition as well as a director of a mental health program in this area. I am very aware of the services provided by the Peoples Temple to both young and old, mainly minority persons of our community. These services would not be available otherwise.

PHILIP MARTIN, Attorney-at-law:

Although I have no personal official association with Peoples Temple, I am familiar with its work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy and outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic, and public-spirited.

Recent attempts to smear the Temple here in San Francisco are, as far as I can tell, without any foundation in fact.

JOAN A. BRANN (wife of the late Franklyn Brann):

I am a member of San Francisco's black community. Rev. Jones is being maligned by the press. This man is sincerely committed to the poor, the elderly, and to those whose spirits have been worn down by the vicissitudes of racism.

Rev. Jones and his congregation were a great source of comfort to me in a time of painful crisis in my own life. His response to those of us who asked for his help goes far beyond any ordinary call of duty.

YVONNE S. GOLDEN, Co-ordinator, Opportunity II High School;  
President, Black Teachers Caucus:

The vendetta against Reverend Jim Jones is not a new story. History is replete with examples of the persecution of those who challenge the status quo. At one level, Rev. Jim Jones should feel a sense of pride in being immersed into the ocean of a most distinguished community of humanity --- where justice, and not expediency, is the good to be pursued; where the legitimate interest of the many, and not the whim of the few, is the mandate of the day; where truth, and not consistency, is the goal to be achieved, and where courage is one of the exacting prices for peace of mind.

No less a stalwart than Martin Luther King found his entry into the so-called political arena by speaking out against the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, and invoked the absolute wrath of the well organized army of apologists of the status quo. Only the blind, the deaf, the dumb and the apologists fail to see the compulsive relationship between the latest avalanche of inconsistencies, half-truths, and outright lies against the Rev. Jim Jones and the upcoming elections in San Francisco.

We who support Rev. Jim Jones will continue to stand by him. We find solace in the eloquence of Thomas Paine:

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CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher of the Sun Reporter,  
President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association  
(Black Press of America):

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple represent some of the  
most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to ap-  
pear in California in recent years....In attempting to use the  
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economic scoundrels, and even impotent religious leaders have  
failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership  
mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving those pompous  
pseudo-leaders naked and to be viewed as the hypocrites that  
they have been for decades.

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless,  
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many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental  
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and Peoples Temple not a comet that momentarily lights up the  
darkness, but another reminder of the meanings of Edmund Burke's  
prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200  
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*Dr. and Mrs. John V. Moore have just recently returned from a visit to the Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Mission in Guyana, South America, where they visited their two daughters and grandson who are residents there. Dr. Moore, with thirty-four years experience as a pastor, campus minister, and district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, is currently pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Moore is a writer who has worked closely with groups concerned with ministry to prisoners and their families, farm-workers, disturbed teenagers and runaways.*

*The Moores have written the following article to capsulize their impressions of their trip to the remarkable model community established by Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.*

### A VISIT TO PEOPLES TEMPLE COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT JONESTOWN, GUYANA

During the month of May, 1978, we had an amazingly beautiful adventure. We visited Peoples Temple Cooperative Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America.

Because so much adverse publicity has been circulated regarding this heroic cooperative of caring and sharing, we felt it important to share our first-hand experience in a town of 1100 people transplanted from Peoples Temple, Disciples of Christ, in the U. S. A.

Our two daughters, one a nurse and the other a teacher with our three-year-old grandson, had written glowing accounts of their life in this unusual project. We wanted to see for ourselves this new land.

We flew to Georgetown, the capital of Guyana, to the Peoples Temple headquarters, which is a lovely home where we were housed with others awaiting a flight to Jonestown, the site of the cooperative. Some of the people we met were planning to retire in Jonestown. One small boy had just had adjustments made on an artificial leg and eagerly awaited the hour-long return flight to the hinterland of Port Kaituma, and then home to the cooperative.

The quaint, attractive government buildings of Georgetown and its friendly Black and East Indian culture in a democratic-socialist country we found most pleasing.

From Georgetown we were flown over a vast ocean of jungle to Port Kaituma where our small plane landed on a tiny air-strip. Members of the Temple met us as our plane arrived and drove us through the exquisite interior region to a turn-off where we observed the sign "Welcome—Peoples Temple Cooperative Agricultural Project".

What a miracle it is! Over eight hundred acres of jungle have been cleared since 1974, most of it within the last year. All along the road we could see rows of cassavas, eddoes, bananas, sugar cane, and citrus groves. Further along the road we saw the "piggery" and the "chickery" and the dairy center worthy of the best in scientific animal husbandry.

What we found at the cooperative was a loving community of people in the true New Testament sense.

Educational facilities and nursery care and equipment are excellent. The school is government accredited, and unusually creative in its approach to the learning process. Teachers are excited by the possibilities for teaching in a setting so different from town and urban schools where they had previously taught.

Medical services under the supervision of a brilliant young doctor, Larry Schacht, are excellent. Larry, a recent graduate of the University of California Medical School in Irvine, is in radio communication with specialists in the United States and South America. His corps of nurses and technicians are well trained, and the scientific equipment is first-class. All retired residents are checked daily. Services are also provided for nearby Amerindians and others needing medical care.

A nutritionist is constantly experimenting with vegetable and fruit products in an effort to discover maximum utilization of food grown in Guyana. The farm is thriving. Meals are a delight and are rich in protein, natural grain and vegetables.

Soccer, baseball, a good band, crafts, a library of 8,000 volumes and outstanding teachers provide recreational and cultural opportunities for the youth of Jonestown. Birds and animals have become community pets. The band often plays for Georgetown events. It's tops!

The nurture of children and family life is evident. Jonestown offers a rare opportunity for deep relationships between men and women, young and old who come from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. Single adults, one-parent families, and nuclear families feel at home in the community.

Jonestown is a mixture of frontier life and contemporary society. The small, neat gardens of the retired residents are in evidence on every pathway. There are opportunities for seniors also to take classes, sew, read, or just to sit. An older woman hoeing her garden brought to mind the words of Micah (4:4)—"...they shall sit every one under his vine and his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid..."

Whereas life is somewhat simple in Jonestown, the latest equipment and techniques are employed, for example in putting up pre-fabricated houses in one day.

Morale is exceedingly high. There is a sense of ownership which is rare in collective societies and not present under private ownership.

We came away from the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project with a feeling for its energy and enthusiasm, its creative, wholesome ways (imagine no television—but weekly movies for all), and an understanding of the fascination and high sense of adventure it holds for its residents.

John and Barbara Moore

RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION TO CCNC-C ANNUAL MEETING

May 18, 19 & 20, 1973

WHEREAS, the church stands for freedom, and the free flow of information,  
and

WHEREAS, the public media, namely the press, is under increased  
challenge as to its exercising freedom in news and programming, as guaranteed  
by the First Amendment of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, one of our congregations, Peoples Temple Christian Church,  
Redwood Valley, California, has made a financial contribution for use in defense of  
a free press as guaranteed by the First Amendment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christian Church of  
Northern California-Nevada (Disciples of Christ) meeting in its  
Annual Meeting May 18, 19 and 20, 1973, at First Christian  
Church, Modesto, California, encourage its member congregations  
to make their voice heard in support of a free and responsible press  
by either making financial contributions to insure a free and responsible  
press or by letting our elected officials, representatives of the communi-  
cations media, and others know that we oppose any action which infringes  
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The Church Board, First Christian Church  
San Jose, California

**A-13 THE MODESTO BEE**  
Sunday, May 20, 1973

## Church Meet Delegates Back Press Freedom

Delegates to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, annual conference in Modesto voted 4 to 1 yesterday to support freedom of the press, and urged their congregations to make cash contributions and speak publicly "to ensure a free and responsible press."

The resolution was submitted by the First Christian Church of San Jose. It followed the example last January of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, Redwood Valley, which gave \$4,000 to 12 newspapers, a news magazine and a television station.

**200 Attend**  
Some 200 delegates from 75 Northern California and Nevada Disciples of Christ congregations attended the weekend conference at the First Christian Church of Modesto, representing about 18,000 members.

Delegates also encouraged a federal cabinet-level Department of Peace to draw together scattered agencies such as the Peace Corps and Arms and Disarmament Agency; supported conscientious objections to military service; and urged election of young people under 35 on church governing boards.

The delegates also planned to debate resolutions calling for dismantling of the Selective Service System; amnesty for Vietnam era draft resisters and allocation of at least the military funds spent in 1968-72 for Indochina reconstruction and redevelopment.

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"Even if this was not a conspiracy to create division in our Republic, it certainly served those ends in a horrifying manner. It is these kinds of senseless, violent, anarchistic acts that could lead to racial wars and riots and subsequent takeovers by 'Big Brother' demagogic types of government... just in the name of maintaining order. People simply will not and should not tolerate this heinous violence. One of our own temples was burned down by those who propagate hate."

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PEOPLES TEMPLE HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRY OFFERS \$2000  
TO MEET DEMANDS FOR PATRICIA HEARST:

Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ Denomination, led by Pastor Jim Jones, has voted to contribute \$2,000 to meet the demands for Patricia Hearst, who was taken hostage recently by the Symbionese Liberation Army. The church obtained a consensus of over 500 of its several thousand members who are on Social Security that they would not take the \$70 worth of food demanded by the S.L.A. Peoples Temple has the facilities to take care of its people when their incomes can't meet their needs. In a letter to Miss Hearst's father, newspaper publisher Randolph A. Hearst, Peoples Temple stated:

"Our primary concern is to help save the life of your daughter, Patricia, and, secondarily, to make public our belief that if anything happens to her, it will only serve to aid those who want 'Big Brother' demagogic types of government."

"We would like to contribute more money at this time, but cannot because of our ongoing commitments which include sending food to hungry people in this and other lands."

All of the Peoples Temple expenses are financed through offerings and church projects, such as rummage and bake sales. This ministry has never received inheritances, nor have we received gifts of properties from any of the people we serve.

Peoples Temple also recently gave \$300 to each of the bereaved families of the innocent persons senselessly slain on the streets of San Francisco, as well as offered a reward for the capture of

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Peoples Temple also channels thousands of dollars yearly through its denomination to support a host of other humanitarian programs. The above list, which is only a small segment of the support given and the work being done for others, is given only in the hopes of demonstrating that Peoples Temple consistently and daily works to meet human needs -- not just on a one time basis -- but as they are brought to its attention. Thus, although the church would like to contribute more towards the demands given to the Hearsts, the above amount is all that can be afforded at the present. In addition to making its own contribution as a church, Jim Jones encourages members to make contributions to worthy non-church causes, such as the support of both liberal and conservative persons facing possible political persecution. Members are urged to get involved, individually, in the cause of civil rights or any matter that reflects human dignity, freedom, and the sanctity of life.

We hope others will join with us in assisting people to meet the demand to aid needy people with food supplements, and particularly to save a young innocent woman's life. It is up to Americans now to demonstrate the care we have traditionally shown when someone faces such extreme adversity.

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Commendation received from the General Council of the denomination of Christian Churches of 1.4 million people, who quotes the President and overseer of our entire national-international brotherhood: "As you well know, the ministries of Peoples Temple have the endorsement and total support from the Regional Executives to us here in Indianapolis. Dr. Teegarden speaks highly of what Jim Jones is doing and I've heard nothing but praise from him for what Peoples Temple is doing for those in need. It is my hope to see some of your work first hand and to renew our friendship in April.

Faithfully yours in Christ.."

Wade D. Rubick, General Council  
for the leadership of Denominational  
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the murderers. As an interracial group the church and Pastor Jim Jones felt it essential for everyone who could to do something positive, however small, in an effort to keep the country from becoming further divided along racial lines. Peoples Temple has given many times to the families of law officers killed in the line of duty.

The Reverend of Peoples Temple, Jim Jones, has chosen to live modestly, and with his wife, Marceline, has adopted many children of five different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Pastor Jones has established a ministry that includes care homes for senior citizens, orphans and exceptional children; college dormitories where young people of all faiths reside, who are on church scholarships and want to help humanity; convalescent sanitoriums; a community center, with an indoor swimming pool, that is open to the entire public; and a large animal refuge center where sick abandoned and stray animals are taken in, cared for, and treated (neutered and immunized) by veterinarians.

Under Jim Jones' guidance and inspiration, an extensive and highly regarded ministry of human services has been developed which provide emergency food, clothing, legal counsel, nursing care, and effective drug rehabilitation. Major humanitarian mission work has been undertaken both at home and abroad. For example, food and supplies have been sent to aid sick and hungry people in poverty regions all over the world, including Biafra, Bangladesh, Africa's Sub-Sahara, Appalachia, and Indian reservations in America. Consistent support involving thousands of dollars has also been given to a wide range of charities, groups, and causes. They include

the following:

- "Operation Breadbasket" in Chicago
- Soviet Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- Medical Research for cancer, sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis
- Retarded and exceptional children
- Medical check-ups financed for those unable to afford them
- Reporters facing trial over free press issue
- Law enforcement programs involving anti-drug abuse, traffic safety, community relations, prison rehabilitation
- Financial assistance to persons out of work
- Equal Christmases to all children who come, without restriction
- Yearly gifts to many other denominations and ecumenical organizations

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FEATURE NEWS ARTICLE

August 6, 1974

"CARAVAN OF HOPE" CROSSES AMERICA --- PROCLAIMS  
BROTHERHOOD AND COOPERATION AS CURE FOR NATION'S ILLS

As the buses rolled by, one...after another...after another, in seemingly endless succession, and the people inside smiled, waved and gave the "peace sign", you realized that this wasn't any ordinary tourist group.

A few days ago, well over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ denomination) completed a strenuous three-week, 10,000 mile missionary journey that, by anyone's standards, was most unique. The project was conceived and engineered by Pastor Jim V. Jones, dynamic leader and founder of the "Temple", which has a remarkably well-integrated membership of several thousand, in addition to large numbers in each of many cities across the nation.

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Temple travelers bore witness to thousands of people that, in spite of the pessimism that is evidently growing in our nation, here indeed is a group that is determined to keep the American dream alive. In a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all, in a context of Christian social service, Temple members follow the vision and inspiration of Pastor Jones, a former metropolitan human rights commissioner, grand jury foreman, and schoolteacher. Jones has been a tireless and outspoken advocate of civil liberties and the Bill of Rights for twenty-five years.

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The banners proclaiming "BROTHERHOOD IS OUR RELIGION" on the sides of racially integrated buses brought some difficulty more than once. While fueling in the South, a truck deliberately ran into the lead bus, narrowly missing a young man who was washing the windshield. Without provocation, a group of people from the vicinity gathered and began directing racist slurs and threats at the bus caravan. Pastor Jones quickly took command of the situation, and made a firm, humane appeal for understanding. The mood of the hostile group cooled dramatically. The Pastor refused to press charges against the apprehended truck driver who had struck the bus, taking into consideration the ill will that would have almost certainly been vented upon blacks living in or visiting the area afterwards. The owner of the truck stop was so moved with the kindness that Jones displayed that he pledged to pay all damages. He stated, incidentally, that he would hope to visit the church in their Redwood Valley (Calif.) headquarters on his vacation.

There were other incidents: several windows were broken by rocks, and gunshots were fired at the caravan. But no-one was injured during the entire trip.

On the positive side, greatly outweighing these episodes, was the overwhelmingly enthusiastic, admiring, and appreciative response that the Temple convoy of buses found just about everywhere they went.

The vast Temple membership has won many friends in its mission of realizing in America the goals of racial justice and equality in the spirit of the Christian "social gospel" that sees man's basic responsibility as being his brother's keeper.



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Swinging down through the Deep South and up into Canada, staying in churches, community centers, and university gymnasiums, the mammoth 18-vehicle caravan presented an amazing spectacle as it made its way from city to city. On board eleven Greyhound-type buses were some 200 senior citizens, some in their 80's and 90's. Visible everywhere were hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults representing the entire spectrum of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Wherever the caravan went, people marveled at the scope of the undertaking. Often the question was heard: "How do they manage it?" At first glance, the organizational factors (no hotels, no restaurants, so many people, etc.) appear overwhelming, if not impossible. But the answer can be found in the incredibly co-operative spirit that Pastor Jones has infused into his church.

Due to careful and detailed planning, everyone on the caravan was organized and had a specific function. Bus drivers, hostesses, a nursing staff, clean-up squads, food-preparation units, and helpers of every sort worked together in highly coordinated and disciplined fashion, insuring the group comfort and security at minimal cost. One staff member noted that senior citizens without funds, as well as many of the children, were able to go free of charge. Many of these people had never traveled outside of California.

Watching this living example of human co-operation arrive at various stops along the highways of America, many were especially struck by the magnificent thoroughness with which the grounds and facilities were left free of litter. The young woman attendant at a beautiful Nebraska rest stop was visibly moved. "That entire group is neater than

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single families," she remarked. Everyone, including children and seniors, willingly helped out policing the grounds.

At the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the public relations unit was so impressed with the Temple visitors that it insisted on photographing everyone on the museum's front steps. Earlier, at the nation's Capitol, the caravan was greeted and congratulated by Congressman Don Clausen of the First Congressional District of California, where Pastor Jones and many of the Temple members reside and carry on a human service program that meets the needs of thousands, and which has earned the respect and praise of governmental, civic, and law enforcement agencies, especially for its outstanding record in the area of drug rehabilitation. In the Redwood Valley area, some 100 miles north of San Francisco, the Temple has established senior citizens homes, a large animal shelter (which will have, until places are found for them, several homeless dogs and cats picked up by the caravan along the way), a forty acre children's ranch and agricultural complex, as well as a community center with many fine facilities, such as an indoor heated pool.

Other human service centers in the Bay Area and Los Angeles are busy with activity. One program has sponsored over a hundred needy youngsters through college, and maintains dormitories in several locales.

To be sure, the missionary caravan of over seven hundred gave to many Americans this summer an assurance that, in the words of Pastor Jones, "there is indeed hope for our troubled nation...for in this single, spirited church there is alive the type of dedication and commitment to brotherhood

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and fundamental human co-operation that may well be the best solution to the problems that beset our land." His comment was echoed by the manager of a large commercial bakery in Chicago who said: "This group is demonstrating what religion should be. We would not have wars if everyone thought and lived as these people do."

If you should publish this article, either in its entirety or in part, please forward a copy (dated) to Peoples Temple Christian Church, P.O. Box 214, Redwood Valley, California 95470, c/o Prof. R. D. Tropp. Thank you.

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IN THE WAKE OF RACIAL VIOLENCE this year, good news in the area of race relations often has gone by without notice. One item that might have gotten lost was the 10,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" undertaken by over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church. The racially-integrated group, formed and headed by Rev. Jim V. Jones, is determined to make a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all. Visiting ten major cities, as well as the nation's Capitol, where they met with their district's Congressman, the Temple's caravan of buses carried people from 3 to 100 years old, whose spirit of brotherhood, co-operation, and good-will showed America's better side in an era of growing social tensions.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE -- A DYNAMIC CHURCH THAT IS GROWING  
STEADILY BECAUSE IT TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE OF  
PUTTING PRINCIPLE INTO PRACTICE...

Fired with hope and encouraged by their own "not inconsiderable achievements...," an astonishing group of practicing Christians, called Peoples Temple, has opened the door to a new era for churches. Pastor Jim V. Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church members are infused with the conviction that something CAN be done to overcome the apathy and moral degeneration that threatens to destroy the very fabric of our society.

Peoples Temple Christian Church (an affiliate of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination) is proving that the church can be an invigorating and restorative presence in community life. Its intense dedication to fundamental Christian principles of brotherhood and human service is providing a useful model of practical Christianity, and generating programs and projects involving thousands of people.

Perhaps the most significant fact about Peoples Temple is that it has been able to forge a unified, active, and extensive congregation that has remarkable ethnic diversity. Some have characterized the church as a miniature "family of man"; while others see it as a "vast cross-section of the human race", for Black, White, and Brown have found a way to work together in harmony at the Temple. One soon discovers that the inspiration and vision of Pastor Jones is largely the reason for this. He has often emphasized that the "highest worship of God is service to our fellow man".

The focus of human "responsibility" is reflected everywhere: in the work undertaken with senior citizens and medical convalescents; in child care, legal counsel, and education as well as many other community activities. The guiding concept of responsibility to others is creatively combined with a spirit of 5-021 voluntarism that generates results.

"We used to count the number of young people that our Drug-Rehabilitation Program had unhooked, but we lost track! Hard-line heroin addicts, lifetime alcoholics, and many others who were drug users of one kind or another are now working productively. These very persons are now helping straighten-out the lives of others. Many are receiving professional training under church sponsorship in schools and universities. While some have been complaining about the drug culture,

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Peoples Temple has made a significant contribution towards the elimination of the problem." This comment comes from a female social worker who has been helped by the Temple. She continues: "I just couldn't get myself together...but I met Jim Jones and this beautiful group of people: they made the difference and I came out of a living death of drugs." Physicians in the drug abuse field who have seen the program at the Temple recognize it as "saving many from disaster".

Many senior citizens, and more than a few in their 80's and 90's, had nothing but loneliness and desolation facing them. They are now residing in lovely homes maintained by the Temple members. With a new lease on life even the seniors participate in the "help humanity" programs; their activities include quilting, canning, baking, arts, crafts, and gardening. Hundreds go on periodic tours around the nation on the church's own fleet of eleven Greyhound buses.

At the other end of the spectrum, the hundreds of children at the Temple benefit from a host of activities and programs, including working with animals of all kinds in the large refuge shelters maintained by the church, free music lessons, tutoring, and helping in the Temple's organic gardens. One of the gardens is planted on a scenic 40 acre ranch located by a beautiful winding river; this is also the site of a grape vineyard and a children's home. Through these church programs even the youngest Temple members are taught responsibility to their fellow man. Young people are given a foundation of decency in their life-style which is free from race prejudice. They are instilled with a deep appreciation and respect for life. The group is proud of its record with its young people who have steered clear of trouble with the law and away from drugs.

Pastor Jones and his busy staff have set up a legal counsel program, a credit union instrumental in helping members get started in business, job counseling, nursing care, and an extensive college scholarship program that has fully sponsored the educations of well over 100 youngsters in many fields, including medicine and law. College dormitories are maintained to house these students, many of whom grew up in ghetto poverty and would not otherwise have had such a valuable opportunity.

Peoples Temple facilities also reach out to non-members through convalescent centers (some of which have been cited by the State for their high level of care) and a community center, with an indoor heated swimming pool open to everyone. Funds and assistance have gone to many social service programs of all descriptions.

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Active in the 1.4 million member Disciples of Christ Denomination (notable for having in its membership Congressmen and Governors of diverse political persuasions), Peoples Temple is striving to redefine the roles of a "church" in the conventional sense of the term. It is a comprehensive and functional ministry that is growing and reaching for new goals all the time. In the spirit of its work to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 23: 35-40 is a favorite scripture of Pastor Jones), the Temple has, in recent months, established an agricultural mission on a huge tract of land in South America, where "pioneers" are already working diligently in a unique program to help feed the hungry in the wake of the world food crisis. This program is also giving the local residents an opportunity for training and employment. Here is an undertaking that again represents the fundamental dynamism and practical emphasis of the Temple.

The agricultural mission is showing amazing progress. Already a host of crops are in with some 300 acres cleared, part of which is planted. Plans for a dairy herd and other livestock are being finalized, and the Temple's introduction into the tropics of a large, ecologically balanced farm, (as opposed to a single crop plantation) is already arousing interest among local agricultural officials.

The formula of cooperation, voluntarism, and self-help, in the context of a "family" of the faithful, has produced notable achievements. Pastor Jones has expressed the idea that Peoples Temple, in fostering among people a sense of responsibility for one another's welfare, is creating the kind of practical model for individual and congregational involvement that can work as a buffer against the threat of totalitarianism from both the fanatical Right and Left, as well as providing an answer to the "welfare state" by releasing the burden from government.

Observers in political, business, medical and religious circles have commended Peoples Temple enthusiastically. Jones has been frequently praised for his work, receiving the merit award for outstanding citizenship from Dr. Carlton Goodlet, President of The National Negro Newspaper Association. Dr. John Moore, a California District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, sees the Temple as "a caring community of people of all races and classes" who "bear the mark of compassion and justice". According to a leading denominational official, Rev. Gerald McEarg, "One gets the impression at Peoples Temple, of being in the midst of the human race at its best." A prominent physician in San Francisco, one of many in the Jewish community who have been impressed by the Temple, sees Pastor Jones' dedication to,

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his fellow man as "unsurpassed". His congregation, affirms Chicago attorney Wade Hubick, "is the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church, anywhere."

The dialogue continues concerning the role of the church in national life, but this amazing congregation in California has gone further, perhaps, than anyone else in translating ideas into actions.

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### A FOOTNOTE TO CONSIDER:

It is indeed unfortunate that, in recent days, the humanitarian efforts of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in South America have been the victims of politically motivated attempts by fanatical extremists to link them with the CIA. Pre-Marxist political factions in the area of the Temple mission distributed literature to this effect, even after citing our successful efforts to share our produce with the local Amerindian population. The Rev. Billy Graham has also been attacked by this same element.

Our church, first of all, considers such allegations ludicrous to the point of being hardly worthy of comment. We are opposed to unlawful intrusions of the CIA (as have recently been alleged) into domestic affairs, and we would also oppose terribly any involvement of the CIA in Watergate operations, if they were guilty of this. However, we also feel that the CIA itself has been maligned on many occasions, and its name used as a means of manipulating ill will, as in our case and so many others.

Peoples Temple Christian Church receives no outside funds whatsoever from denominational sources or from any governmental agency. All funding comes in free will offerings from our service-minded congregation, in small amounts. Again, those who have perpetrated such untrue allegations are apparently threatened in some way by a church that is doing a positive voluntary work: we feel that it is precisely this kind of effort, in the ghettos, transitional neighborhoods, and abroad, that constitutes a buffer against totalitarianism from the extreme Right or Left.



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SOCIAL MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

"We're going to have to get our heads out of the sky and realize that if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves."

The words are those of the Rev. Jim Jones, dynamic founder and pastor of a California based ministry known as Peoples Temple.

At once erudite and down to earth, speaking without notes, Jones combines the language of the street with masterful oratory and a biting wit, making him one of the most effective voices in the church today. Speaking with a kind of fiery conviction that holds his audiences enthralled, Rev. Jones takes on high-level corruption with a consistency and boldness rarely found on the church scene.

"I guess I shake people up a bit," Jones ruefully admits. "But complacency in these times is deadly."

Although affiliated with the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination, Peoples Temple boasts a vast membership from all walks of life, including virtually every racial and religious background.

In a time when crime, unemployment, and racism are victimizing our communities, Jim Jones and his parishioners are proving that churches can do something about it. With central headquarters in San Francisco, the Temple, under Jones' inspired leadership, has been instrumental in rescuing hundreds from extreme poverty, drug addiction, and oppressive conditions.

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The Temple's many human service programs meet people's basic needs, and more, providing free medical and legal assistance, senior citizens' homes, a 40-acre children's ranch, a community center with an indoor heated swimming pool, drug rehabilitation, college educations and technical training, day care, and even refuge shelters for sick and abandoned animals.

Rev. Jones doesn't disallow the spiritual side of the church by any means. But the practical emphasis gained more thrust from the belief in Peoples Temple that the highest worship of God or Deity is service to one's fellow man.

However, Rev. Jones does conduct a calm, sane spiritual healing ministry, something that one might not expect to find in a social action oriented church. Parishioners--among them, attorneys and professional medical people--say Rev. Jones' healing ministry has brought deliverance to thousands and is the most effective they've seen.

Referring to various miraculous healings, including those of crippled people who were enabled to walk again, Dr. J. Bruce Massey, a surgeon, has stated, "As a physician of many years experience, I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jim Jones should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."

One would also not expect to find a man of such dimensions to have a modest personal lifestyle-- one that is completely without frills. But Jim Jones takes no anniversary gifts, appreciation days, or personal offerings of any kind. He owns no car, wears only used clothing, and has only one pair of shoes ("That's all I can wear at one time," he deadpans.) The frugal

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minister feels he has no right to live above the people in his church. His wife, Marceline Jones (an RN who is a State Dept. of Health official over convalescent and care facilities in Northern California) takes the same position. The couple have adopted eight children of various ethnic backgrounds, in addition to their natural-born.

Rev. Jones has captured the public eye not only for his humanitarian programs and the extraordinary model of active social service the church is providing, but also for the repeated stands he and the Temple have taken on behalf of individuals who have suffered injustice.

"Jim is a fighter, and means to see that America lives up to her ideals of equality and justice, and the guarantees of liberty contained in the Bill of Rights," says Eugene Chaikin, one of the volunteer attorneys on the Temple's legal services staff. The Temple has thus supported Angela Davis, the American Indian Movement, newsmen jailed for refusing to disclose their sources of information, as well as many other causes and organizations in the forefront of defending human rights and civil liberties.

As an uncompromising foe of racism and inhumanity, Jim Jones is highly respected among youth. His rapport with young people has enabled him to establish an effective social structure, infused with compassion and guidance. The program, remarkably, has kept all Temple youth out of trouble with the law, off drugs, and away from violent lifestyles. For the first time in their lives, a multitude of young blacks live with a sense of utter pride and dignity, because Rev. Jones has fought to provide them

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the opportunity to realize their goals-- in terms of education, specialized training, and jobs.

Rev. Jones is equally concerned about senior citizens, many of whom came to Peoples Temple from poor and destitute backgrounds. But instead of living in a state of hopelessness, fear and despair, as they once did, they now live in comfortable residences, thanks to the Temple program. They are active in a variety of activities--arts and crafts, drama, music, cultural tours, seminars--whatever they want to do, because Rev. Jones feels they are owed that much. He has also stepped in with church resources to save many senior's homes when they were about to be lost because payments could not be met.

Jones, himself, grew up amid the grinding rural poverty of the Depression. He worked his way through school, became thoroughly familiar with the underside of America, and vowed to do something about it. While still in his twenties, he became the director of a human rights commission in a large city, and integrated scores of businesses when it was dangerous to even try. When he was taken to a hospital with an appendicitis attack, he discovered that the patients were segregated, and there was unequal treatment. Though in great pain, he demanded that the hospital be integrated, and refused treatment until it was done.

His work earned him respect and the reputation for being someone who "meant business." That was many years ago. Today, Jim Jones still means business, particularly when it comes to defending fundamental human liberties and First Amendment free-

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doas, such as Freedom of the Press.

Recently, when four newsmen of the Fresno Bee newspaper were jailed for refusing to reveal a source of information-- a right guaranteed them by California's Shield Law--Jones took the Temple's fleet of buses and a thousand members to Fresno to demonstrate in protest. After two such trips and several all night vigils outside of the Fresno County Courthouse, the newsmen were freed. They brought their families to a benefit dinner at Peoples Temple, just after their release, where 7000 people showed up, including California's Lt. Governor, the mayor of San Francisco, several congressmen, and other governmental and community leaders, to pay tribute to Rev. Jones' ministry.

The "Fresno Four" expressed their appreciation to Jim Jones and Peoples Temple for their support, in words that were felt by everyone, judging by the long and loud ovation: "There is no doubt in our minds that what you, Rev. Jones, and your flock did in Fresno and, we understand, elsewhere at other times, is the most eloquent testimony possible to the brotherhood of man. You are truly a remarkable group of people, an affirmation of all that is best in the human race."

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Picture captions reading from top row left to right:

1. Rev. Jim Jones, founder and pastor of Peoples Temple church, speaks to thousands at a meeting with Temple members in Chicago.
2. Rev. Jim Jones, marching in demonstration with 1000 members of his church, Peoples Temple, in behalf of the four Puerto Rico newsmen. The newsmen who were jailed for refusing to reveal a confidential source, have been released.
3. The multi-racial African Dancers perform for Peoples Temple members and guests. The dance troupe is one of the Temple's many performing groups.

Bottom row from left:

4. Some of the 750 young and old Temple travelers at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. where they met with congressmen in a private meeting, and viewed the public session in which the nation's laws are made.
5. "...if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves," Rev. Jones said in his keynote address delivered to 20,000 people at the Spiritual Jubilee in Los Angeles this past May. The unprecedented unity meeting between Christians and Muslims also attracted representatives from virtually every major faith.
6. Rev. Jones enjoys the company of some of the hundreds of children who accompanied him on the Temple's nationwide tour, covering 22 states and 10,000 miles, this summer.
7. Peoples Temple services are a combination of entertainment, cultural and educational activities. Highlighted by Rev. Jones' stirring social message sermons, in the above pictured service at the Temple's church headquarters in San Francisco, the congregation is entertained by a creative dance performance portraying the Black struggle for freedom.

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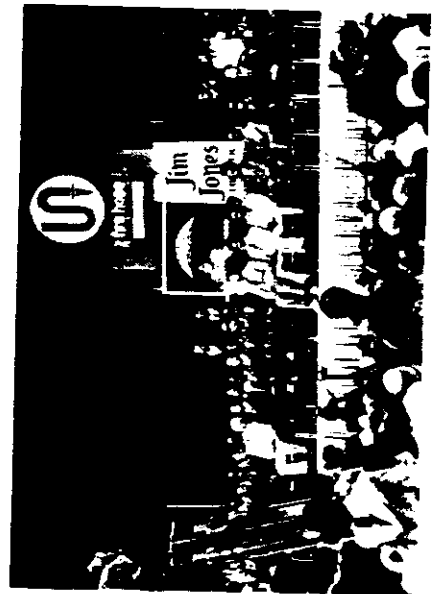
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## TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD AT DISNEYLAND

A visit to Disneyland doesn't sound like much of an undertaking. But when many hundreds of members of a church decide to go...together...as did the several congregations of Peoples Temple Christian Church this past Labor Day, it's a different story.

Pastor Jim Jones, the spiritual leader and director of the church's vast human service ministry, decided that hundreds of the thousands of Peoples Temple members who couldn't afford to go to the world famous amusement center individually, should be given the opportunity. He wanted the many city young people who had never been to Disneyland to be able to enjoy themselves for an entire day there. He also wanted senior citizens of the church to come along, too.

So, equipped with a nursing staff and medical students, security personnel, and everyone organized into supervised groups, the entire fleet of Greyhound-type buses that are owned and operated by the church, rolled into the Disneyland parking lot in a caravan half a mile long. The great gathering came from the church's main Temples in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California and some from the many other states where Peoples Temple has members.

It was a trip that the children, especially, won't soon forget-- although all of the seniors, too, expressed that they had a grand time. Mobile chairs were provided for the many elderly members so they wouldn't have to walk long distances. But the seniors didn't just want to view the exhibits; they also wanted to go on the rides. One spirited soul who is nearly 90 years old went on almost every ride with the young people and even insisted on going on the "Rocket Plane." So a nurse went with her and they had the time of their life.

Disneyland staff personnel showed astonishment that such a large group could be so well organized. One official exclaimed, "I've never seen anything like this in my life! I'm simply overwhelmed by all these hundreds of different people-- they're like one huge family." The Temple has also sent other groups at other times to Disneyland throughout the year.

But this isn't really anything new for Peoples Temple. It's buses have taken members on many excursions, including several cross-country tours that have gone into Canada and Mexico as well. During one of the most recent trips, they were honored as "Tourists of the Year" by the Washington Post, and last year the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry recognized the Temple throng for its unique demonstration of co-operation and brotherhood when they stopped there for a day's outing on their 10,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope."

With so much racial animosity, tensions, and violence in the news these days, there is very little evidence that co-operation and harmony among people of different races and backgrounds can exist here in America. The Disneyland venture of Peoples Temple, however, symbolized as well as demonstrated in a concrete fashion, the possibility of a true and living "brotherhood of man" with equality for all. From infants to seniors in their 90's, the members of Peoples Temple have virtually eradicated racial barriers and generation gaps.

One might wonder how this all came about. It has all been made possible by a co-operative structure and vision of human harmony which the Temple's founder and pastor for nearly 25 years, Jim Jones, has infused into his congregations. But beyond the

periodic excursions and trips, Pastor Jones has been the inspiration for Peoples Temple Christian Church (a Disciples of Christ affiliate) to establish a wide range of human service programs that have brought over 200 young people of drug habits, put scores through college, established innovative, self-managing senior citizen homes, provided legal and medical assistance, and taken care of a host of other vital human needs.

On the eve of America's Bicentennial, here is a unique group that is serious about not merely celebrating what our nation is really all about, but giving the "American dream" reality.



# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

April 15, 1978  
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"For I was an hungry  
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 hungry?  
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

## "PEOPLES TEMPLE SHOW A SUCCESS"

The following is a reprint from a recent article in the Guyana Chronicle, the leading newspaper of Guyana, South America, where Rev. Jim Jones and some 1500 members of the Peoples Temple presently reside:

The Peoples Temple Agricultural Project presented its cultural variety show entitled "A Cooperative Feeling" last week at the National Cultural Center with a style never before seen in Guyana, which literally prompted the audience to shout for "More!" following some of the performances. The theme of Cooperation was carried throughout the program, which consisted of over 20 different presentations including Guyana's own Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Yoruba Singers. Although the program ran past midnight, few people could be seen leaving.

"The Peoples Temple show kept us on the edge of our seats with unique and exciting performances that always had us wondering what might be next", said two members of the Pegasus Soundwaves, a local band. The audience was roused by several outstanding singers and dance groups. One singer, Dianne Wilkinson, moved many to tears with a song she had adapted called, "Guyana is so Beautiful". A talented twelve-year-old boy who seems to have a bright future delivered a powerful song he wrote entitled,



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Pastor

April 18, 1978

*"For I was an hungry  
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I was in prison,  
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To the Members of the Press:

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the statement that was made to the press on Monday, April 17, at Attorney Charles Garry's office. The statement was read by Harriet Tropp, a Temple member at the Agricultural/Medical mission in Guyana, via radio phone patch.

There are a few additional things that ought to be noted in connection with the charges that have been made against us by a self-styled group of "Concerned Relatives" of Temple members in Guyana. In the first place, we do not have guards nor gates nor fences. The enclosed article from the Guyana Chronicle, the nation's largest newspaper, describes the national cultural event of April 1 in the nation's capital in which over 100 Temple members participated enthusiastically. All the participants from Jonestown travelled to the capital by different routes: some by boat, some by plane. They went there freely, and they returned freely. There was a city-wide power black-out during the event. The government put emergency power into the auditorium so the Temple program -- which included dancing, singing, skits, cultural displays and movies of the project -- could continue. Obviously, the Temple members who were staying with all sorts of friends throughout the capital city for the several-day event, are doing what they want to be doing. During the black out, or at any time during their stay in town, they could have departed for the U.S. Embassy, had they desired to do so.

The fact is, there is tremendous freedom of movement at the Agricultural/Medical mission. Well over fifty people per week, on a regular basis, travel back and forth to the capital by boat and plane. These include professional persons such as our teachers, medical staff, and pharmacists; they include children who go in for orthodontia and other dental care, and who are on field trips to visit other schools and cultural sights; and persons who are buying supplies and finding potential outlets for the products of our community industries are very busy manufacturing.

Regarding the threat of mercenaries, these "Concerned Relatives" have now belied their true intentions with this new element of violent force. You can be sure that the

Guyanese government is stepping up her defences against the threats of this kind. The Guyanese government as well as the U.S. State Department have all been alerted to this whole affair. One member of the State Department has asked us how he can be of help in protecting Jonestown from mercenaries. Everyone who hears of this is appalled by the threat.

We should hope, too, that the issue over Maria Katsaris is finally settled after this conference. She is quoted as saying, in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, that her father "cannot stand the fact that I am grown up and refuse to work with him. I am fed up. I am leading my own life and want no part of him. It is time for him to give up. I want you to leave me alone." Surely, when she was alone with the U.S. Consulate and the Ambassador during her father's visit to Guyana to see her, (and she was alone with them with her father, contrary to what he says), Maria could have asked them for a ticket back to the U.S.. In regards to her comments to the press and to her father, how could somebody make a person 25 years old say something she doesn't want to say?

Sincerely,

  
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F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E

The following is a transcript of the message read to members of the press by Harriet Tropp, member of Peoples Temple Agricultural Project at Jonestown, Guyana, South America. She read the statement via amateur radio phone patch at Charles Garry's office:

"I am speaking on behalf of Peoples Temple in response to the grossly false and malicious statements that continue to be made about our community here in Guyana. Individuals participating in a self-styled group of "Concerned Relatives" have now threatened publicly to hire mercenaries to illegally enter Guyana and use whatever means necessary, including armed attack and kidnap, to capture relatives in the Peoples Temple community. These threats were made public in a California newspaper. Peoples Temple has already alerted the President, the U.S. State Department, and appropriate government officials in Guyana. This group of "Concerned Relatives is a cruel hoax. If they have to send mercenaries -- hired guns who will violate laws and resort to killing and mayhem to fulfill their contract -- then they reveal the real nature of their efforts.

"We demand to know where the money is coming from to allow them to hire killers. We also demand that the media, which has shown such eagerness to attack our organization, show equal vehemence in condemning this criminal effort and its perpetrators. Actually, this is not a new tactic in the move against the Guyana community; armed agents have already been sent in illegally and have tried to assassinate Rev. Jim Jones and others, as well as kidnap people. Those attempts have been successfully thwarted. We hope that the public will see the cruelty and evil

behind the base, nasty motives of these public liars. The people involved have been brought together and have been given assurances that they would be backed up in whatever they were trying to do against Peoples Temple. Their number is very small compared to the many relatives and parents who are coming here to visit the project.

"Our community is a dramatic expression of our deep desire to build a meaningful future for mankind through cooperation and sharing and eradication of class division. Our contribution has been recognized by many, many people who have come to visit this democratic cooperative. Teachers, workers, government officials -- people from all walks of life in Guyana, as well as representatives from nations the world over have come and congratulated us for what is being accomplished. They have praised us for the example of cooperative living and diligent development of this beautiful region.

"The chairman of the Guyanese Livestock Corporation, a man who is a member of one of the most important business families in Guyana, called this project the purest egalitarian society he had ever seen, a community without elitism. Just this week 35 educators from an attending school district, together with a delegation of the most outstanding students in the entire nation, visited us unannounced and spent the entire day. They were overwhelmed with what we are doing. We are making tons of friends here. We are building good will. Providing a constructive presence, we can only enhance cooperation and counteract the negative stereotype of North American people.

"Our medical department is known far and wide for its excellent services, and many lives have been saved. We have programs in agriculture, livestock development, a complete school system and a host of community projects. Just a few days ago, representatives from one



of the largest news agencies in the world spent several days with us. Representatives from other news agencies have been to the project as well, and have pronounced it a remarkable, impressive achievement. Within three to four weeks, several relatives and parents who are not members will be visiting here. They are coming even with a degree of cynicism because they have been approached by this committee. We do not ask that people who come agree with us; however, these relatives are not coming with an intention to harass, and so they are very welcome. One is the leader of another church denomination. We object to this small committee of "concerned relatives" because we have firm proof that all involved in that group have talked about kidnapping and mercenaries. That type of element is not welcome by ourselves nor by people of Guyana.

"Young people here are finding productive, new lives, free from the pitfalls of inner city environment that would have caused a large percentage of them to become involved in one form of anti-social behavior or another -- behavior which would have cost the U.S. taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are tired of seeing people and organizations that are trying to develop constructive alternatives, to build cooperative lifestyles, being harassed unmercifully, lied about, falsely accused of crimes, and, in many cases, brought down. In recent months alone, there have been several examples of this in the Bay Area.

"Here in Guyana, we have come to build a community for a significant number of people, well over a thousand, who have been hurt, angered, alienated and victimized by adverse conditions that prevail in the declining inner cities of advanced western society. Many who were not in such desperate circumstances have also come to join us and build because of the peaceful, natural environment, ideal weather, and the chance to

serve. The vast majority of our members remain in the U.S.

"Finally, we would like to address ourselves to a point that has been raised, it seems, about some statement supposedly issued officially by Peoples Temple whose contents we here are unaware of. It is supposed to have been to the effect that we prefer to resist this harassment and persecution even if it means death. Those who are lying and slandering our work here, it appears, are trying to use this statement against us. We are not surprised. However, it seems that any person with any integrity or courage would have no trouble understanding such a position. Since it is clear that the persons who are plotting so actively to destroy our organization have neither integrity or courage, we are not at all surprised that they would find it offensive. Dr. Martin Luther King reaffirmed the validity of ultimate commitment when he told his Freedom Riders: "We must develop the courage of dying for a cause." He later said that he hoped no one had to die as a result of the struggle, but, "If anyone has to, let it be me." And we, likewise, affirm that before we will submit quietly to the interminable plotting and persecution of this politically motivated conspiracy, we will resist actively, putting our lives on the line, if it comes to that. This has been the unanimous vote of the collective community here in Guyana. We choose as our motto: not like those who marched submissively into gas ovens, but like the valiant heroes who resisted in the Warsaw ghettos. Patrick Henry captured it when he said, simply: "Give me liberty, or give me death."

"If people cannot appreciate that willingness to die, if necessary, rather than to compromise the right to exist free from harassment and the kind of indignities that we have been subjected to, then they can never understand the integrity, honesty, and bravery of Peoples Temple nor the type of commitment of Jim Jones and the principles he has

struggled for all his life.

"It is not our purpose to die; we believe deeply in the celebration of life. It is the intention of Jim Jones, and always has been, to light candles rather than curse the darkness, to find and implement constructive solutions rather than merely complain about problems. But under these outrageous attacks, we have decided to defend the integrity of our community and our pledge to do this. We are confident that people of conscience and principle understand our position. We make no apologies for it.

\*\* QUOTES \*\*

Charles Garry, Attorney: "I have been to Paradise. It's there for anybody to see....I saw a community where there is no such thing as racism....There is no such thing as age-ism....I have never seen so many happy faces in my life as I did in Jonestown the three days I was there....Why are those people so happy? They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life. When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise. From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity."

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Dr. Peter Fernandes, Chairman of the Guyana Livestock Corporation and world traveler: "Jonestown is the purest egalitarian society I have ever seen."

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Dr. Ng-a-Fook, Guyanese Dental Surgeon: "The Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Mission is a first-class example of community life. I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily side by-side....I could not help but be impressed."



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*Matthew 25:35-40*

### UPDATE: THE LATEST FROM JONESTOWN

Dear Friends,

Bringing you news of Jonestown is like trying to make time stand still! As soon as the words are in print, whole new vistas of development have already opened and a new story is ready to be told. The Peoples Temple community here in the United States is not only proud, but amazed at the progress being made, not only because the technical, social, and material aspects are all so remarkable, but because it is living evidence that the network of conspiracy launched against us has failed. Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple are succeeding more remarkably than ever before.

What was just a "jungle outpost" a very few years ago is now a center of productive activity. A Guyanese official who visited recently wrote in the guest book: "This is a model community that should be emulated all over the world." Recent visitors have included a delegation from the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Interior Development. The Ministry of Education delegates were thrilled with our nursery and educational programs, which include instruction in several foreign languages, corrective work for many types of learning disabilities, mathematical and scientific training, and a non-competitive, ungraded system which permits every child to progress at his or her own speed. Physical and motor development are emphasized as well, and the playground at Jonestown is being used as a model for the local community, as it is especially designed to build motor skills.

The Minister of Interior Development was also astounded at our progress. They studied our wells, pumps, water and electrical systems. The Minister found our drainage system so excellent that he plans to use it as a model for interior development all over the country. His response is typical of that of the many officials, dignitaries and people from the surrounding areas who make up a constant stream of visitors to the project.

#### **TOP HEALTH CARE**

The medical department, considered by many to be the most unique of its kind for this type of community, deserves a detailed description. Its comprehensive plan includes preventive care and education as well as treatment. The staff includes a medical doctor, a pharmacist, a dietician, a pediatric specialist, several nurse practitioners, and a num-

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ber of RNs and LVNs plus many medical assistants, full-time health care workers, and trainees. The nurse's office is open 24 hours a day; there is a physical therapy department, under the supervision of a licensed therapist, and a nursery. The doctor and medical staff teach a class every day. For several hours they teach health care workers—paramedics, people who can assist and perform routine health care procedures.

We conduct regular cancer clinics, both in Jonestown and in nearby communities. It could scarcely be said of any general population anywhere that every single person has had a thorough medical exam for possible malignancies—breast, pelvic, prostatic, and rectal. Now eleven people have been discovered to have malignancies. Two were very young, and it never would have been suspected. All have been referred for treatment and will be fine.

The schedule for checkups and monitoring of health is conscientiously planned and followed. The health care workers check with each and every resident daily to see that they are well. The medical team holds regular meetings in which the entire staff reviews, analyzes, and critiques treatment in various cases. They discuss the program and always find ways it can be improved. There are daily supervisors meetings to monitor all aspects of each day's nursing program, to review progress and set priorities.

Medical equipment includes two EKG machines, a centrifuge, electronic microscope, and an autoclave. We will soon be getting an X-ray machine, to be operated by a licensed technician with 20 years of experience. All lab work such as urinalysis and blood testing, is done by our lab technician. There are regular health care check-ups for all children, including complete physicals on a regular basis and daily checks for small things like scratches and sores. The pharmacist supervises the giving out of medications carefully. Dieticians and teachers emphasize clean health care habits, and the dentist visits regularly. (Dr. Ng-a-Fook, the visiting dental surgeon, was so inspired by what is happening in our community that he wrote a beautiful article which was published in the Guyana Chronicle, Guyana's leading daily newspaper.)

Diets are carefully planned. Extra snacks and special foods are provided for those underweight, and a special losing diet (which is very nutritious and filling), is recommended for overweight people. Diabetics are given special diets, though diabetes has, for the most part, become normalized through the combination of natural diet and exceptionally healthy environment. Expectant mothers' diets include extra protein and other supplements.

#### FIRST BABY BORN IN SETTLEMENT

Recently our first child was born in Jonestown, a beautiful little girl. Her mother had taken Lamaze natural childbirth classes with one of our registered nurses there, and experienced no pain whatsoever. She was attended by our doctor and medical staff, who made sure she had every modern medical benefit.

We have also been able to treat children from the surrounding area who have not been so fortunate as to receive skilled care previously. Two twin babies suffering from a serious digestive problem, an inability to assimilate protein, were saved by our medical staff. We have cared for a little boy who suffered with a serious congenital problem. His mother was unable to get the child to the capital for treatment. The child will shortly be able to be returned to her, his condition completely rectified by the Temple medical staff. The mother is thrilled the boy's life has been spared. The child's critical condition came to the attention of our doctor as he was holding one of his frequent clinics among the local Amerindian population.

In summary, the effectiveness of the medical program here, we feel, is to be found in its inter-relationship with all facets of community life: the dietician works closely with the kitchen staff; the nursery staff includes health-care trainees; a sanitation committee is very active in monitoring household conditions, pest control, sewage and drainage; the senior's center combines daily health care monitoring with recreational activities and social functions.

#### EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

This is an environment where everything grows and thrives. We have just cleared another 200 acres of lush jungle land for planting—a continuing process as our agricultural programs expand. We have food stored months ahead of time, to prepare for self-sufficiency of the project. Frequently, too, we take large amounts of food into nearby communities to distribute.

To meet protein requirements, we are acquiring milk cows. Already we have two bulls for propagation of a herd. The pigs are thriving, and a flock of thousands of chickens has just graduated 2000 chicks from modern incubators to add to its population. We are raising a number of rabbits for food.

Some of the local animals have found their way into the hearts of our Jonestown family. Our darling pet anteater not only eats ants, but drinks milk from a bottle. Other pets include a brightly colored parrot, a beautiful toucan, and a baby capuchin monkey—one of the most intelligent of the monkey species—who enjoys perching on people's shoulders.

#### INDIVIDUAL TALENTS FLOWER

In stark contrast to the North American urban ghettos, the rundown schools, the inadequate housing and health care, and the racist oppression out of which many of our Jonestown residents have come, life in this cooperative environment is secure and fulfilling. It provides for the needs of each resident as well as opportunity for development of individual creativity and potential. In fact, a whole host of craft and cottage industries have taken hold as the individual talents of residents flower for the collective good. A whole range of durable, exquisitely hand-crafted toys form what is a rapidly expanding toy manufacturing department. A wide variety of toys are made, all from local materials, ranging from trains to swings. A handicrafts department is making rugs, dolls, baskets, combs, and the like. Our handcrafted furniture is constructed from indigenous hardwoods, and is coming widely into

demand for its beautiful finish and professional craftsmanship. Chairs, tables, pre-school furniture and children's furniture are among the items made. This is only one example of man-made beauty being drawn from and directly enhancing the great natural beauty of the environment. The community is very colorful, a true modern village, as homes are being landscaped with fruit trees, gardens and decorative fencing.

The excellent health of residents here and the astounding growth of the project are glowing reflections of the spirit of socialist cooperation. Everyone is motivated to function at their very best, as they see their talents being used directly to help others. Almost needless to say, everyone feels very secure and well cared for in an environment like this. The experience of Jonestown, and the inspiration of its founder-leader Jim Jones, is building happy and healthy lives. We are more proud than we can say of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time in this beautiful jungle interior, and look forward to even greater growth and progress in service to the nation and people of Guyana. We are happy to share this news with you, our friends, and look forward to bringing you reports of future developments.



## PEOPLES TEMPLE

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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OPEN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE  
IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

The statements of public accusations that have been presented at press conferences staged by a group of people calling themselves "Concerned Relatives" represents the latest in a long series of preposterous attacks against Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

We have repeatedly and in great detail made it clear to the public that what they have been witnessing is a series of elaborate charades that only imperfectly masks a politically motivated conspiracy, using former members of Peoples Temple who have worked within our organization as agent provocateurs. We are only one of a large number of progressive groups who have been targeted for destruction because we are uniting poor and working class people across racial lines giving them power over their own lives and doing it non-violently.

The fact that we have pointed to the failure of the so-called Free Enterprise system to provide for all segments of the population and the fact that we have taken up justice and liberation causes; the fact that we have been able to put together all those successful survival programs that have made the difference for thousands of people, providing food, medical assistance, jobs, training, the kind of corporate power and solidarity that racist forces in the U.S. want to keep for themselves; the fact that we have several thousand members; the fact that we live a cooperative lifestyle, and have been able to generate some wealth thereby -- which has been used for the welfare of all the people in the form of human service; the fact that we have been able to put out a free newspaper that hits hard on injustice: these are the real reasons why we are under attack.

The group of "Concerned Relatives" is only the latest ploy. These shallow appeals indicate that they are growing desperate. "Concerned Relatives" are now groaning about "human rights violations" against individuals who have publicly stated that they want nothing to do with them. The statement of the "Concerned Relatives" was signed by a sordid crew of individuals who, among other things, have tried blackmail; have embezzled from Peoples Temple while infiltrating it; have even been involved in the manufacture of ammunition and have advocated ridiculous and mad schemes of violence in order to achieve revolutionary "ends" in the classic manner of agent provocateurs. Included in the group are people who have used and trafficked in drugs; some who have molested children, including their own, such as Maria Katsaris just publicly exposed her father; who have operated credit card rackets, forged checks, stolen money from the treasury in the amount of thousands of dollars;

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who have actually abused and treated black youngsters as house slaves; who have engaged in welfare fraud and who have exhibited a series of highly unstable personal patterns in their private lives, e.g. sadism.

They are organizers, collaborators, and recruits, both paid and volunteer, in a conspiracy that has tried every trick in to the book to -- in the words of one of them--, "destroy" us.

Conspiring with other individuals, leaders in the group have lied about us, getting the worst kind of smear and innuendo-filled articles in the press. They have sent out aides to bribe people to lie about us; who have the devices and "dirty trick" methods of Cointelpro that have been used repeatedly to harass other progressive organizations.

They have tried a host of schemes: sabotaging our communications; instigating bogus investigations that get headline media coverage while turning up nothing; using lies, distortions, faceless accusers to create an aura of implied guilt; they have attempted to cut off pensions to elderly people in our organization, at our beautiful agricultural project in Guyana, in an effort to actually starve them out. They have tried to use the Offices of high officials in the State Department, everyone they could think of to sabotage our work here, which has been described by thousands of visitors as a model of cooperation, earning praises all over the world. They have circulated lies about us everywhere and have even tried to send undercover agents hired to snatch away children illegally and violently from their rightful parents and homes, and have tried to bribe and pay off officials to help them. It is all documented fact.

Today, the organizers of these efforts are particularly infuriated because they haven't gotten anywhere with their schemes to date. So here they are again, mostly the same cast of characters, now with the new name, "Concerned Relatives", now talking about "human rights", with sanctimonious expressions on their faces, and the mask of outraged antiquated moral-ith which they have learned to wear so well.

The group is lead by a gentleman who cannot stand the fact that his 24-year-old daughter has asserted her independence from his emotional tyranny over her, and has been desperately trying to reunite daughter to "doting daddy". (This individual is also a clergyman of sorts, and once instructed her to "worship me as an icon unto God".) The group also includes people who have publicly threatened to hire mercenaries to do whatever necessary to "liberate" their children. An interesting approach coming from persons supposedly concerned about "human rights": With the help of their lawyer-leader, Tim Stoen, the group has put together a document that is filled with distortions, misportrayals, and lies.

It is interesting and instructive that many of the "Concerned Relatives" have shown only a token concern in the past about their "loved ones" that they now claim to agonize over. These loved ones... the truth is that they are glad to be free of these relatives, and they wish to be left alone to lead a life of their own choosing. It is a most basic human right which the "Concerned Relatives" are violating, not Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

Let us look at it a little more closely. The "Concerned Relatives" are merely threatened by the fact that Peoples Temple and Jim Jones have been able to provide the meaningful, wholesome lifestyle that they have failed to provide for those whom they profess such "concern" about. The accusa-

tion that Jim Jones is "power hungry"; the sing-song of the documents is predictable as it is absurd. What sort of power is being referred to? No answer. The authors and signers of the document reflect again their total inability to understand the dynamics of a collective unit that seems threatening to them precisely because it is no worship of self, no power hunger. They prove their own "power hunger" in their possessiveness of their relatives, a state which is completely inconsistent, indeed impossible, in the cooperative, sharing, socialistic lifestyle that Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple live in Jonestown. They cannot even relate to that: there is something about a person deciding to devote themselves to a cause, an ideal, to the well-being of others outside their own narrow ken, that shakes these people up.

They are unable to understand the ultimate commitment of people to a cause that transcends their own personal self-interests. Their "concern" --about a group of people who feel strongly enough about their work for justice and human liberation that they would give their lives for such a cause-- is at once phony and disgusting. Such dedication has always been a puzzlement and a threat to people who have no such commitment, to people whose lives move on a superficial moral plane, circumscribed by a thousand fears, and compensation for the half-realization of the emptiness of their lives; people who --devoid of principle-- are content merely to read the newspaper and live for self.

Accusations of "power hunger" are not new to Jim Jones, or to other principled leaders who have called humanity to a higher road. There is no question that, in the process of choosing a path in life that transcends the "us four and no more" syndrome, people will leave their biological relatives, not so much out of rejection as from a parting of the ways on the grounds of conviction in conscience, which finally transcends mere biology and genetics. Those who are left behind cannot, because of their emotional sickness, accept the choice of those who have responded to the call of a different drummer, to a life of service, to a renunciation of selfishness, to the building of brotherhood. For a time, they will live with a hopeless contradiction, recognizing the validity of that road, but morally unprepared to travel it. They will finally seek to eradicate their pain by trampling, villifying, sabotaging and crucifying the standard-bearers of that higher vision. Sooner or later, they find each other, band into desperate confraternity, and plan their crimes, being careful always to gloss over their infamy with the appearance of righteousness. It is in such a perspective that we must view the statement of the "Concerned Relatives". Such statements have been issued many times through history, beginning perhaps with the pleas of the outraged parents in ancient Athens about a teacher who was "corrupting" the minds of their children. We publicly repudiate not only the "interpretations" of the "Concerned Relatives" of the commitment of our organization to ideals of economic justice and human liberation for which we are willing to give our lives, but we repudiate their "concern". We call it a vicious hoax. We've no use to even dignify their lying and insane allegations.

Our community in Guyana is an open book. It has been visited by hundreds of people some of whom have decided to join with us even though they had no previous association with Peoples Temple. Others visiting are relatives of residents, both members and non-members of the organization. What they have found in this city shows the lie of all the perverted portrayals of the ringleaders of the "Concerned Relatives" group: a

community of joy, beauty, industry, accomplishment, total lack of racism. A community where people whose lives were being wasted and thwarted are now finding meaning and purpose. A community that has been called a model of cooperation by the countless number of people who have penned glowing entries into the guest book (a partial list of visitors and their comments is attached). This group with their fictitious complaints represent only the tiniest fraction, even, of the relatives of people in Jonestown who are coming to the Project in increasing numbers and are thrilled by what they see. Soon a Methodist Superintendent and his wife, parents of Jonestown residents, will be visiting, and they are only one visit amongst many.

So, who precisely, are these "Concerned Relatives"? Briefly, the ringleaders are two individuals, fathers, who are moaning about their daughters, both of them in their twenties, one of whom is living in Guyana with her mother; whose parents were divorced before the daughter was born, and has always lived away from him. The other is Tim Stoen, whose civil case has already been clarified by his own sworn statement that his "son" is not really his own at all. He must uphold the fiction of paternity since his entire reputation rests on it. So he's been the main force behind the "Concerned Relatives". The three dubious fathers are joined by others who have been absolute false witnesses against Jim Jones since the smear campaign was instigated over a year ago. A few others are recent recruits, and in practically every case they are whining about adult married relatives, some of whom are in their 50's and 60's and have families of their own in Jonestown.

But neither we nor many others are fooled. One of these charlatans has now publicly threatened to hire mercenaries. Underneath the sanctimonious lying, there is a particular viciousness of a vindictive, desperate band of people, secretly jealous of their loved ones' desire to live a life of principle and service that many of them once professed but never practiced.

Their lies we do not take seriously, but threats of hired killers we do. We know from experience what individuals with wounded pride, unable to confront their own failure and guilt, will do when desperate. We have therefore notified the President of the United States, members of Congress, and appropriate officials in the Department of State and the government of Guyana as well including local law enforcement agencies, of the clear threat to violate laws and send violence experts in to terrorize our organization.

Persecution is nothing new to us -- since Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple began to make social justice and economic equality work over 25 years ago, we have been beset by racists, arsonists, hired assassins, and every kind of effort to discredit, even destroy the Peoples Temple work. But we have not been intimidated even slightly, and we have had enough. We state without equivocation or reserve that we will never back down, whatever heinous actions are attempted against us. We will continue to fight this conspiracy --and expose it-- every step of the way. Several thousand strong, we stand on our record of human service, and will never abandon our beliefs, not their practice which has built the most humane kind of community on this Earth.

REV. JAMES W. JONES—AS VIEWED BY OTHERS

Rev. James W. Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, headquartered in Redwood Valley, California, has in recent months been in the news for his ministry of spiritual healing. As authentic and helpful to people as that ministry is, it remains clearly secondary to his ministry of human service, which is based on an intensely literal interpretation of the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. One result: more than 150 young people have been rehabilitated from drugs, many of whom live in college dormitories provided by the church.

Jim Jones is an officially-ordained minister of the 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, and has been pastor of his church for 21 years. He has adopted children of various races, lives modestly, has served in many civic posts, including Foreman of the Mendocino County Grand Jury, and weekly ministers to three churches in Redwood Valley, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

What follows are brief statements about this significant ministry as others see it:

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Carlton B. Goodlett, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher, The San Francisco Sun-Reporter (letter dated April, 1972)

9. "He was Superb." "The Rev. James Jones will be sorely missed as executive secretary of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights. He was hired after long search.... He was superb. He went about his job diplomatically but thoroughly and produced results."

Editorial, The Indianapolis Times (Scripps-Howard) (as quoted in the Ukiah Daily Journal, June 3, 1968)

10. A Family Man. "The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children — and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

Kathy Hunter, Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)

11. Helping Sick People. "James Jones seems to have great qualities. His parapsychological powers are quite extraordinary.... Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident...."

James Carley, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary (in letter published in the Indianapolis Star, Dec. 22, 1971)

12. The View of a Medical Doctor. "I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."

I. H. Perkins, M. D. (In a letter "To Whom it May Concern" dated March 2, 1972)

13. Protection of Individual Liberty. "This church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, has a distinguished pastor, Reverend James W. Jones, and they have never failed to respond to public or private appeals for assistance in the pursuit and protection of individual liberty and freedom."

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"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice - compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

... Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973)...

### 2. View of Local Clergy:

"Progress in meeting the needs of people ... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven day a week program of the People's Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

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"While a news bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a feature story on Peoples Temple in November, 1972. I discovered the most dedicated person to the cause of humanity I've ever met. I found Pastor Jim Jones' motives and humanitarian principles to be unquestionably honorable. He is exemplifying the life of Christ by working day and night to relieve suffering and establish true brotherhood, wherever he can. I have become so impressed with the integrity of this humble and selfless man that I recently gave up that position to work fulltime for this incredible ministry."

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Edmund Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

... Carlton B. Goodlett, Ph. D., M. D., Publisher, The San Francisco Sun-Reporter (letter dated April, 1972)...

13. "He was superb:"

"The Rev. James Jones will be sorely missed as executive secretary of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights. He was hired after long search... He was superb. He went about his job diplomatically but thoroughly and produced results."

... Editorial, The Indianapolis Times (Scripps-Howard), 1965...

14. A Family Man:

"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children - and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

... Kathy Hunter, wife of Editor, of the Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)...

15. The View of a Seminary Professor:

"James Jones seems to have great qualities. His para-psychological powers are quite extraordinary... Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident..."

... James Carley, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary (in letter published in the Indianapolis Star, December 22, 1971)...

16. The View of a Medical Doctor:

"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."

... J. H. Perkins, M. D. (in a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972)...

17. Protection of Individual Liberty

"This church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, has a distinguished pastor, Reverend James W. Jones, and they have never failed to respond to public or private appeals for assistance in the pursuit and protection of individual liberty and freedom."

... Publisher, San Francisco Sun-Reporter (in letter to University Dean dated February 5, 1973)...



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PLEASE NOTE...

Often, churches like ours which do human service work are not well known to the general media. We are not wanting publicity unless it would encourage others to do something worthwhile in these areas. We would like you to be aware of the various things we're doing, in case you should come in contact with people who need our services. We have many programs in drug rehabilitation, sickle-cell testing clinics, legal services, children's events (such as Christmas parties where all children receive gifts of equal value), youth counseling, and others. We'll gladly help anyone...in any straits. We've had especially good success with young people who have tried everything and failed, and are in need of concerned help.

Thank you.

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Pastor Jim Jones is so totally equatorial that when he takes his vacation he always takes his church family along with him. For this season 12 buses full of excited travelers toured the United States in August, 1973, going from Redwood Valley through Houston, Texas; to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; back through Chicago, Illinois; to San Francisco, and finally returning to Redwood Valley after two wonderful weeks.

Many of the people who journeyed with this group had never been outside of California before, even though some of them were in their advanced years.

The children all went with them, and their welfare was uppermost in the mind of those who were in charge. At each rest stop special areas were available for the children to run and play as long as they could get the exercise and fun time that they needed.

When the vacation was over, each person who accompanied Pastor Jim came back with glowing reports about the wonderful time they had had, already eager for the next vacation.

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