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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 BRIODY, 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 an 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:

"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."

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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 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

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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. 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 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 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."

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 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

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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. 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

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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."

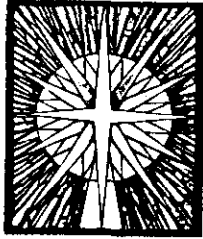
J. R. Fisk, Chief Constable
Vancouver (Canada) Police Department

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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

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PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,
Pastor

P. O. Box 15023
San Francisco, CA 94115

July 30, 1977

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

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

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

Matthew 25: 35-40

STATEMENT

WHAT'S BEHIND THE ATTACKS ON PEOPLES TEMPLE?

During the last few weeks there have been concrete efforts to launch a massive smear campaign against the humanitarian and especially progressive activities of Peoples Temple. The explicit purpose of this campaign is to destroy the work of an organization dedicated to eradicating inequality, racism, and want -- and working for peace and an end to oppression and exploitation.

There is no question at all but that this smear campaign is directed towards diverting attention from the real aims of those who are behind the attacks. A perfect example was the manner in which the smear campaign was launched: with an accusation, made in the form of an innuendo, that the Peoples Temple was in some way connected with a break-in of a magazine office. Within a matter of days this charge was proven to be completely false by the police department itself.

We are not really surprised at the charges that have been made against us. Movements for fundamental social change have always been subjected to sophisticated

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and well-coordinated attempts to discredit their goals and destroy their leaders. Dr. Martin Luther King was the object of an unrelenting campaign to discredit the civil rights movement. Before his assassination, his wife received communications detailing her husband's supposed "sexual affairs." It has been made evident that there was an effort, originating within the intelligence community, to persuade him to commit suicide. The point of it was to disrupt and discredit the civil rights movement at the very juncture where it was engendering a new dimension of efforts for social justice on a broader scale. The charges made against Jim Jones and Peoples Temple need to be seen in this context.

The Temple is targeted for destruction because it represents a determined effort to deal with the most fundamental problem of our society: oppression of the poor. Our approach has been the development of an alternative structure which would meet the needs left by the fragmentation of families, and the declining influence of churches, schools, and a coherent moral philosophy. We have proven that people from various backgrounds can indeed get together, eradicate "class" distinctions and, without a dime of government funding, build an egalitarian, communalistic "family" where nobody lives in want. In a world where a small percentage of the population lives in relative luxury at the expense of millions who live at the margin of existence, we see the alternative that the Temple has developed as an answer to social breakdown. We are pacifists, and our belief in economic as well as social equality we find totally

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consonant with our Christian faith.

However, the challenge of building a truly just society calls for a high level of activist involvement from individuals who care about their fellow human beings. Some persons who have at one time participated in this revolutionary effort discovered that their principles and commitment to bringing about social justice were not something they could apply to their everyday lives. When the needs of the poor, the oppressed, and the alienated were put first, people from comfortable, even privileged backgrounds, have walked away from us, often leaving behind the responsibilities they had taken on. Their psychological and moral failure has caused some of them to harbor deep resentment against the church, and to attack us, instead of facing their own inability to confront the demands and responsibilities involved. Some have acted in such a manner that we think they were working deliberately to frustrate our work, precisely because we have been successful in mobilizing and giving direction to those who had no voice and no hope.

We note that some of those persons who are now coming forward with their charges against our movement include persons who constantly pressed us to take extremist actions totally incompatible with our principles. Some were even involved in manufacturing weapons and advocating that the church use them to advance a program of terrorism to achieve its social aims. Among those who are now inveighing so piously against the church have even said that IF THEY COULDN'T PRE-EMPT US INTO VIOLENT REVO-

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LUTION, THEY WOULD LEAVE THE CHURCH AND USE WHATEVER METHODS THEY COULD TO FORCE US INTO VIOLENT ACTION. They finally did leave when their efforts at promoting outright terrorism met with no success.

We are now persuaded that a few of these individuals were provocateurs from the beginning. We have been fully aware that other activist organizations belatedly discovered that those in their ranks who advocated particularly "radical" positions had actually been sent to destroy them.

Other malcontented people who have levelled charges against us have attempted to blackmail the church, were guilty of grossly mistreating people in their charge, stole money from the church, and even sexually molested their children. We wonder if they are as eager to take polygraph tests on their behavior as they are to attack the church. It would take many pages to print even a portion of the affidavits we have attesting to the character of those who have co-operated in this effort to destroy Peoples Temple. Their charges against us sound bizarre, but it is much more outlandish to try to make the public believe that an institution that has been open to the community and has championed so many unpopular causes, would be foolish enough to think that it could hide anything illegal or immoral.

Neither the pastor of Peoples Temple nor any of its officials are getting rich off of anyone. We do not brutalize or exploit people. We do not force or coerce people, though we

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expect those who make commitments to keep them. Someone would have to be inhumane to want to destroy an organization that provides an active program and a caring environment for senior citizens and helps to reconstruct the lives of people already headed for a lifetime of trouble with the law. Peoples Temple's efforts have helped to unburden our community of some critical social problems by caring for persons who were involved in crime, drugs, and other socially deviant behavior. At the same time, such persons have found a genuine opportunity to make their lives productive and worthwhile, and more importantly have been imbued with a sense of self-pride and worth which they never had before.

Our program in Guyana is everything that it has been represented to be, both as an agricultural mission, and as a model co-operative community that has successfully rehabilitated many young people from lives filled with serious problems. All of these individuals enjoy a state of health, well-being, and happiness that they would never have had the chance to experience in their former environments.

AGAIN, THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST US ARE AN INEVITABLE RESULT OF THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK THE TEMPLE IS ENGAGED IN. WE REPRESENT THE POWER OF ORDINARY PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND "DO FOR SELF." WE REPRESENT THE ANTITHESIS OF THE PROFIT/GREED SYSTEM THAT THRIVES ON RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION OF THE POOR. WE REPRESENT AN ANSWER THAT THE REAL POWER-BROKERS DO NOT WANT, BECAUSE IF IT SUCCEEDS, THEY FEAR THAT THEIR POWER WILL BE

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TAKEN OUT OF THEIR HANDS AND RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE. Our church represents the heart of Christian social-gospel teaching, taking for our text the Acts of the Apostles, in which the disciples of Christ formed a totally just society based on the sharing of all wealth, in contradiction to the selfish materialism of prevailing society. These revolutionary Christian teachings are still ahead of the times, and we know that those who advocate them, and try to put them into practice, will be persecuted.

Our concern is to find a way out of some of the toughest social problems that America faces -- those that don't seem to have any solutions. We have attempted to take them on by building a community-like structure that functions like an extended family, and which offers real support and vital services for many individuals which society is either unwilling or unable to care for. We realize that, of course, we have made some poor decisions. But we have taken on the task, we have tried, and we have had some remarkable successes. And this is why we are being attacked.

In attempting to build this cause of justice and equality into a reality for thousands of people, we have been harassed and persecuted mercilessly. We have been shot at, lied about, burned down, fire-bombed, threatened a thousand times, called all hours of the day and night. We are not the first progressive organization that has been attacked in seeking workable solutions and alternatives to social breakdown, and we certainly won't be

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the last. We expect the attempt to destroy Peoples Temple to continue.

But in the face of it all, we plan only one course of action: to proceed with our work.

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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 capitol 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. The airport "limosine" was a tractor-drawn wagon with pillows and chairs to ease the bumps.

As we bounced and bucked our way into the turn-off to the Jonestown road, 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 1970, most of it within the last year. All along the road we could see rows of casavas, edoes, bananas, sugar cane, and citrus groves.

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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 Schadt, are excellent. Larry, a recent graduate of the University of California Medical School, 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.

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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, to sew, read or just to sit. An older woman hoeing her garden brought to mind the words of Micah (4:4) "...they shall sit everyone under his vine and his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid..."

Hundreds of people are engaged in manual labor each day. 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 socialist 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
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Reno, Nevada 89509

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July 27, 1978

Mr. Carl Blackman
Editor, Guyana Chronicle
Georgetown, Guyana,
South America

Dear Mr. Blackman:

I welcome the opportunity to write to you as a representative of the Peoples Temple of the United States. Bishop Jim Jones has spoken very kindly of you, and we have all been very appreciative of the articles that have appeared in the Chronicle concerning our Guyana work. Bishop Jones expressed that you wished to know more about the conspiracy working to hinder our work in both Guyana and the United States.

There is a great wealth of information relating to the conspiracy, far more than I could presume to convey adequately in a few pages. So I think rather than simply presenting a catalogue of facts, I would like to go over several developments that reveal the true motivation of the conspirators: a vicious reactionary effort to destroy a work that has become too effective in bringing socialism to the poor. We had stated from the start that Bishop Jones and the Peoples Temple were being attacked because we are socialist (Bishop Jones' own statement attached (1.), printed in the August '77 issue of the Peoples Forum, our community newspaper). The other major reason for the attacks against us is because we are predominantly Black, and have provided alternatives to the conditions of exploitation which exist for Black people in the ghettos of the cities of the United States.

In the way of general background, the Peoples Temple had been established in the United States for close to thirty years before Bishop Jones departed from the United States a year ago. A wide range of human service programs were established to aid every disadvantaged segment of society: Black and minority causes, the elderly and disabled, troubled youth, as well as a number of liberation support groups and political prisoners. A particular drive undertaken in the Temple's newspaper, the Peoples Forum, in the months preceding Bishop Jones' departure, was the repeated expose of Nazis organizing locally, as well as Nazi war criminals still at large in society.

As you can see from the enclosed March '77 article in the Bay Guardian (2.), the Peoples Temple carries on a vital human service program, which has received wide recognition. Bishop Jones has received awards ranging from a Certificate of Honor from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to a similar citation from the California State Legislature, the Martin Luther King Award, Humanitarian of the Year award from two major Black newspapers in the State, to the national honor of being named one of the top 100 clergymen in the entire United States, given by the largest inter-faith organization, Religion in American Life. In fact, the Secretary of that organization, H. Newton Hudson, went so far as to state, "No published list of 100 congregations in America showing exemplary leadership would be complete without your name on it." The National Newspaper Publishers Association, the main organ of the Black press in the United States, gave Bishop Jones their Freedom of the Press Award just prior to his leaving the country, in recognition of demonstrations, donations, and

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vocal support of a free press so outstanding that it has even been written into the Congressional Record of the United States and received coverage in the New York Times (3.).

Why then has Bishop Jim Jones, the finest and most courageous citizen you could find in America, been subject to attacks ranging from the assaults in the media, to blackmail attempts, electronic surveillance, the cut-off of pensions to senior citizens, attempts to remove the tax-exempt status of the the church (to name just a few of the persecutions that Temple has undergone); and most recently, efforts to cut off our short-wave radio communications between the U.S. and Guyana by trying to provoke trouble with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission? The attached booklet "Victims of Conspiracy" (4.) will give you more details of these persecutions; and what follows will give you a clearer idea how this all came about.

You may already be familiar with the power of the huge press conglomerates in the United States. We have a phenomenon here we call "trial by media", during which a person, or organization, is charged repeatedly with unproven misdoings by the press, so the public begins to believe the individual is guilty before there is even any opportunity for defense. This type of method has been used against many Black leaders, such as presently against Senator Brooke, the only Black Senator in Washington, who is up for re-election this year. Irregularities in his divorce settlement have been blown up into national news, leading to the present investigation of his finances by the Senate Ethics Committee, whereas with another individual this might have been passed off as a purely personal matter. Another example involving the persecution of a Black Congressional Representative, William Clay, through charges instigated in the media, is illustrated by the article (5.) taken from an issue of the Peoples Forum.

Three other articles are attached (6.), dealing with the "COINTELPRO" program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was established to discredit and destroy organizations and individuals considered too "radical", or "Black activist". As you can see from Mr. Rowan's article (16) it is also widely known that the FBI used very similar tactics against the great leader Martin Luther King before he was assassinated.

So the Peoples Temple also, has come under much persecution at the hands of reactionary elements. The original proponent of vicious attacks in the press was one Rev. Kinsolving (cited in Mr. Thomas Fleming's article about our Guyana project, 7.). This was back in 1972. Mr. Kinsolving, who is widely known for his racist, reactionary views, and backing of white supremacist governments in South Africa and Rhodesia, was at that time employed by a paper of the Hearst publishing empire; and wrote a series of article downgrading Bishop Jones with lies until public opinion put a stop to his tirade. He was recently seen on the "Tomorrow" show, an interview program, accusing the World Council of Churches of "supporting the slaughter of (white) nuns and priests in Rhodesia", a preposterous claim that he would doubtless launch against anyone who demonstrated the slightest sympathy with Rhodesian liberation. (U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young of course also recently refuted that the Patriotic National Front had anything to do with the slaughter; that it was transparently the work of the Smith regime). Note the letter from one of our Guyana members printed in the World Council of Churches monthly magazine, ONE WORLD (8.), about Jonestown. That type of article, in the paper of an organization that can by no means be termed "radical" would be thoroughly condemned by Rev. Kinsolving.

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The present company of conspirators against the Peoples Temple is dominated by people of a similar reactionary frame of mind. A leader in many of the harassments launched against Bishop Jones, former Temple member Timothy Stoen, has been virtually identified as an agent provocateur who was infiltrating our ranks. Mr. Stoen had always claimed to be of a far left persuasion, yet we later discovered he had been involved in escapades such as the one described in the enclosed article about his trip to East Berlin (9.), a place he insisted to us he had never been: i.e. he is a staunch "anti-communist". We also discovered he had been trying to provoke our non-violent organization onto a violent path, appealing to youth who had been embittered by the hardships of ghetto life. Mr. Stoen (and others) did not succeed in this design, which was a key factor in their leaving the Temple. Some --such as those now seeking to cut off our radio communications-- were asked to leave our organization when they were discovered manufacturing ammunition; and have now emerged in a rightist, reactionary stance. It is clear we were the intended victims of provocateurs in our midst.

Elmer and Deanna Mertle (aka Mills), instigators of both the press attacks and agency investigations, acknowledged that their background was with right-wing causes --- Mrs. Mertle had claimed membership in the John Birch Society (note later reference to the vicious campaign of the Birch Society against Marxist journalist Wilfred Burchett (12)). They claimed a "conversion" during their period with the Peoples Temple; yet after they left the Temple it was revealed that they had been close friends all along with a conspirator David Conn, whom Elmer Mertle worked alongside in the Standard Oil Corporation for many years. Mr. Conn admitted then that he had been "investigating the Peoples Temple" during the entire time the Mertles were members. It was also David Conn who attempted to blackmail American Indian Movement leader, Dennis Banks. Mr. Banks was fighting an extradition order at the time, to the racist state of South Dakota where his life had been threatened repeatedly. Mr. Conn claimed connections with the U.S. Treasury Department who he claimed could "prevent the extradition" if only Mr. Banks would denounce Bishop Jones, who had come to the aid of Dennis Banks' wife when she was jailed on false charges. Mr. Conn said that if Mr. Banks did not cooperate in the proposed denunciation, then "it would go badly for him". Mr. Banks refused to cooperate, and exposed the blackmail scheme for what it was. Later Mr. Conn emerged to talk with the officials of our church denomination, trying to use false information to destroy our affiliation; thus, he hoped, our tax-exempt status as a church, without which it would be impossible to function. (Mr. Banks' affidavit about the blackmail attempt by David Conn is attached, (10.)).

Others who have had no direct connection with the Temple (such as David Conn) have been "hired" to work against the Peoples Temple as well, and are invariably of a far right persuasion. Joseph Mazor is a case in point. He is a so-called "private investigator" licensed by the State of California -- although he himself sports a 75-page criminal record! (See Berkeley Barb article attached, (11.)). In addition, he is bonded by the State although his convictions for fraud are numerous. One of the most expensive public relations firms in San Francisco acknowledged that they assisted Mr. Mazor for many months in instigating and orchestrating the campaign in the media against the Peoples Temple, a costly enterprise for which Mr. Mazor refuses to reveal the source of his funding or who is retaining him for such work. He has admitted that he is employed by the Mertles (cited above) and other former members of the Peoples Temple. This man is also known to be connected with INTERPOL,

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the Nazi-dominated international police organization. INTERPOL has also been implicated in a lie spread abroad that Bishop Jones was involved in a riot in Guyana, at a time when his passport proves he was not even there!; and other lies involving our shipping crates.

Numerous reporters also figure prominently in the media campaign: George Klineman of the Press-Democrat, who also collaborated on the original smear in New West magazine, and whose paper has consistently taken the side of the "Concerned Relatives" group organized by Timothy Stoeh. The Press-Democrat also sponsored the recent visit of reporter Kathy Hunter to Guyana, a woman who misrepresented herself to gain entry into Guyana, as verified by your Minister of Home Affairs, Vibert Mingo, and whose misadventures in Georgetown were apparently set up by the conspiracy in an attempt to renew a vicious media campaign against the Peoples Temple.

Marshall Kilduff, who co-authored the original smear in New West, and writes for one of the two major dailies here, the San Francisco Chronicle, is still lambasting Bishop Jones a year after his departure from the United States for his involvement in "liberal and civil rights causes". He listed one of his original reasons for suspicion of the Peoples Temple that the Temple's newspaper "regularly exalts socialism", and Temple support of Huey Newton when he was exiled in Cuba, and Angela Davis, when she was a political prisoner in the United States for her avowed Marxist views and her leadership in the Black community.

Another significant figure in the media conglomerates working against Bishop Jones is Rupert Murdoch, an Australian multimillionaire, racist and right-wing, who owns scores of newspapers and magazines in the United States, and whose "yellow journalism" has provoked harsh criticism from the media themselves, in the media magazine, "More". Mr. Murdoch owns not only New West, the magazine to run the original bad press, but also the New York Post, which aroused the ire of the entire progressive community in the Eastern United States, by blatantly accusing renowned Marxist journalist, Wilfred Burchett, of being a KGB agent (12.). (Mr. Burchett has subsequently won his suit against the Post).

Other connections regarding the media have yet to be drawn. When Kathy Hunter visited Guyana in May, the little-known reactionary reporter sent by the Press Democrat, there was virtually instant UPI coverage of the things that allegedly happened to her. Yet there was no UPI in Guyana at the time; all the "information" had originated with persons working with the conspiracy in the United States which had the connections to provoke this kind of media "blitz" using allegations that turned out to be entirely false. In fact, it is of some concern to us these days that major news agencies appear to be used regularly to distort or even fabricate information, to promote the current "cold war" effort in this country to discredit socialists. The latest emphasis has centered on the Soviet and Cuban involvements with liberation movements in Africa. A flagrant example of this is illustrated in the enclosed clipping (13.) from the San Francisco Chronicle, June 19, 1978, given out by UPI (signed "United Press" at the bottom). This covered an ABC interview with Fidel Castro, on national television which was taped by one of our members, so positive proof of discrepancies was available. When Premier Castro was asked on the interview about alleged Cuban involvement in the invasion of Zaire, he said: "Our policy has been precisely the opposite of those adventures in Zaire". Yet as you can note, the UPI quoted him as answering: "We simply because of political reasons, have abstained ourselves from using the Katangans against Zaire". He is quoted word-for-word as saying something he not only never

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said, but which is in content and meaning entirely the opposite of what he did say! It angers and saddens us to see this happening, but we know realistically, and from our own experience certainly, that these are the times in which we live.

The Kathy Hunter incident is itself a vivid example of how a media attack against socialists can get totally out of hand, so that facts count for nothing. Note our release, "Open Letter to the Media and the Community" (14.), submitted by our attorney, Charles Garry, as a rebuttal to a smear printed by the Press Democrat. The paper was apparently well aware of the lies and discrepancies in their article and feared being sued: for even though the Press Democrat has been unremittingly hostile to our organization, they printed the "Open Letter" word for word!

So much for the media campaign, against the Peoples Temple and, in a larger perspective, against all advocates of minority and socialist causes. Simultaneously there has been a concerted long-range campaign to use agencies of government to block every avenue of survival. Some of this is outlined in the pamphlet, "Victims of Conspiracy": the attempts to halt shipments of supplies by the U.S. Customs Department; to cut funds to disabled and elderly pensioners by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; to intercept mail through the U.S. Postal Service; to try and sow division between Bishop Jones and other minority leaders, such as the attempt to blackmail Dennis Banks using the U.S. Treasury Department. More has been attempted in recent months: The Internal Revenue Service (U.S. Treasury Department) has been instigated to do a tax investigation with the aim of removing the church's tax-exempt status (this type of investigation of a church is almost unheard of); and the Federal Communications Commission has been instigated to try and discontinue our only means of communication between Guyana and the United States, our short wave radio. The U.S. State Department has been approached innumerable times to provoke interference with, or condemnation of the work at Jonestown, and to provoke trouble in international relations between our two countries, such as would-be interference in Guyana's legal system.

The State Department, for its part, has refused to intervene in Guyanese internal affairs in relation to the Peoples Temple. They visit Jonestown regularly, in response to inquiries from relatives in the United States, and have distributed a report affirming that everyone in Jonestown whose status has been questioned is fine, and glad to be there. In fact, high officials of both Guyana and the United States were contacted in the preparation of a recent article by Marshall Kilduff, BUT SINCE ALL THE REPORTS ABOUT JONESTOWN WERE POSITIVE, NONE WERE REPORTED! Instead, the writer relied solely on the lies of one malicious individual who had formerly been a member of the Temple and then joined the conspiracy. Ms. Layton's turn with the media was short-lived however, as she produced lies too outlandish for any person of common sense to even believe, such as that residents of Jonestown "live mostly on rice brought in from Georgetown" -- when Jonestown is a thriving cooperative producing over 200 kinds of crops!

Other agencies have been brought into play as well, on a local and state level, yet in every case no evidence of wrongdoing is ever found. The obvious intent has been harassment, to tie up our funds, personnel, and wear down our energies. Fortunately these attempts have not succeeded, which is perhaps all the more remarkable in that Bishop Jones has been physically absent for a year. But he is a humanitarian of rare magnitude, and this type of influence does not readily fade. In fact, it is a source of pride that the work has continued here for this extended period of time, given the intensity of the attacks.

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The last matter for consideration is the self-styled "Concerned Relatives" group, organized by Timothy Stoen as a pressure and publicity device to exert against the U.S. State Department and the United Nations. Mr. Stoen has claimed himself to several newspapers as well as government officials that "his son was kidnapped" by Bishop Jones; when in fact, the child in question is not his son, and was in fact abandoned by both Mr. and Mrs. Stoen, who gave full consent for the child to be reared by his father, Bishop Jones, in Guyana. Indeed, as if to illustrate the complete hypocrisy of this effort from the start, as recently as July 11, 1978, the Press Democrat, who has always defended the false allegations of Mr. Stoen, now printed, "The boy (John Victor) was taken to Guyana by Stoen in 1976 and remained there when Stoen left the church..."; plus Mr. Stoen detailed in his own hand at length how his wife Grace had abandoned the child to go off with another man for whom she had an infatuation!

The first official action of the self-righteous "Concerned Relatives" contingent was to present a lengthy document publicly, alleging "human rights violations" on the part of Bishop Jones in Jonestown -- a preposterous allegation! Their accusations are verified, they stated, by "sworn affidavits" by people with the following credentials: 1. One set of parents who came to Guyana with the stated intent of forcing their son, a young married adult, back to the United States against his will; 2. A parent who was known to have already brought malicious accusations against the Jonestown project to governmental agencies before his visit to Guyana, while disclaiming all (positive) reports from his own adult daughter; 3. A "former member" of the Peoples Temple, a young woman who disliked the cooperative lifestyle at Jonestown, openly stated she disliked Guyana, and when she finally left (at the Temple's expense) was somehow induced to tell the most outrageous lies about Jonestown in compliance with the workings of the conspiracy. The major complaints in affidavits 1. and 2. were of course that these individuals were "denied access" to the Project, although their own (adult) children have stated publicly they do not wish to see them. Affidavit 3. was signed by the young woman who was a former member, one isolated liar who claimed she had managed to "escape" from Jonestown -- completely neglecting to mention that her travel arrangements back to the United States were openly made and paid for by the Peoples Temple!

Everyone who has visited Jonestown knows firsthand the exceptionally high standard of human rights, and the excellent living conditions the Project affords its residents. But the press was not yet at the point where they would permit this to be printed. Nevertheless, the "charges" were so outlandish that it attracted less media coverage than the "Concerned Relatives" had hoped for. Thus they then organized a demonstration in front of the Federal Building here in San Francisco --- a handful of demonstrators, whom supporters of the Peoples Temple outnumbered 10 to 1. In fact, 2/3 of those demonstrating against "human rights violations" were not even related to people in Guyana! (A list verifying this was later given to a representative from the Guyanese government). Placards were carried saying "Wake Up Guyana" and "Please Mr. Burnham: Make Jim Jones Give Me Back My Son" (a case where the person bearing the placard had herself abandoned the child). The press made no mention of this ridiculous but offensive demonstration, doubtless because of the embarrassingly small showing on the part of "Concerned Relatives", but the demonstrators revealed their true sentiment towards Guyana: one of contempt -- as if Guyana's government did not know what was happening in their own country, or was a party to terrible acts. The most offensive demonstration was a sign posted behind a wire fence, to demonstrate

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captivity, which was a picture of Prime Minister Burnham accompanied by a sign about Jonestown saying, "Utopia or Concentration Camp?". The enclosed pamphlet, "Concerned Parents or Provocateurs?" (15.) will give more background about the malicious character of this group.

The above demonstration was in April 1978. It was obviously a fiasco so far as attracting publicity was concerned, and moreover, the State Department was taking a positive position even under this concerted pressure. The visit of Kathy Hunter the next month, May 1978 was transparently another malicious "publicity ploy" to stir up some more trouble in the light of these aborted efforts. Of course, the key issue as stated by Minister of Home Affairs Vibert Mingo, is that Mrs. Hunter misrepresented herself to gain entry into Guyana, which the media here would not quote. But nevertheless, Mrs. Hunter's and the media's accounts of her ill-starred journey have been so erratic and contradictory (as you can judge yourself from the "Open Letter"), perhaps the conspirators have only done themselves a disservice.

Now it is claimed that Mrs. Hunter's home was broken into, by "two Black men", Mrs. Hunter being identified as "a reporter harassed by the Peoples Temple", leaving the reader to make the malicious accusation against innocent people (our organization) themselves. Law suits have been fabricated from literally nothing, lies so malicious and false I would feel ridiculous repeating them. It seems like the watchword now is virtually like what was written by the FBI in the article (6.) about COINTELPRO operations about other "radical" and "black activist" groups: "The purpose of counterintelligence action is to disrupt... and it is immaterial whether facts are present". What a sad day to have to witness this kind of travesty of justice. We are so proud to have endured beyond anyone's expectations, and to remain unified and undaunted in our purpose. But it saddens us to know of all our other comrades here, perhaps unknown to us personally but who in their own way have struggled for a better life for minorities and the poor, and have been hindered, or even felled by such heinous tactics.

We hope this letter will be helpful in giving you more background on the types of attacks that the Peoples Temple, as a socialist, predominantly Black organization has encountered in the United States. Despite it all, we retain strong community support from people who know Bishop Jones as a man of impeccable integrity and conscience going many years back. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Prime Minister Burnham, Dr. Reid, Ambassador Mann, and countless other officials in Guyana's government who have made possible the realization of a great socialist dream for people who were previously very oppressed. No words could be thank you enough, but it is our privilege to develop and expand agricultural, medical, and educational programs as they will best benefit Guyana and her gracious people. We here in the United States stand 100% behind Guyana and the Jonestown program, and remain ready and willing to assist in any way.

Thank you for your conscientious concern, and please accept the cordial regards and best wishes of myself and all my comrades in the Peoples Temple in San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,

Laurie Efrein,
Corresponding Secretary

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This statement and the attached can be read to press conference.
They can be combined, maybe abbreviated.

April 14, 1978

STATEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The 'press conferences' staged this past week in front of our churches represent the latest in a long series of preposterous attacks against Jim Jones and Peoples Temple.

--In the attacks this week, relatives of Peoples Temple members living in Guyana have been assembled to parrot vicious

FLASH-UPDATE!

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FLASH-UPDATE!

THREAT TO SEND MERCENARIES AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE

INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN A SELF-STYLED GROUP OF 'CONCERNED RELATIVES' HAVE NOW PUBLICLY THREATENED TO HIRE MERCENARIES TO ILLEGALLY ENTER GUYANA TO USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY, INCLUDING ARMED ATTACKS (THEIR SPECIALTY) TO CAPTURE MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNITY. THESE THREATS WERE MADE PUBLIC TODAY IN A CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER.

PEOPLES TEMPLE HAS ALERTED THE PRESIDENT, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS IN GUYANA.

slanders and lies. They are using the ploy of being 'concerned' about members of their families who have chosen to live at the Peoples Temple co-operative community in Guyana, and are making false statements about the community.

--The United States Consulate in Guyana, which is thoroughly familiar with the successful agricultural co-operative, has stated that it will be glad to answer any inquiries about Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission, and we refer any interested parties to their offices for an objective account.

--Unwilling to accept the decision of people to lead their own lives according to their conscience and convictions, the group's attempts represent a clear attack on individual rights and liberties.

-- Those who have orchestrated the campaign are responsible for circulating the lies, and for over a year have been trying

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to recruit people to become involved in the massive smear campaign, which is only the outer edge of a politically-motivated conspiracy to destroy Peoples Temple that has been operating on many levels.

--The individuals for whom these people profess such 'concern' are happy in Guyana, where they are leading wholesome, productive, and rewarding lives. They have utterly rejected the false overtures of 'concern' on the part of their relatives. They will be making public statements in the very near future.

There are many hundreds of people --both members and non-members-- who have relatives living here in Guyana, and who are most approving and supportive of their choice to do so, and with whom they have regular contact, both by mail and by radio-telephone communications. They are free to visit them, as is anyone who is not involved in these underhanded efforts to slander and abuse our community and the people who have decided to come here out of their own free will and conscience, and a desire to serve and live this co-operative lifestyle.

The group of people who have conspired to propagate lies about conditions at this community (and, as we now have evidence, are plotting to create an international incident) include persons who have been opposed to Peoples Temple for a number of reasons, though they are especially upset that members of their families have chosen to live co-operatively and have rejected their lifestyle, values, and abusive patterns. Several of them, as affidavits and public statements of their relatives here in Guyana will clearly attest, have exhibited mental and physical cruelty to them, have proven uncaring, insensitive, or domineering and possessive, and are acting and talking out of totally despicable and, in some cases, psychopathic motives.

The individuals who assembled on the steps of Peoples Temple to denounce us this past week are a sordid group which includes people who, having other things:

--have tried to blackmail us;

--have embezzled funds from the church while infiltrating

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Us for a number of years;

--have been involved in the manufacture of ammunition, and have advocated mad, ridiculous schemes of violence. They have operated in the classic manner of agents-provocateurs, trying to influence younger members of our organization (which is non-violent and devoted to achieving social justice) and persuade them to take reckless courses of violence and terrorism.

Included in the group are people who have used and trafficked in drugs; who have molested children, including their own (and in one case the very 'child' who he is trying to 'get back' -- who is now twenty-four years old and wants no part of him); who have operated book-making and credit-card rackets, forged checks, and stolen money from the collective in the amount of several thousand dollars; who have abused and actually treated black members of the church as house-slaves; who have engaged in fraud; who have exhibited a series of highly unstable personal patterns in their private lives (e.g., sadism).

The Temple possesses affidavits on these individuals, sworn by the people who they are supposedly so 'concerned' about. If challenged in a court of law, we will make them public.

THESE PEOPLE, AGAIN, ARE ORGANIZERS, COLLABORATORS, AND RECRUITS, BOTH PAID AND VOLUNTEER, IN A CONSPIRACY THAT HAS TRIED EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK TO (in the words of one of them) "DESTROY" US.

Conspiring with other individuals, they have lied about us, getting the worst type of smear and innuendo-filled articles in the press. They have sent out agents to bribe people to lie about us. They have employed the divisive and dirty-trick methods of COINTELPRO that have been used repeatedly to crush a number of so-called 'radical' and 'black-power' groups.

Not only have they lied viciously about this challenging, successful community -- they have tried a host of underhanded schemes: sabotaging our communications, instigating bogus 'investigations' that have never turned up anything while getting headline

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media coverage, creating an aura of 'guilt' about us. They have attempted to cut off pensions to elderly people in our church, specifically those residing at our agricultural project/community here in Guyana, in an effort to actually starve out children and old people.

They have tried to use the State Department, Congressional offices, the U.S. Consulate, everyone they could think of to sabotage our work in Guyana, described by visitors as a model of co-operation, earning the praises of all who have seen what has been accomplished here. They have circulated lies about us everywhere, planted smear articles about us in newspapers and magazines, trying to sow division within our organization and within the progressive community by calling us 'dangerous radicals.' They have tried to send undercover agents into Guyana to snatch away children from their rightful homes and parents, and have tried to pay off and bribe officials to help them. Now comes their latest threat: to flout the law completely and send in hired armed killers to kidnap people.

They do not like Jim Jones because of his leadership and organizational abilities, and because his group has provided a much more fulfilling, principled and rewarding life than they ever could. Some, who were members of Peoples Temple, are unable to face their own failure to live up to principles of co-operation, sharing, and commitment to social justice -- and their only recourse is to try to discredit and destroy an organization who continue to reflect ideals and practices that remind them of their own failures. Many of these people are parents who failed their children miserably, and are bitter because their children have sought and found a better road. So it is not surprising that they are only too willing to join in the chorus of those who are trying to tear down Peoples Temple.

We have provided the media with details of the conspiracy against us, how it has operated on deeper levels than what the public will hear in the rantings of these liars and malcontents.

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We are putting the entire group on notice: Jim Jones and Peoples Temple are not about to roll over and play dead for the plotters and the collaborators and false witnesses they have pulled together by hook and crook to help them. We will continue to fight this conspiracy --and expose it-- EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. We are several thousand strong; we stand on our record of human service, and we will never abandon our beliefs. Moreover, we will continue to practice them.

Persecution is nothing new to us. Jim Jones has been through it for 25 years, since the McCarthy period. We have gone through arsonists, racists, hired assassins, rock-throwers, smear-job artists in the media, red-baiters, and interminable harassment. It all started when Jim Jones, in the middle of a racist midwestern city, brought blacks and whites together in his church, started talking about racial and economic justice...and doing something about it.

If anyone wants more documentation, the full story, we will provide it. And it's quite a story. We have already exposed the criminal typos (some with Nazi connections) behind this conspiracy, the orchestrators of it all, the behind-the-scenes plotting. AND WE WILL EXPOSE IT AGAIN AND AGAIN, even though we don't know if anyone in the establishment media will have the guts to print it.

The stage-play in front of our church last week was an exercise in trying to divert and fool the public, by creating a smokescreen of lies and slanders in order to keep the mind of the public off the criminal activities (such as hiring mercenaries) that they are involved in. But it won't work, in the final analysis. Actually, we know that their circus 'press conference' was, ultimately, an exercise in futility, because the anti-Temple anti-Jim Jones cabal is up against a powerful force that they cannot possibly bring down: the force of a movement based on economic and social justice that has behind it the power of the people united.

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Here are three examples of how the media campaign to discredit Jim Jones and Peoples Temple works. In each case, the Temple is subtly accused, through implication and innuendo, of certain crimes -- in these cases, burglary, influence-peddling, and murder. In all three cases, after investigations are carried out, it is discovered that not only is the Peoples Temple completely innocent of any wrongdoing, but that there had not been any wrongdoing in the first place.

The first case concerns the 'break in' at New West magazine, in which a file on Peoples Temple was supposedly 'disturbed.' Without any evidence, and on the flimsiest of suppositions, a front-page story is manufactured that is easily seen to be a publicity stunt to drum up interest in a forthcoming article on Peoples Temple. The Temple itself called for a thorough investigation of the supposed 'break in' from the San Francisco Police Chief. The investigation concluded that there was no break in at all. The entire case raises great suspicion about the integrity of New West and the newspapers that participated in building this non-event into a front-page story which also received coverage in many newspapers around the state.

Front-page headlines in San Francisco papers attempted to imply that the Peoples Temple was 'dominating' a school, or had a 'bloc' of students enrolled by some sort of 'deal.' Innuendo-filled stories made the Temple again seem to be a disreputable power-wielding organization. However, two weeks later, an article far from the front pages reported on an 'official school department investigation' which stated flatly that there was ^{WAS} no deals, no special treatment, no favoritism. In fact, the people making the original charges to that effect 'disavowed their statements.'

A third situation involved articles in the Press Democrat and New West magazine implying that Peoples Temple was responsible for two 'suicides,' and that one of them may not have been a suicide. The implication was that the Temple had taken the money of these people and then did away with them. The articles, if carefully read, can be seen to be based on heresay and allegations -- no facts. But when a coroner's jury was convened to probe one of the suicides, the findings of suicide were upheld.

The pattern in all three cases is the same: guilt by innuendo and

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implication and heresay in the media; and innocence after
official, factual investigation.

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Break-In at Magazine

By George Dwyer

The office of New West magazine at 323 Pacific avenue was burglarized during the night Thursday and, although nothing was taken, editors reported that a file involving People's Temple and the Rev. Jim Jones had been "disturbed."

Contributing editor Phil Tracy told officers it appeared to him that one of the files had been "jammed back in" the filing cabinet.

Tracy speculated that a story
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the magazine is preparing to publish by Chronicle reporter Marshall Kilduff about People's Temple at 1839 Geary boulevard could have been taken out of the file and photographed.

Mike Prokes, associate minister of People's Temple, said the Temple had called the office of Police Chief Charles Gain and asked for a thorough investigation of the incident.

"We'd like to know what's behind this because it's not us," Prokes said.

Reached last night, the Rev. Mr. Jones said People's Temple did not participate "in any such activity. Certainly People's Temple would have had not one thing to gain by this."

"Let us all take polygraph tests, voice prints," he added. "Myself, every minister, the membership would be most happy to take a test."

The Rev. Mr. Jones said that "if it (the burglary) was done, unquestionably there are some provocateurs who want to, I guess, stop genuine social reformers, to discredit our programs."

"How is it," Jones asked rhetorically, "that someone knows exactly where to go (in the New West offices) to find papers that pertain to one particular church unless they have someone inside which we do not?"

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People's Temple, which claims a congregation of 20,000 statewide, has become known in recent years for its charitable donations to neighborhood, senior citizen and church groups.

Tracy said the New West office was closed at 7 p.m. Thursday and that when a secretary came to work at 9 a.m. yesterday she noticed that one of the second story windows had been opened.

Tracy arrived a few minutes later and called police. He said he immediately checked the files on the People's Temple article "because this was the only sensitive story we're working on."

Tracy emphasized that he had no idea who could have disturbed the file, and he was not accusing anyone.

He said, however, there have been "controversy, contention and lots of phone calls" since it became known that the magazine, owned by Australian millionaire Rupert Murdoch, was planning to publish the story.

Tracy said the magazine had been receiving phone calls and letters since late May concerning the yet to be printed article about People's Temple.

At least 12 of the magazine's advertisers had called New West to say they had received phone calls complaining that "we were about to print a biased article about People's Temple and the Rev. Jones," Tracy said.

Police officer Michael Duffy, who made out the original police report under the heading of "attempted burglary and a suspicious occurrence," did not mention that the document allegedly disturbed in the New West files concerned the People's Temple or the Rev. Mr. Jones.

Subsequently, Chief Gain's office called Tracy and asked whether the disturbed files did in fact involve the Rev. Mr. Jones and the Temple. Tracy said they did.

Chief Gain later requested a copy of the police report and ordered a full investigation by the burglary detail.

Calls harass editor:

New West is burglarized

New West magazine was burglarized last night and files on a story about the Rev. Jim Jones and his Peoples Temple were disturbed, editors of the magazine reported to police today.

Police were investigating the reported break-in.

It was also learned New West's Northern California editor, Rosalie Muller Wright, has moved her two children from their home to an undisclosed location after receiving intimidating phone calls about the story.

Wright and other New West editors were emphatic that the magazine will print the story, although publication has been delayed — for editorial reasons only — from next Monday until at least July 4.

"There is no way in the world we're not printing that story," Wright said. "If they think they can intimidate me, they're crazy."

She said that even if she could be scared off, other editors in the Rupert Murdoch publishing empire, which owns the Los Angeles-based magazine, would not be.

"Rupert Murdoch has millions and he's committed to a fair story," Wright said. "We're putting them on notice: It doesn't work."

Reached in New York City, Rev. Jones angrily denied that anyone connected with Peoples Temple was involved either in the reported burglary or the phone calls to Wright.

"Is someone trying to set up Peoples Temple?" he demanded. "What possible reason would a church have which has a reputation of doing nothing but good for people?"

He said when he heard of calls being made to the offices of New West he told his people to "quit calling, quit writing — it's only aggravating the situation."

"No one (from my organization) is calling Mrs. Wright's home, and I'm terribly sorry and chagrined if someone else is doing it," he continued.

"I've had threats on my life, too. This is a two-way street."

Jones suggested that there was a conspiracy aimed at his church that could account for the reported actions.

"Either a criminal element is upset with us because we're getting something done, or militants are trying to push people off the

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brink in Peoples Temple that I have gotten out of a militant orientation and to work within the framework of society," he said.

Contributing editor Phil Tracy said a window in New West's second-floor office at 325 Pacific Ave. was forced open sometime after staff members left the office last night.

"Nothing was taken but files relating to the story on Peoples Temple were disturbed," Tracy said. "The file was in a certain order and the order was not the same when I came in this morning."

He said none of the other staffers had entered the unlocked file and no other files were disturbed.

Wright said she had received numerous phone calls in the past several days from persons refusing to identify themselves.

"Their whole game is more intimidation than threats," Wright said. "The first couple of calls were fishing expeditions. They were looking for me. Then when they figured out they had found me, I'd get the calls and they wouldn't say anything."

"Then the last two, they said, 'Don't do it.' I assume they meant not to publish the story. Now that's not a threat... It's more intimidation. That's their modus operandi."

The still-unpublished article by San Francisco-Chronicle reporter Marshall Kilduff has been the focus of an intense and apparently well-orchestrated effort to convince

New West editors not to print it.

At first, the editors reported, the calls were low key and even informational. Coming from such persons as Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally, Delancey Street founder John Maher and business magnate Cyril Magnin, the calls stressed the Rev. Jones' good works in the community.

Later, the calls and letters included demands that the article be canceled and made vague allusions to serious consequences if it wasn't.

Some of the calls also attacked writer Kilduff's personal integrity and professional credibility.

Among the letters was one from Jones' attorney, Fred Furth, setting down a list of conditions for an interview by Tracy with the charismatic church leader.

The conditions included that Jones be shown a final draft of the interview before publication — normally an unacceptable practice in the industry. New West editors refused and the interview was canceled.

Jones and his devoted following, reported at 9,000 in San Francisco and 20,000 statewide, have emerged a powerful political force in San Francisco.

Though church spokesmen deny that portrayal, Temple members have been extremely active in a variety of recent campaigns and Jones was named by Mayor Moscone as president of the Housing Authority after he threw his considerable weight behind Moscone in his bid for mayor.

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Gain orders probe of New West burglary

Police Chief Charles Gain, acting on a request by Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones, has ordered a full investigation of a reported burglary at offices of New West magazine.

The Rev. Jones called Gain from New York late yesterday after New West reporter-writer Phil Tracy reported a break-in, in which Tracy presumed the target was a manuscript of a story about Jones and his Peoples Temple.

Jones angrily denied that anyone connected with his church had anything to do with the break-in or "intimidating" telephone calls received at home by Rosalie Wright, New West's Northern California editor.

Patrolman Michael Duffy, who made a preliminary investigation, said a New West office window apparently was jimmied open and a bolt broken.

The window was alongside a fire escape on the second story of a building at 325 Pacific Ave.

"As far as I could determine," Duffy said, "no entrance to the office was made. However, I can't say any entrance wasn't made."

Duffy said Tracy told him the office window

was partially open when he entered the room yesterday morning.

The officer went on to quote Tracy as saying he did not know if anything had been taken, but said a cabinet filing case seemed to have been "disturbed."

That filing case, according to Tracy, contained the unpublished manuscript of a story about Jones and the activities of Peoples Temple, written by Chronicle reporter Marshall Kilduff.

Why the intruder or intruders did not take the manuscript was a puzzling element in the case, Tracy, according to Duffy, said he thinks the intruders might have photographed it.

Editor Wright left home with her two children Thursday night after receiving another of a series of phone calls from someone who said "Don't do it."

She said she presumed the caller meant New West should not publish the Jones-Peoples Temple article.

"We won't be intimidated," Wright said.

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Case still open

Police say no break-in at New West

A reported break-in at the Pacific Avenue offices of New West magazine here remained classified by police today as "an attempted burglary."

The burglary attempt occurred on the night of June 16 and Inspector Gerard Evans, after conducting a follow-up investigation, reported:

"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 6:30 p.m. June 16 and 9 a.m. June 17."

Evans recommended "that the classification of this remain as an attempted burglary."

His report was submitted to Police Chief Charles Gain by Capt. John Mahoney, commanding officer of the property crimes division of the inspectors' bureau.

Gain, who had ordered the investigation at the request of Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones, made public a report on the investigation yesterday.

New West staffer Phil Tracy told Patrolman Michael Duffy of Central Station, who made the preliminary investigation, that folders containing material on Jones appeared to be an inch or so higher in the file cabinet than the other folders.

Presumably, according to Tracy, the Jones material was the objective of the reported break-in attempt.

Rosalie Wright, the magazine's Northern California editor, said an article on Jones will be published "in the near future."

On and since the night of the break-in attempt, she said, she has received several harassing phone calls, the last being late last Thursday night.

On that occasion, she said, her phone rang five times at three-minute intervals, with the caller each time hanging up without speaking.

Wright raised the question of why the premises weren't dusted for fingerprints until the Monday after the burglary report, but said she would have no further comment until the Jones article is published.

Temple staff member Harriet Tropp said that in view of the police finding that there was no evidence of an actual break-in "fears that the temple would be misrepresented in a forthcoming article are more than justified."

She added that "serious questions arise as to the motives of those who sought publicity for an incident which proved to be entirely without substantiation."

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Cops Dubious of Magazine Break-in

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Police Captain John A. Mahoney, commander of the burglary

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The editors still claimed yesterday the identical method of entry was used by the alleged burglar. They said the sill and an old bolt-type lock showed evidence of pry marks, and that secretary Cathy Wayland found the window open when she came to work Friday morning.

The police interpreted the pry marks as the result, possibly, of someone having "tampered" with the window before the time a new lock was installed at the behest of the editors after they felt a burglary had occurred.

New West's Northern California editor, Rosalie Mulier Wright, took exception yesterday to the police department's findings, saying:

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Temple dominated city school

By E. Cahill Maloney

The San Francisco Unified School District provided the Rev. Jim Jones Peoples Temple with that amount to its own temple high school.

Opportunity II High was used as an educational base for Temple-affiliated young people during the 1976-77 school year.

Although the alternative high school has a long waiting list, more than 130 Temple teenagers were enrolled at the school at one time last September, counselor-teacher Ron Cabral said.

"Some sort of deal was arranged between school coordinator Yvonne Golden and the Rev. Jones," he said. Ena Spackman, another opportunity teacher, confirmed that Opportunity II was the Temple school. "Eighty percent of the kids who go to Opportunity are Temple kids," she said.

Enrollment figures could not be confirmed early this week since central office personnel didn't seem aware of the arrangement.

Ms. Golden, who said she had read recent press reports about the temple, would not discuss the student make-up of her school with The Progress.

"We do have temple students at Opportunity," Ms. Golden said. "But I think all information about the students should come directly from the district."

The school's area superintendent Lane Dolara did not know about the temple connection as of Monday. The principal of record — Ben Fornsworth — was on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Teachers at opportunity didn't seem to feel it was unusual to deal with student problems through temple counselors in lieu of parents.

"Most of the teachers were delighted with this new type of student," Cabral said. "People actually showed up for classes."

Since Opportunity II was established in 1971 attendance usually ran less than one-half of enrollment. Cabral explained.

"If all 300 students carried on the rolls at the old building at 160 South Van Ness ever showed up, there would not have been any place to put them," he continued. It was assumed that the actual teaching load on any given day would be about half the enrollment.

Last year temple kids dominated the school, enabling it to field a baseball team, improving achievement scores and swelling the ranks of "parent participation."

Teachers said temple youths stuck together, were sometimes pulled out of school for long trips and were "scattered" about the temple.

Cabral said a lot of them had been living in Redwood Valley, Ukiah and Los Angeles before enrolling at Opportunity.

He identified temple member Tim Carter as the contact for any problem.

Items that arose in connection with students. "They seemed to be under control of church counselors," Cabral said.

He did not know the exact nature of the counseling arrangement, saying Ms. Golden "sort of wanted to take care of everything to do with the temple."

Ms. Spackman confirmed that any school problems were handled through counselors. She had not found that unusual, since R.A.P., New Horizons and other youth groups often act as liaisons between the school and the home.

Temple youngsters were generally well behaved, Ms. Spackman said. By way of example she described a rare occasion when a purse was missing. Other temple students brought the issue to the school coordinator and insisted the culprit be reprimanded. "Nothing was stolen from the purse and I wanted to discuss it as a private (Continued on Page 11)

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matter, but it was taken out of my hands," Ms. Spackman said.

"The children were very aware of the Rev. Jones and when he appeared at parent meetings and such they would applaud enthusiastically, the teachers said.

Two of the Rev. Jones' own boys were pulled out of the school in April and taken abroad by Mrs. Marcelyn Jones.

"Losing Tim Jones was a real blow to our baseball team. He was a natural pitcher and an all-around American boy type. I had hated to see him go."

Buses picked the young people up after school and sometimes took them on trips, Cabral said, but no-one ever wanted to talk about their travels in class.

"After a trip the kids didn't seem like they had a good time. It was kind of mysterious where they went or what they did," he noted.

Efforts to get youngsters to speak about their temple experience in class usually met with the response that one would have to serve to find out about the temple.

Asked what it was about Jones that made them so devoted, one young woman said, "Jim saved me from prostitution and the evils of the world," according to Cabral. The other youngsters responded, "right on."

Linda Mertle, an 18-year-old who had been a temple member until eight months ago, is one of Cabral's former students.

It was her reference to "the temple school" that prompted Progress in-

quiries into Opportunity. The temple kids didn't seem like they were in any kind of bondage.

"This April Peoples Temple did file a private elementary school application with the school district under the title Christian Life School. The school address is 1859 Geary, the same as the temple's.

According to affidavits the school health and fire license are pending."

School officers are listed as Lee Ingram, Sharon Amos, and Pat Grunnet of 1664 Page St., and Pat Grunnet of 1662 Page St.

The Page Street addresses are two of those identified by Linda Mertle as communal residences for small children.

Mertle and other former temple members said minors lived in the temple itself as well as in communal flats and apartments in the Fillmore area.

The State Department of Health Licensing division said it has been assured no children live on the temple premises. The Department of Social Services reports it has not licensed any Temple group homes.

Cabral, who visited the temple once in connection with an Opportunity II school newspaper project, said some students appeared to be living in the military type dorms upstairs in the temple while others lived in houses nearby.

Cabral was searched before he entered the temple and was kept under close watch the whole time he was there, he said.

"A lot of their (students') folks seemed to be in Redwood Valley or

son is not the lush jungle paradise Jones describes to temple members.

"Nothing grows down there unless you plant it," Mertle said. The temple settlement consists of one building, a sort of a large mountain cabin. What cleared land there is consists of thin soil," he said.

Pretty pictures showed the temple members were taken on a Guyana American mission retreat.

Elmer Mertle, one-time temple photographer, said the Guyana mission project, Mertle said.

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Peoples Temple 'Blac' at S.F. School

By Marshall Kilduff

High School students belonging to the Peoples Temple, which is led by the controversial Rev. Jim Jones, apparently obtained special treatment, allowing them to attend a single public high school in large numbers, it was learned yesterday. About 100 students from the temple enrolled last September at Opportunity II High School at 160 South Van Ness, according to teacher-counselor Ron Cabral.

The school, which has an enrollment limit of 300 students, normally has a waiting list of several hundred students seeking to take advantage of an alternate-style curriculum designed for problem students.

"These temple students came in as a group, and everyone here knew it was part of an arrangement with Yvonne Golden who runs things here," Cabral said.

Golden, who is coordinator of the school, said the temple students were admitted according to "procedures that we have established

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here. They were screened by our own students."

Golden said student applications are made in person and a prospective pupil is then interviewed by a group of current students at the school.

"There is no special criteria other than the student's desire to attend Opportunity II High School," she said.

She declined to discuss her school's enrollment figures or the school backgrounds of the temple students.

Asked if she thought it unusual for a third of her students to be from a single source, Golden said, "I regard such speculation as confidential."

Cabral said the temple students were in many ways model pupils. As a group they were not repeatedly absent—a particular problem for some Opportunity students—and their reading levels were high enough to boost Opportunity to the top rank of larger city high schools.

"Jim Jones even came by and gave me \$200 for baseball uniforms. There were 11 temple kids the 15 guys I had on the baseball team, and they came to each practice," Cabral said.

But Cabral and other teachers noticed other aspects of temple student life. Often the pupils were picked up after the school day on private buses owned by the temple.

"Also it was clear that Jim Jones was something special in their lives. They were always talking about him," Cabral said.

"We have had a lot of heavy people come and talk to the students—Angela Davis, Margo St. James, Bill Graham. At But nobody got the ovation that he (Jones) did from those kids. When he came on, it was like God himself," Cabral said.

On another occasion, Cabral and two non-temple students went to the church's headquarters at 1859 Geary boulevard to have a school paper printed on the temple's printing press.

"All three of us were searched as we came in. It really blew my mind. Then afterwards they were very friendly while we talked about layout and photos," Cabral said.

Jones has become a focus of controversy since being portrayed in New West magazine as the near-total leader of a religious group with strong political connections.

The magazine story said that, according to former members, temple followers were beaten for minor infractions of church rules, recruits were won over with faked healings and real and personal property was turned over to the church.

Jones has remained at the church's agricultural mission in Guyana since the story was published two weeks ago. Temple leaders here have declined to discuss the story, except to say that the charges are not true.

In addition to the staff at Opportunity II, other local educators have felt the effects of the temple style.

Robert Cole, the headmaster of Drew College Preparatory School, a private high school at 251 California street, said the church reneged on a tuition agreement involving 13 students in 1975.

He said temple officials "pressured" him into dropping a fee of \$4269 when the students left the school at the Christmas break in that year and decided to transfer to Washington High School for the rest of the year.

Cole said the church had signed an agreement to pay each student's tuition of \$1400 per year. The agreement called for a penalty fee that totaled \$4269 if the students decided to leave before the school year was up.

"We'd hired teachers for the year and turned down other students who might have attended for the year," Cole said.

"But when I told them this, they said they were a charitable group and could not afford the penalty. When I still refused, they sent over a delegation of their members and I got five or six calls at home that night," he said.

Cole said he first refused to turn over grade transcripts for the 13 students, but then relented.

"The temple said they'd take me to court. We didn't have enough money for an attorney, and I felt we'd bitten off more than we could chew."

Cole said he then gave the transcripts to a temple member, "but the whole thing left a sour taste."

A temple spokesman could not be reached for comment on the allegations.

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Temple Students Favoritism Denied

Students belonging to the controversial Peoples Temple were not given special admission treatment to Opportunity II High School although they did make up nearly a third of the enrollment, an official school department investigation concluded yesterday.

The special inquiry was touched off when reports in the press two weeks ago indicated a large number of high school students who were followers of the Rev. Jim Jones had enrolled at the experimental school last September.

Several teachers and counselors at Opportunity II estimated that 100 to 150 church students were admitted through a special arrangement with Yvonne S. Golden, the school's coordinator and registrar, who is an admirer of the Rev. Mr. Jones.

But John Cleveland, the district associate superintendent for instruction, said the three teachers who made the charges to newspapers later disavowed their statements.

"When we talked to them with an attorney in the room here, they told us they had been misquoted," Cleveland said.

Cleveland said there was no way to tell from enrollment documents whether a student was a member of the church.

But he said Golden told him the temple students numbered "about 80" out of the school's total enrollment of 300.

Cleveland said there was no waiting list when the students applied last September, and no other students were displaced by the large-scale arrival of the temple contingent.

"As far as I can tell, the main reason for the (temple) students attending Opportunity was the fact that Rev. Jones admired the way Yvonne Golden ran the school," Cleveland said.

"But his credibility in the public mind suffered even further damage, and the media has not been of a mind to rectify their wanton impugning of Lt. Governor (George) Brown's character. On the contrary, a Black journalist with the Denver Post has remarked that stories written of a positive nature about Lt. Governor Brown are summarily killed, suggesting that the management policy of the Post is to destroy him not only through negative coverage, but by the absence of coverage when coverage might show him in an unadvantageous light.

"The depravity of the media, the disregard for human life, the ludicrous proportions of their pettiness, the panorama of their sordid, racist ;witchhunts that send reporters scurrying after imaginary demons, and editorial writers stalking goblins in the dark was fully portrayed in this indigent."

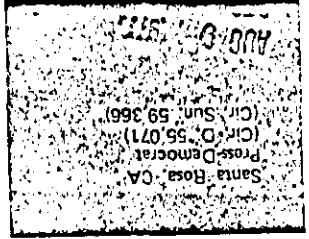
- Mary R. Warner
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Mysterious suicides may be linked to Peoples Temple



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Former Jones followers said the house was ransacked to remove any belongings which would identify her with the Temple. Members were told not to attend Mrs. Harpe's funeral service, according to Temple dropouts.

The magazine quotes Jones' mother as saying that her son became friends with Tim Soren, former Mendocino County Deputy District Attorney and a top official of the Peoples Temple, according to New West, a 1972 newspaper report. Mrs. Harpe left a suicide note, which, according to a 1972 newspaper report, read, "Call Jim. It's very important not at home. Get here right away."

"They'd gone through it," she told The Press Democrat.

Mrs. Marsh said the three Harpe children were placed in Temple foster homes following the suicide. Relatives objected, but they had a hard time getting them to Temple dropouts.

At the time, the Peoples Temple denied that Mrs. Harpe was ever a member of the church, according to her cousin, but Mrs. Marsh said the woman had been deeply involved in the Temple. About three weeks before her death, Mrs. Marsh called her cousin "but she didn't want to see me because she was too busy in the church."

Mr. Marsh said the church to San Francisco from its headquarters in Redwood Valley about a year ago. The pastor, at the church's farm in South America, has not responded to charges by former members. The latest accusations involve the 1970 suicide of Maxine Harpe, a Ukiah resident and the mother of three young children. Mrs. Harpe was found hanging in the garage of her home on Talmage Road in early April of that year.

former members recalled hearing Jones predict the Harpe suicide two weeks before it happened. "He said that she would probably commit suicide," Peltia remarked. According to a 1972 newspaper report, Mrs. Harpe left a suicide note, which, according to a 1972 newspaper report, read, "Call Jim. It's very important not at home. Get here right away."

UKIAH — A pair of mysterious suicides may be linked to Rev. Jim Jones, Peoples Temple. The Press Democrat has also learned about irregularities in records of property gifts to the church. The Peoples Temple is being investigated by state and local authorities, following accusations of former church members. Ex-followers told of beatings, phony "miracle" cures, sexual misconduct, and financial swindles. Rev. Jones, an influential political figure, said the Harpe home was later "ransacked" by members of the Peoples Temple.

Suicides

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problems, told his mother he planned to join the Temple in Los Angeles. About a month later, Head took his own life according to police reports.

New West called for an official probe of the Head suicide. The magazine said Head apparently called a neighbor the night before he died and said he was at the Temple "and nobody would bring him back and he had no money."

The Press Democrat has discovered irregularities in the records of property gifts to the church. Ex-followers claimed they were pressured to sign their homes over to the Peoples Temple. They said the property was often quickly resold to raise funds for Rev. Jones' projects.

Former member Elmer Mertle, who gave his home to the church, said he thought the property was being signed over to the Peoples Temple. But documents in the Mendocino County Recorder's office show that Mertle's house was transferred to a business partnership operated by top Temple officials.

The partnership, called Valley Enterprises, included Jones' wife Marceline, Stoen, and other church leaders. The property was later sold.

Records show months between the time church members signed the property transfers and the date of filing by the Peoples Temple.

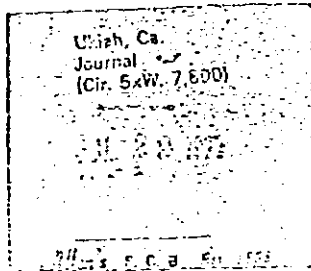
Many of the documents were notarized by Stoen. But Mertle said he never appeared before Stoen, as sworn in the courthouse documents.

More than 30 homes and parcels were reported to have been signed over to the church. Viola Richardson, Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder, said she has no reason to probe the property transfers "as long as the documents are in order and the fees are paid."

The Temple is under investigation by the Mendocino County Social Services Department, however, following charges that public money to support youths and elderly people in Temple care homes is channeled into the church. Ex-members said care is substandard in the Temple homes, which are still operating in the Redwood Valley area.

Jones has also been accused of staging fake "healing" ceremonies and claiming to be God. Former members said they were beaten for such infractions as smoking, talking to outsiders or sleeping during Jones' all-day sermons.

Jones' attorney Charles Garry disputed the charges, and said the preacher will answer questions when he returns from Guyana. Garry said the Temple is considering a libel suit against New West.



TV station probes 7-year-old suicide

District Attorney Duncan James has been queried by a San Francisco television station as to whether there were any doubtful circumstances surrounding the death of Maxine Harpe, 30, on March 23, 1970.

Mrs. Harpe, a member of the Peoples Temple, was found hanging from a rafter of her garage on Foster Court in Tehama. According to the coroner's report, she had knotted a heavy duty cord around her throat then stood on a trunk. Death occurred at 1:30 a.m. that day and the body was discovered about seven hours later.

James has referred inquiries on the official suicide to a deputy attorney

general in San Francisco since the attorney general's office has twice investigated the People's Temple and the official report in each case has indicated insufficient evidence that any criminal wrongdoing had taken place.

The inquiries from the television station and from the co-writer of a People's Temple "expose" in the Aug. 1 issue of New West magazine, a recently launched publication, are apparently the result of the magazine article which liberally quoted dissident former members of the People's Temple who were critical of the pastor, Jim Jones.

Jones, who is visiting a People's Temple youth facility in Guyana, South America, is suffering from a severe ear infection, according to Michael Prokes, assistant pastor. With Rev. Jones is Tim Stoen, former Mendocino County assistant district attorney, who is a strong supporter of and legal counsel for the church.

Prokes did not indicate as to when Rev. Jones, who has been described as a potent religious and political figure in San Francisco and Los Angeles, would return to California to answer his accusers.

Inquest in Death of Peoples Temple Man

Los Angeles

The circumstances surrounding the death of a 22-year old man associated with the Peoples Temple will be investigated by the Los Angeles county coroner's office, it was learned yesterday.

An inquest will be held on October 20 at the request of the local district attorney's office to clear several questions raised by an initial coroner's report of the death of John William Head, who reportedly leaped to his death on Oct. 19, 1975.

The case of Head had been highlighted in a New West story dealing with the controversial church and its strong-willed leader, the Rev. Jim Jones.

In the magazine story printed in August, Head was portrayed as an emotionally unstable person who had turned over \$10,000 in silver bullion to the church while he was living in Ukiah.

Head later moved to Los Angeles where he lived at a temple home, according to the magazine, and the night before his death he reportedly phoned a family neighbor in Ukiah to say he was upset with the church and was penniless.

After Head's body was found, a coroner's report indicated he had died from a leap from a three-story warehouse, but in a later notation in the same document, said he was a "jumper from a bridge."

In addition the report said there were no scars on Head's body though his family claims there was ample evidence of scars on the man's right leg left by some 300 stitches resulting from a motorcycle accident.

Head also left a blood-soaked note, but coroner's officials did not attempt to have a laboratory process the message in order to learn its wording.

"It may turn out to be a suicide after all, but we want to learn why all these things weren't done," said Richard Hecht, a deputy district attorney who heads the bureau of special operations.

Our Correspondent

San Francisco Chronicle 3
Fri., Oct. 21, 1977

Death by Suicide Finding Is Upheld

Los Angeles

The official description of death by suicide of a 22-year-old man associated with the Peoples Temple and its controversial leader Rev. Jim Jones was upheld by a coroner's jury in Los Angeles yesterday.

The jury had been called to consider several apparent discrepancies in the original report — by the coroner and police — on the death of John William Head, who leaped to his death on Oct. 19, 1975.

At the inquest, police and coroner's officials testified that a bloody scrap of paper was found in Head's pocket with the words "Peoples Temple," "Jones," and "John." But the officials said they could not decipher the rest of the message and declined to describe it as a suicide note.

In addition coroner's officials clarified the address where the body was found because the first report had listed two locations.

A coroner's spokeswoman also said that a long scar on Head's right leg was not mentioned in the first report because other means of identification were used.

The case of Head had been highlighted in a New West magazine article dealing with the church and its enigmatic leader.

Our Correspondent

Pat Richartz
Charles Garry
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November 9, 1977

Dear Pat & Charles,

Enclosed are the budgets you requested for the film about the Guyana project. As I stated at the bottom of the budgets, we can probably do even better cost wise than the current figures state. My colleagues in the film industry here in New York have all rallied 'round, offering every possible service in order to make this film a superior cinematic statement.

George Craig, my boss, has offered to go to Guyana as location sound person with all his equipment. He's been in the business for 15 years and does fabulous work. He will also transfer the sound to magnetic film and provide and edit music and sound effects.

Morton Bruus, an excellent cinematographer from Denmark, has offered his services in shooting the film. He just shot a film in Cuba for Danish television. He's extremely interested in the People's Temple and their activities, as he has been involved in a similar project in Denmark.

Keith Robinson runs a film editing house in New York and has offered to run the film through one of the best labs in the city at no charge. He has also offered editing space and will see what he can do about getting film at a discount and the camera, etc., for less.

George Meyer is an excellent young composer who has offered his services if we want an original music score which could really make this film fantastic.

Then there is Terry Allen. I will direct the film and edit it with great sensitivity into a powerful, dramatic statement. Having just directed a documentary film in the Caribbean similar to the one you have proposed, I feel especially qualified to handle the project.

Those of us mentioned above are enthusiastically willing to do everything we can to make this picture a success. In return for our good faith it seems fair that we should each be guaranteed a percentage of any profits realized by the film. We have distribution connections ourselves and will certainly use them when the time comes.

George, Morton, and I are ready to begin production as soon as it's possible. Just let us know when.

Love,

Terry *Terry* #H-1-H1
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New York, New York 10019
(212)246-4688-W; (212)787-3138-H.

BUDGET FOR A 30 MINUTE FILM

16mm, color - 6:1 shooting ratio - nine day shooting schedule

<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
film stock (7247) 20 400' rolls @ \$40./roll	\$ 800.00	
recording tape @ \$2.50 a roll	no charge	30.00
Nagra IV tape recorder with accessories	no charge	300.00
Eclair ACL camera with accessories	400.00	
lights (optional)	95.00	
bulbs for lights (4 at \$13. each)	52.00	
tripod (\$11. a day)	55.00	
filters (\$14. a day)	70.00	
Subtotal	<u>\$1,472.00</u>	
 <u>POST PRODUCTION</u>		
process film, work print (.18/ft.)	no charge	1300.00
magnetic stock (\$.03/ft.)	no charge	225.00
transfer sound (\$20./hour)	no charge	80.00
code work print and work track	120.00	
editing room and equipment	no charge	1200.00
leader and fill	no charge	150.00
misc. editing supplies	no charge	75.00
music rights and/or composition	500.00	(negotiable)
sound effects	no charge	
titles, opticals	1,000.00	
negative matching	500.00	
editor's fee	800.00	(negotiable)
sound mix (\$100./hour)	800.00	
Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,720.00</u>	
 <u>PRINTS</u>		
answer print (\$.40/ft.)	432.00	
release print (\$.10/ft.)	108.00	
Subtotal	<u>\$ 540.00</u>	
Final Subtotal	<u>\$ 5,732.00</u>	
CONTINGENCIES (12% of Final Subtotal)	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,432.00</u>	

Please note: The above budget is based upon the lowest possible prices I can get at present. It is likely that we will be able to get a better deal on just about everything listed here, but it is best not to count on that now.

The fees labelled negotiable are contingent upon funds available, and monies needed for survival during the post production period.

There are no fees included for production work, however some percentage of any profit should go to those who have given their services.

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BUDGET FOR A 60 MINUTE FILM

16mm, color - 5:1 shooting ratio - 2 weeks shoot

<u>PRODUCTION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
film stock (7247) 27 400' rolls @ \$40./roll	\$1,080.00	
recording tape (\$2.50/roll)	no charge	50.00
Eclair ACL and accessories	800.00	
lights	200.00	
bulbs (6 @ \$13. each)	78.00	
tripod (\$11./day)	110.00	
filters (\$14./day)	114.00	
Nagra IV tape recorder and accessories	no-charge	500.00
Subtotal	\$2,382.00	
 <u>POST PRODUCTION</u>		
process film, work print (\$18/ft.)	no charge	1980.00
magnetic stock (\$.03/ft.)	no charge	360.00
transfer sound (\$20./hour)	no charge	140.00
code work print and work track	200.00	
editing room and equipment	no charge	1800.00
leader and fill	no charge	300.00
music rights	500.00	(negotiabl
sound effects	no charge	100.00
titles, opticals	1,200.00	
negative matching	1,000.00	
editor's fee	1,000.00	(negotiabl
sound mix (\$100.00/hour)	1,200.00	
Subtotal	\$5,100.00	
 <u>PRINTS</u>		
answer print (\$.40/ft.)	864.00	
release print (\$.10/ft.)	216.00	
Subtotal	\$1,080.00	
Final Subtotal	\$8,562.00	
CONTINGENCIES (15% of Final Subtotal)	1,250.00	
TOTAL	\$9,812.00	

Please see the note at the bottom of the 30 minute film budget. The same things apply here.

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Report on the Film Producer

Sonja Jones is a friend of Goodlett's who was recommended to us to do a documentary of the project. Hue Fortson made the original contact and he met with her at the Temple along with some others, so he can give you some feedback on her too.

Yesterday she brought by a copy of a film she produced on women in prison, along with a record she helped produce. We will send you over copies as soon as they are duplicated. The film can be played on the video machine.

She seems to be very interested in doing the film, and quite receptive to working with our people on production and editing. She mentioned that rather than film the project on photographic film, we could do the filming on video tape. The advantages to this would be the possibility of instant play-back for editing on the spot. The video tape could be played through the Sony equipment we have already. If we ship the record unit that is now here, you would be able to edit the film at the project. She also recommended our purchasing the video camera that would be needed to record the tape. (cost is roughly \$2500.) We could then use it to record other programs for educational purposes or whatever. The reason for this being that the cost to rent a portable movie camera and accessories would be about the same. Video tape would have to be made into regular film for release, but she said that could be done in LA. She also said the quality of the film made from a video master would be good, but we'll have to check on it to see what other folks say. The video tape method sounds like the perfect set-up for us if the quality works out as she says, and the total production costs aren't substantially more than doing it on film. Another consideration is that the video tape can be shot over again if we don't like what we

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get and photographic film cannot.

The distribution and marketing of the film has endless possibilities. There is an International Documentary Film Festival being held Oct. 15 (Leipzig) ^{Eastern} somewhere in Europe. She said it is well attended by many nations, third world included. She recommended getting it done in time to show at this event. She said shooting would have to be finished by Sept. 15 in order to get it ready in time.

She presented a basic budget which covers basic production costs only. (It is attached) The cost was \$10,000. The costs that were not figured into that were the salaries of herself and two other support people she felt would be necessary, travel, and accommodations. She would work for less than union rates but did not know about the others. We told her to get us a complete budget projection to include those costs as best as she could estimate. Also to budget the costs for a film made from video tape rather than directly from film. We'll see what happens from there. The basic expenses are not that ~~flexible~~ flexible (film, equipment etc.) but salaries etc. are, and she seemed willing to work it down to our budget.

I think that most of us who talked to her, the second time (Leona, Jean, Vera, Tom, and I) felt that she had a genuine interest in doing the project and some sensitivity for what we are all about. She also comes on like a gangbuster to any male in the room, which is bound to cause problems for Jim if she comes overseas.

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30 min. Unl. 16mm film (1971-72) (1971-72)

misc. att. FEES, TRAVEL, Living accommodations, STAFF Support, NOT INC.

LINE NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1	STAFF			
2	PRODUCER			
3	DIRECTOR			
4	PRODUCER / DIRECTOR			
5	WRITER			
6	CONTINGENCY & TREATMENT			
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11	35mm Stock 16mm color # 7-47 (7-1) @ 410 FT. @ 45¢	315-		
12	PROCESSING @ 9¢ FT	630-		
13	VIEW FRONT	1000-		
14	ANSWER PRINT @ 59¢ FT. - 1000 FT. EDITED	705-		
15	ANSWER PRINT (OR 17) 70¢ FT.	240-		
16	NEGATIVE - mag to optical	198-		
17	CHECK PRINT @ 21¢	25-		
18	Release Prints @ 14¢ FT.	160-		
19				\$4167
20				
21	RECORDING TAPES # 206 @ 2.98 15 min.	21-		
22	TRANSFER TO FILM @ 80¢	232-		
23				
24	EQUIPMENT RENTAL (based on 2-week shooting schedule)			
25				
26	16mm KIT - CAMERA, LENS @ 50 DAY	270-		
27	16mm Eclair NFR	245-		
28	A.M.S., BATTERY, CABLES	915-		
29	TRIP - FUEL	325-		
30	NAGRA - SOUND RECORDER	350-		
31	(2) MIKES # 445 @ 6	325-		
32	TR. KIT	25-		
33	VEGET. TRAP / RECEIVER	25-		
34	LIGHT KIT	6-		
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town.

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Plus Katie Butler's
Comments on US
press. Don't use
her name, but
quotes are good.

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- OPEN LETTER TO THE MEDIA AND THE COMMUNITY

On Sunday May 28, 1978, the Peoples Temple held a press conference to let the public hear firsthand about Jonestown, Guyana from a widely respected United Methodist minister and his wife who had just returned from visiting their two daughters and grandson at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project. Their comments are attached.

Although most of the major media were present at the press conference, only one reported any of the views of Rev. and Mrs. Moore. The Moores' comments resoundingly refuted the allegations against the Temple based on claims of the so-called "Concerned Relatives" group. With all the attention given by the media over the past year to the "charges" levelled against Peoples Temple and Rev. Jim Jones, it is remarkable that there is such disinterest in giving direct refutation any forum at all.

Rather than covering the Moores' glowing reports of the Jonestown community, the media devoted their attention to a new series of "charges" --all entirely false-- relating to the visit of a news reporter, Kathy Hunter, to Guyana. They showed no inclination to search out the facts of the case or even quote the official statement from the Guyanese Minister of Home Affairs, whose comment would have resolved the matter completely. The stories that did appear were so filled with errors and contradictions that the public did not get "news" at all, just more fabrication and speculation.

Any objective observer can conclude that the situation involving Kathy Hunter was a publicity ploy. Examination of the coverage, starting with her claim that the Prime Minister of Guyana had personally invited her to Jonestown (which she later admitted was probably a "hoax"), shows it was nothing but a smear to insinuate that Peoples Temple could possibly be responsible for Kathy Hunter's misadventures.

Peoples Temple wholly denies the recent allegations made by Mrs. Hunter and the various news media. We would like to know who made the alleged invitation over the telephone to Mrs. Hunter, if indeed there was such a call. We would like to know who was responsible for the false fire alarms and the bomb threats and the alleged "bugging" of her phone; and how the stories of "protective custody" and "interrogation" were invented. It might prove the best lead yet to the source behind the continued smear campaign against the Temple, and the conspiracy which attempted to cut off our members' Social Security checks, to interfere with our amateur radio communications between the U.S. and Guyana, the blackmail, payoffs, bribery, electronic surveillance, and attempts to stir up numerous agency investigations based on false charges.

This new "staged event" is reminiscent of the whole campaign against the Temple which was initiated last year by the alleged "break-in" of the New West magazine office. When Rev. Jones demanded a full-scale police investigation, the police found no evidence that any "break-in" had occurred at all.

The following points will recount what actually happened in Guyana, and enumerate all the contradictions and fabrications that were put out to the public as "news":

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The entire premise of Mrs. Hunter's visit to Guyana was false: KATHY HUNTER MISREPRESENTED HERSELF TO GAIN ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY. The Honorable Vibert Mingo, Minister of Home Affairs for the government of Guyana, stated: "We have investigated and found her (Kathy Hunters) statements to be totally untrue and that she lied to gain entry into our country which is a violation of our law." This statement was released to all the major media. None reported it.

Mrs. Hunter told the Guyanese government that she was a personal friend of the Prime Minister, and that he had invited her to come. Though Mrs. Hunter had been considered a friend by Rev. Jones and the Peoples Temple, she did not inform them of her intended visit until after she had arrived. And though Mrs. Hunter's stated reason for coming to Guyana was to write a story on Jonestown, she refused every invitation to visit the Jonestown project once she was in the country.

Contradictions given out in the press:

1. She went to do a story on Jonestown:

"Her sole purpose was to write an objective story after visiting Jonestown..." (Ukiah Daily Journal, 5/28/78).

She went to do a story on Georgetown:

"She was in that South American country to do a story on the camp in Georgetown..." (KPIX-TV, 5/26/78).

2. She went "simply to talk" to the people there:

"According to Mrs. Hunter's husband, George Hunter, Executive Editor of the Ukiah Daily Journal, his wife had gone to Guyana 'simply to talk' to a few relatives of local (Ukiah area) residents serving on the church's 'agricultural outpost' there". (Press Democrat, 5/28/78).

She went to "investigate":

"...a reporter who is in Guyana investigating the controversial Peoples Temple church..." (KCBS radio news, 5/26/78).

3. She was invited by the Guyanese government:

"Raymond (managing editor of the UDJ) said Mrs. Hunter was invited to Guyana by the government there to view Peoples Temple operations in its country." (UDJ, 5/26/78).

She wasn't invited by the Guyanese government:

"She (Mrs. Hunter) ... learned that she had been hoaxed into believing that Guyana's premier, Forbes Burnham, had invited her to the South American country." (San Francisco Examiner, 5/30/78)

4. She had the right to be there:

"The reporter had every right to go to Jonestown." (UDJ Editorial, 5/26/78).

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She didn't have the right to be there:

"...she (Mrs. Hunter) says she was ordered to leave the country because she was told she had lied to the immigration officials." (Ex. 5/30/78).

5. The Guyanese government asked Mrs. Hunter to report on Jonestown. She was also on assignment for the Ukiah Daily Journal:

"...Mrs. Hunter was invited by the Guyana government to report on the activities of Peoples Temple in the South American country... Mrs. Hunter, who frequently works on assignment for the newspaper (Ukiah Daily Journal) sought to investigate the Temple... and to follow up local angles as a result of temple activities at its church in nearby Redwood Valley." (Los Angeles Times, 5/27/78, as per managing editor of the Ukiah Daily Journal).

Mrs. Hunter was not on assignment for the Ukiah Daily Journal. She is not even employed by them:

"Mrs. Hunter, who formerly worked for the Daily Journal, but is not employed by the paper on this time and was not on assignment..." (UDJ, 5/29/78).

6. The Peoples Temple interrogated and threatened Mrs. Hunter, to keep her away from Jonestown so she wouldn't be able to write a bad article:

"Mrs. Hunter has... spent the last seven days in Georgetown's Pegasus Hotel following intensive 'interrogation' by members of Rev. Jim Jones' church... There was apparently a threat, direct or implied, over whether her story would come out pro-Jones or anti-church..." (UDJ, 5/28/78).

Mrs. Hunter claims she ran into no problems at all until Temple members invited her to Jonestown and she refused:

"Recounting her troubles, Mrs. Hunter said everything was 'sweetness and light' until she turned down an invitation by the church to be its guest at Jonestown..." (Press Democrat, 5/28/78).

7. Mrs. Hunter was placed in "protective custody" to keep the Peoples Temple away from her:

"The Guyanese National Police... quickly posted a guard outside her hotel door... a police escort to the airport... which would indicate the authorities believed Jones' followers were not above additional harassment..." (UDJ, 5/28/78).

Temple members visited her after she was confined to her room in "protective custody":

"...she (Mrs. Hunter) was approached.. by temple members who offered to allow her to visit the mission, but she had remained in protective custody". (Ex. 5/26/78)

Falsifications given out in the press:

1. "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY": Kathy Hunter was never held in protective custody. The Guyanese government found that Mrs. Hunter had entered the country on false pretenses and falsified her papers on entry. They checked out her story, found she had entered the country in violation of Guyanese law, and also international law which is supposed to be respected in all countries. Finally they asked her to leave. She was never in "protective custody". Temple members had very cordially invited her to visit the Project.

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The following media carried the false report about "protective custody":

Ukiah Daily Journal; Press Democrat; S.F. Examiner; L.A. Times; KGO radio news; KCBS radio news; KTVU-TV; KPIX-TV; KGO-TV; KDIA; KKHI; KUKI Ukiah; and doubtless other sources of which the Peoples Temple is not aware, as UPI carried this false report.

The many "shocking details" --all entirely false-- include:

*She was "seized". (UDJ, 5/26/78);
"She was placed under armed guard" (Ex. 5/26/78);
"Police state tactics" were used against Mrs. Hunter (KGO-TV, 5/28/78);
She was "locked in her hotel for a week" (Press Democrat, 5/28/78);
"A guard was posted outside her hotel door" (UDJ, 5/28/78);
She was guaranteed "an armed guard to the airport" (UDJ, 5/28/78).*

Not only is every one of these reports fictional, but what is she claiming to need protection from? We don't carry knives or guns, or anything lethal at all. We voluntarily offered to people concerned to undergo a search, because we are non-violent and carry no kind of weapon.

2. "INTERROGATION": Mrs. Hunter was never interrogated. It is an unmitigated lie that the Temple made anything but the friendliest of overtures to her. Mrs. Hunter was invited to the Project twice, and refused to go. She was invited to a Temple cultural presentation in Georgetown, accepted the tickets, and never came. When she complained the hotel rates were too high, Temple members volunteered to assist her in moving.

3. "HARASSMENT": The Peoples Temple did not harass Mrs. Hunter in any way. Several media reports insinuated that the Peoples Temple was responsible for the "hoax call" bringing Mrs. Hunter to Guyana, the "mysterious fires in the storerooms and hallways of her hotel", the "five false fire alarms", and the "bomb threats". Mrs. Hunter directly accused the Temple (Ex. 5/30/78) of keeping her under constant surveillance and bugging her telephone.

What is remarkable about all these claimed "harassments" however, is that they are anonymous in character. It would appear that someone was very intent on giving Mrs. Hunter a hard time, and having it falsely blamed on the Peoples Temple.

4. "THREATS": The Peoples Temple did not threaten Mrs. Hunter about a possible story; or threaten her at all.

The truth is the reverse: MRS. HUNTER THREATENED THE TEMPLE WITH BAD PRESS COVERAGE, ALONG WITH HER REFUSAL TO EVEN SEE THE PROJECT. Mr. Mike Prokes and other Temple members met with her for lunch at her invitation May 20th. She told them she wanted to go to the Project and meet with Rev. Jones. Temple members expressed surprise that Mrs. Hunter did not make any advance confirmation of her visit, but even though they had been given no way to make advance preparations for her, she was welcome to come to Jonestown. By her own admission in the Press Democrat, 6/8/78, she was coming to "judge for herself", with the expectation of interviewing select individuals privately, apparently on demand. She states she went so far as to say she would "make my own arrangements through the Guyanese government to visit Jonestown" after acknowledging that the day before, she discovered she was not in Guyana at the invitation of the Guyanese government at all. Although she was the unexpected visitor from 5,000 miles away, no accomodation or hospitality the community of over 1,000 residents in Jonestown could offer was good enough or quick enough for this woman, and she made a "not even veiled threat" to Mr. Prokes and the other Temple member that if she did not get what she wanted, it would go very badly for the Peoples Temple. She refused to visit the Project at all, and left the table.

Later the same day, Mrs. Hunter apologized for threatening the Temple with her statement. She was invited to Jonestown again several days later, but was hostile and refused to even discuss the matter.

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MOREOVER, IT IS HARDLY LIKELY THAT MRS. HUNTER CAME TO GUYANA AS AN INDEPENDENT, FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST TRAVELLING ON HER OWN, AS THE MEDIA HAS PORTRAYED. SHE HERSELF TOLD TEMPLE MEMBERS "SEVERAL TIMES" THAT SHE HAD COME TO GUYANA TO WRITE FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT AND SEVERAL OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

NO NEWS SERVICE WAS IN GUYANA COVERING THE "STORY", YET HER TRIP TO GUYANA PROVOKED AN INSTANT MEDIA BLITZ OF FALSE PUBLICITY AND SMEARS.

Mr. Prokes summed up the feelings of the Peoples Temple in the following statement:

"We now believe even more segments of the media are involved with this monstrous conspiracy. This was another attempt to make us the prey for sensational news to destroy us because we are a non-violent socialist church with belief in brotherhood and equality.

"We have a story that is really sensational in terms of building good will between nations and a model community to live in. We will not be bullied or threatened into giving a story to anyone. We will choose those to give the opportunity to see a glimpse into what everyone who has visited has either called a model community or a paradise. If the media wants a story from us, they will have to be objective and separate themselves from this smear campaign which is entirely based on politics."

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KATIE BUTLER- says its the best thing we can do- 'its very good' to have those relatively be at the press conference. The problem for the press is that the statement is not even written down... one thing you can do- complain to the National group in NY that takes complaints from people about media coverage.. the result is that they have a committee which investigates, they have a committee that does a report produces a report. National Press Forum- Ken Macledowney- at Media Alliance. (media alliance has made a complaint about racism)- they do investigate, and the newspaper pretty much has to respond to what they printed and results are printed in Columbia Journalism Review and are read pretty much nationally by journalists. No immediate effect on coverage- but they do follow up (apparently recently with New Times)... National News Council- n.y. if its not listed in NY phone book- try Columbia Journalism review also in NY.

"its incredible once the media gets going"... she doesn't know where to go from here either...you should definitely write an account of everything that happened.. what the person said and send in to News Council- I don't think that is right.. that's not the way to treat people.

its not easy I know, I know its not, I mean, in comparison, I've never been to Guyana, I don't know what its like in Guyana, I've never spent alot of time in the church, I don't know what its really like inside the church... but I do know that in comparison to the way that the press covers something like the Temple in compared to the way they cover something like the Catholic church, its outrageous. I mean you could write anything you have ever written about the Temple about the Catholic church. Its just that the medias perceptions are distorted.. what the media considers news and what it doesn't consider news- they don't have to base it on fairness or even on what is really going on in the world

JIM SCHEMER HORN: go to UPI, and make your protest here of in NY. and give this as an example of another side which is not being covered. If there is a government statement, by a government minister about this situation that reflects another side... altogether, without trying to judge, in any given story, if there is a substantial point of view that is lacking, and suddenly its supplied by a Minister, a high ranking official, of the government involved, they ought to know and that ought to be included in their story. And they ought to represent that point of view.

re: examiner- go to the exam., however, what they will say is you square it with UPI, (any third person will say that- like CBS)- He said if he were there- he would not accept the quote from us either- has to be confirmed, I would take the man's name and get in touch with him... expand on it.) He can't get involved- hasn't been there in so long- too much turnover- doesn't want the pressure of it...

In the over-all view- you are going to keep on having nasty stories about yourselves, until the sniping from members and former members stops. Until you can somehow settle all that warfare, yourselves and like TOS, and until the lawsuits run their course, your going to get nasty press from time to time, and its not going to represent the ~~xxxxxx~~ full truth or anything else, very few newspaper stories do, their not really designed to, ~~xxxxxx~~ I don't think anybody could write a story about this whole series about PT, I don't think I could write them either, and satisfy everybody- a series of battle situations that is so nasty, so destructive, that I can't see anything good that is ever going to come out of it, except the end of it. You have to be careful that you have a face here... said when he wanted to do a story on JJ way back, he was taken away from it because J wouldn't talk to him- and if he had, then maybe he would have been able to do s.t. now. Everybody is a little embarrassed, if your hands are clean and nobody is calling you names in public, then a newspaper can go off and write lovely things, but once you are in the middle of a mess, whether you deserve to be or not, then the newspaper is really quite reluctantly to go in until the mess is cleared up- the mess may not be your responsibility at all

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Rev. Ward

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STATEMENTS CARRIED IN THE PRESS REGARDING KATHY HUNTER'S TRIP TO GUYANA

Sunday, May 28, Ukiab Daily Journal article: stated she arrived May 18th and was taken into protective custody two days later.

Refutation: If this were true why then when she talked to the American Consul a couple of days prior to her departure, did she not mention the alleged matter of protective custody, and instead only state that she was ill.

Same article: states that the Guyana government invited her to come down and report on Peoples Temple.

Refutation: No one in the government even knew she was coming, and then-- according to the Ministry of Home Affairs--she lied to a government official in order to obtain approval to stay. This is why she became "persona non grata" in Guyana.

Same article: quotes her as saying she was "...subjected to harassment by a squad of interrogators."

Refutation: The only contacts that took place with her were social meetings involving two members of Peoples Temple who came at her invitation. She was inebriated, by all appearances, on two occasions. The conversations centered on the work and activities of Peoples Temple in Guyana, and an invitation was extended to Kathy Hunter to visit the Temple's agricultural project. She refused because she said she wanted to see Jim Jones, whom she was told was up-river at the time. (Peoples Temple received no notification that Hunter was coming to Guyana which she admitted was not given.) When invited to come to the project anyway, Hunter responded, "Unless I can see Jim Jones there, it will not go well for you."

Sunday, May 28, Santa Rosa Press Democrat article: states that Hunter turned down the invitation to see the project in Jonestown and quotes her as saying that "everything was sweetness and light" until she turned down the invitation by the church to be a guest in Jonestown.

Contradiction: Editorial in Sunday, May 28 issue of Ukiab Daily Journal (whose editor is Kathy Hunter's husband): "The reporter had every right to visit Jonestown."

Same editorial: "They posted a guard outside her hotel door." (The ed. implied that the guard was for her protection.)

Contradiction: (same editorial): "The government, after the reporter had been there for only a few days, advised her that she was persona non grata."

Sunday, May 28 issue of Ukiab Daily Journal: Carries Hunter's statement that positive statements issued by Peoples Temple about Jonestown are propaganda.

Refutation: Every government official and visitor from Guyana and other countries who has been to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Jonestown has had only praise for the people and program existing there. No one yet has left with a negative impression out of many hundreds who have visited.

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IMPRESSIONS OF VISITORS TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN JONESTOWN

John Blacken, American Embassy: "I am impressed."
Frank Tuminiaie, Dept. of State, Guyana Desk (U.S.A.): "Impressive work."
Adeline R. Bacchus, Min. of Education: "Amazing."
Trenton London, Port Kaituma: Remarkable
Eloise Cubpepper, Port Kaituma: "Simply wonderful."
Donna Brown, student, Linden: "Fantastic."
Walter Thain, Cytologist, U.S.A.: "Incredible."
Compton Mahese, student, Linden: "Marvellous."
Jennifer Cave, student, Linden: "Remarkable testimony of what our interior is capable of."
Steve Carlton Jones, student, Linden: "One of the most fantastic things I have ever seen."
Hollis Alexander, student, Linden: "Beyond one's imagination."
Malcom Johnson, student, Linden: "Magnificence is surely your motto."
Sandra Ferrier, student, Linden: "A very unforgettable experience."
Colin Albert, student, Linden: "Beyond my expression."
Sheik M. Ally, Student, Linden: "Simply beautiful."
Aubrey Quamine, student, Linden: "A true example of socialism."
Mark Denny, Amelias Ward: "It is the first large farm I have seen where everyone is doing his job without supervision."
Jasper Wayn, student, Linden: "Remarkable! What motivation!"
Orlando Goring, Burnham Ag. Institute: "Marvellous adventure."
Mike Charles, sebre owner, Port Kaituma: "I love the people."
Anna Maratte, Linden: "The people are very friendly."
Dennis John, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent Co-operation!"
Fitz Roy Wards, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent development."
Vivian Davis, Professional Nurse, U.S.A.: "Beautiful Peoples!"
Dr. Joseph D'Costa, Dentist, Georgetown (native of India): "A little bit of heaven."
Frederick Wills, Foreign Minister, Guyana: "Socialism, peace and love in action."
Norman Adams, Office manager, Ministry of Regional Development: "Jonestown is most spectacular."
Sgt. E. Gaskin, Matthews Ridge, Police: "A garden of paradise."
Mike d'Abreu, Texaco West Indies, Dist. Mgr.: "This is a fantastic project of hard work."
Q'Martyn d'Abreu, Permanent Secretary, Min. of Works and Transport: "A wonderful experience. A model village/community to be emulated."
Diane Caltress, student, Georgetown: "Terribly original work and planning."
Ethel Britton, Chief Community Development Officer, Min. of Co-ops and Nat. Mobility: "I am impressed with this new community and the way the members have adjusted and are making a living using the resources of this country." "Congratulations and may your success and achievements be an example to all Guyanese."
Norman Simpson, N.I.S., Matthews Ridge: "This agricultural project is just what our country needs."
Lloyd Shannon, Clerk General, Min. of National Development: "Good for a model farm."
Gerald Fowler, Det. Chief Inspector, P Div. Hdqtrs., Eve Leamy: "This is a living example to the people of Guyana, and a living example to be followed."
Peter deGroot, student: "A very good effort. It is the best I've seen so far in Guyana."
Srauklau Peters, Det. Constable, Mabaruma Police Station: "Setting an example to follow."
Charles David, Public Health Inspector: "Very interesting and exciting."
Mary Haynes: "Extremely interesting and beautiful buildings."
Maoliayn Daniels, Senior Public Health Inspector, E.B. Demarrara: "Impressive and progressive for such a short time."
Creville Williams: "Impressed by the rate of production and with the general admin."

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The following materials and documentation will show that a false picture of Jim Jones and his Peoples Temple Agricultural Project has been portrayed by some elements of the U.S. media.

Contrary to statements in the press that Jones is power hungry, neither he nor his organization are involved in Guyana's political affairs. Their work is confined to a large farm in the remote Northwest district of the country where agriculture and livestock production is the main thrust and, to a lesser extent, free medical services, education, and job training. One of the enclosed materials is a Ukiah Daily Journal article written by Kathy Hunter-- the reporter who was in Guyana recently and returned to the States alleging she was harassed while here. Her article (written in late 1976) about Jim Jones and Peoples Temple was totally positive, reflecting the respectability of the minister and his church resulting from their human service work and stands for Constitutional rights.

The Temple has assumed and maintained a low profile in Guyana. Jim Jones stays on the project and works as a farmer-administrator. However, he sees anyone who comes to the project and no one is restricted from visiting. The press has been invited and even encouraged to see Jonestown. Reports from persons, including prominent officials, who have inspected the programs and facilities in Jonestown have all been praiseworthy of the community, as the enclosed sheet of statements indicates.

Kathy Hunter admittedly refused to go to the project because Jim Jones wasn't there at the time, as he had gone up river to buy agriculture materials. (She also admits she gave no notification to the Peoples Temple of her coming to Guyana.)

A check with the Ministry of Home Affairs reveals she was asked to leave after it was discovered she misrepresented herself to get an extension of her stay.

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April 18, 1978

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

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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

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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 the 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

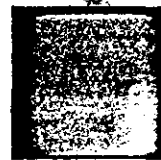
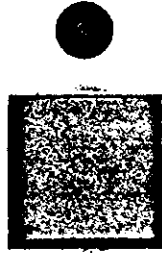
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serve. The vast majority of our members remain in the U.S.

"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."

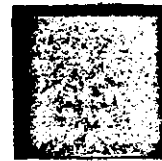
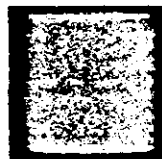
"If people cannot appreciate that willingness to die, if necessary, rather than to compromise the right to exist free from harassment and the kind of indignities that we have been subjected to, then they can never understand the integrity, honesty, and bravery of Peoples Temple nor the type of commitment of Jim Jones and the principles he has

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This is a copy of th movie contract.
It is a copy of the only document we seem to have which
is an unsigned carbon copy. JB

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July 11, 1973

International Television Film Productions, Inc.
Samuel Goldwyn Studios
1041 North Formosa Avenue
Hollywood, California 90046

Attn: Mr. Don C. Como, President

Dear Mr. Como:

In reply to your letter of July 5, 1973, we are looking forward to your coming to film our service. Due to the personal nature of the events that we expect you will film, our consent to this project is conditional as follows:

1. Mr. Mike Frokes will have the exclusive right to remove and destroy any portion of the footage that he deems objectionable. To this end, prior to any publication or use of any recorded material or footage shot at the services, you will make available your personnel and facilities to permit Mr. Frokes and at least four other church members to view and hear all the footage shot and all the recorded material.

2. All portions of film and recorded material not used in the final release will be delivered to Peoples Temple and remain its property.

3. You will make available to Peoples Temple, at a price not exceeding your cost, two copies of the final release.

Upon your failure or neglect to comply with the provisions contained in such paragraph 1 or 2 above, a restraining order may issue prohibiting your release, transfer, use or publication of any materials filmed or recorded by you on the Peoples Temple premises, and you waive the requirements of irreparable injury and lack of legal remedy in connection therewith.

We are sure that you will be delighted with the classic beauty of our old church building--which is a Los Angeles Historical Monument. The large, high-ceilinged interior provides an excellent prospect for making a good film. Our healing services have a genuinely suspense provoking, dramatic quality. You should achieve a fine, fast-paced and dramatic documentary film of Jim Jones, who is, beyond doubt, a stellar personality and a most amazingly gifted healer.

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Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter indicating your agreement to the terms and conditions contained herein. We are convinced that these conditions will not diminish the dramatic effect of the final product.

Very truly yours,

EUGENE B. CHAIKIN for
Peoples Temple

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*International
Television Film Productions, Inc.*

July 5, 1973

Mr. Mike Prokes
The Peoples Temple Christian Church
1566 South Alvarado Street
East Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Prokes:

It was very nice of you to discuss with us the project, "The Miracle Healers". Your group is to be commended for using its energies in the productive areas of helping the needy, sick and lost. We hope we may be of help by not only filming Pastor Jones in his dramatic healings, but by having Pastor Jones speaking on the significance of us all being responsible for each other.

We desire to present your projects and your services in such a nature that we may be of help to your organization to develop and support your programs that will enable you to sustain and further your goals.

We are aware of your concern over proper presentation of the filming of any sequences of Pastor Jones. We are, therefore, happy to appoint you, Mr. Prokes, as Associate Director of these sequences mentioned. Your past experience and your knowledge of the subject matter, we feel would be of great help, not only to us, but also to your church.

Either July 21st, or July 28th, would be an excellent date for us to film. We hope this would be satisfactory, if this project meets with your approval.

We look forward to working with you and your church for a better understanding of mans sufferings.

Very truly yours,

Don C. Como,
President

DCC/bjs

SAMUEL GOLDWYN STUDIOS

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MONDAY
June 12, 1978

At the request of OSSIE DAVIS, St. Clair Bourne called from New York today re: film documentary. Based on what brief info Ossie had given about the group, he was very interested because:

- a) He's been asked to submit several projects to a television show called "WORLD" (located in Boston-WGBH which deals with international subjects)
- b) He wants to do something on blacks associated with foreign countries, etc.* He mentioned something about a group doing similar work in Brooklyn now. (*Third-World related activities)

He described WORLD as a group of 5 producers who hire free-lance producers who they consider of interest to do projects for them. Bourne says they only want screening rights--the film would be ours to keep.

Bourne is in New York at this time. He lives in Los Angeles however, and will return to L.A. next Sunday. He plans to be in San Francisco in mid-July. Meanwhile, he suggests sending him our materials at once, and he in turn would send something about himself and his work. He asks that we write to him:

St. Clair Bourne
The Chamba Organization
P.O. Box 1231
Hollywood, California 90028

213 - 874 - 2200
" 323 - 1930

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Following St. Claire's call, I called Ossie to find out what he had to say about this person:

OSSIE: I told him about the idea of establishing a town or a community in Guayana and he was very turned on by it. (There might be funds available through UNESCO or some outfit like that)

I know him to be not only a good manor responsible man, but also a very sensitive person. (As you know there are a lot of shuckers and jivers who would be out to do their own thing--you know, its a game--trying to make their thing). But St. Clair is a man who does have understanding and who could bring that understanding both to the material aspects and to the film project itself.

I'm glad he is interested, and I hope something good comes of it.

Ossie will be in L.A. filming ROOTS II from June 26 thru 30th. When I mentioned possible plans for a small fund-raising gathering there, he said I could count on him to help with that. (I will now write this idea up for approval from the Office)

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PLOT UNCOVERED TO LAND MERCENARIES IN PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNITY IN GUYANA OR:

~~PLOT UNCOVERED TO SEND MERCENARIES TO INVADPE PEOPLES TEMPLE'S GUYANA COMMUNITY~~

--Temple investigators have just established that Timothy Stoen, a leading co-ordinator of a campaign to ^{discredit and} sabotage its work, is ^{working on a} plotting with ^{the aid of} a California-based "research" group to land mercenaries at the church's thriving, 1200-member agricultural community in the Guyana interior. ~~insert special report on this group~~

(give street address in Oakland)

--The group involved is the Eureka Research Associates, a specialized in aerial reconaissance. Peoples Temple has documentation linking the group with mercenary operations in West Africa to overthrow the newly-independent socialist nation of Benin. Stoen has been in regular contact with the group, which, according to Temple investigators, "appears to be a CIA front." **insert on back*

Peoples Temple has alerted the Guyana government, the President Carter, the members of the U.S Congress, and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. There is strong suspicion that Stoen is interested in causing

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an international incident, but others speculate that the ~~here before~~ secret plot to land mercenaries may ^{have the purpose to provide} serve right-wing U. S. military intelligence with ^a ~~an~~ ~~index~~ gauge ^{test of} the ability and willingness of ^{small} Guyana to resist an illegal violation of its sovereignty. The Caribbean socialist nation has been moving decidedly leftward, and Prime Minister Forbes Burnham has just returned from a critical visit to Moscow and important negotiations with ~~the~~ Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev.

File in CIA Distribution

--A few weeks ago, a member of a Stoen-led group calling itself "concerned relatives" told a California newspaper of his desire that mercenaries be hired to ~~destroy~~ ^{invade} the Peoples Temple Agricultural community.

--Peoples Temple, In a release issued date

P.T. charged that Stoen and his associates have been fronting for "a politically-motivated conspiracy, using former members of Peoples Temple ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ who worked withing the church as agents-provocateurs." Its leaders, the release said, "held "a Bible in one hand and contracts to hire mercenaries in the other." ~~at~~ ~~that~~

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Leader of Anti-Peoples Temple Plot

Evidence has been secured that links individuals in the conspiracy against Peoples Temple with ~~xxxxxxx~~ California-based "research" group that is involved in areial reconaissance. The group is connected with mercenary activity in West Africa, according to documents

Threats of

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On date ^{'Concerned relatives'}

~~That~~ time, the group had, under the rubric of ^{'concerned relatives'} ~~'concerned relatives'~~,
~~staged~~ ^{held} a press conference and presented a document accusing Temple leader
Jim Jones of 'human rights violations.' The Temple called both the
conference and ^{document} ~~statement~~ "a hoax," ^{Stoen said that there is no} lacking "a shred of factual
substantiation of a single charge." A series of public statements
were quickly issued ~~from~~ ^{by} people in the Guyana community, ^(directly)
over radio-telephone hook-up, strongly repudiating the 'concern'
of their relatives and denying that there were any 'human rights
violations.' The Temple ^{also then} ~~countercharged~~ ^{counter-charged} that it was actually "the
accusers who are guilty of 'flagrant and cruel disregard' of human
rights of their relatives (mostly adults) who have chosen a co-operative
lifestyle and have openly and with clear conscience and no coercion,
repudiated the value structure of those who profess such 'concern'
for them."

--The Temple ^{charged} ~~revealed~~ that the group, led by Mr. Stoen, ^{is}
(and "a gentleman who cannot stand the fact that his 24-year old
daughter has asserted her independence from his emotional tyranny
over her") ~~XX~~
~~XX~~

has sent out agents to bribe people to lie about us;
they have employed the divisive and dirty-trick methods
of COINTELPRO that have been used repeatedly to crush a
number of so-called 'radical' and 'black power' groups.
They have tried a host of schemes: sabotaging our communi-
cations, instigating bogus investigations that have never
turned up anything while getting headline media coverage;
they have attempted to cut off pensions to elderly people
in our church...."

The release further ~~xxx~~ stated that Mr. Stoen and his associates
"have tried to use the State Department, Congressional offices, the
U.S. Consulate, everyone they could think of, to sabotage our work
in Guyana, which has been described by hundreds of visitors as a
model of co-operation, earning praises far and wide."

--"They have ^{Temple} ~~circulated~~ lies about us everywhere," the statement
continued, "and even have tried to send undercover agents into Guyana
to snatch away children illegally and violently from their rightful
homes and parents, and have tried to pay off and bribe officials to
help them. It is all documented fact."

Rev. Jim Jones, who has been co-ordinating the mammoth project
early a year, calls the plotting to land mercenaries "dramatic
of what we have been saying all along. I wonder when people are

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and lunatics
going to wake up to the lengths that ~~the~~ police-intelligence forces in the establishment will go to ~~subvert~~ ^{right wing} progressive movements. And where are Stoen and his pals getting the money to do this sort of thing? Where did the money come from over the past year to hire expensive public relations firms, fancy lawyers, and to fly people to and from Guyana and put them up in ~~the best~~ ^{the best} hotels? This is a stinking ~~right-wing~~ ^{right wing} conspiracy that may start off with press ~~lies~~ ^{lies} and sanctimonious talk about us being some kind of menace to society. But when they can't get anywhere with ~~that~~, ^{lies} ~~they~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ then ^{real} the dirty work begins."

they haul out the heavy artillery, and

What else should be in this? Any more background?
More about Benin? I don't have the details -- where is the material that Dad read from?
Should there ~~be~~ be a statement in this about the U S State Department willing to vouch for the community and that it is not listening to Stoen.

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done

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~~The purpose of the operation is to 'liberate' persons who were
supposedly being held 'captives' in the community.~~

~~Special interest in [unclear]
Tim Soper is being
[unclear] to see to [unclear]
[unclear] have being [unclear]
[unclear]~~

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earmarks of a plot to
assassinate Rev. Jim Jones ^{and}
break up the community, perhaps
to seize certain ~~unborn~~ residents

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COMMENTS ABOUT JONESTOWN, GUYANA, FROM ON-SITE VISITORS

1. Frank Tuminia, Officer in Charge of Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. State Department: "Impressive work."
2. John Blacker, Charge D'Affaires, new assistant to U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young: "I am impressed."
3. Dr. Robert Baird, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, Guyana: "Impressive."
4. Fred Wills, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana: "Peace and love in action."
5. Vincent Teekah, Minister of Education, Guyana: "Very impressive."
6. W.D. Wyatt, Regional Development Officer, North West Region, Guyana: "Very progressive."
7. Gavin Kennard, Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana: "Very impressive, keep it up."
8. Richard McCoy, United States Ambassador to Guyana: "A very pleasant day in a very pleasant atmosphere."
9. Steve Naraine, Minister of Works and Transportation: "Very impressed with progress since I visited one year ago."
10. Basil Armstrong, Chief Official in the Ministry of Education, Guyana: "Very much impressed with everything, thanks."
11. Peter Gantry, British High Commissioner in Guyana: "A most impressive start and I wish you all success."
12. Dennis Irvine, Chancellor of the University of Guyana: "Impressive."
13. Q. Martyn D'Asram, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works and Transportation: "A wonderful experience, a model village community to be emulated."
14. John Worrell, Assistant Director General of National Service, Guyana: "Excellent."
15. Soviet News Agency Tass: "It's very, very impressive." "Thank you for this opportunity and best wishes."
16. Fitz Carmichael, Regional Minister, North West Region: "Keep up the good work."
17. Thirty-five teachers from the McKenzie District, Guyana: "Fantastic, beyond one's imagination, miraculous, beautiful, a true example of socialist living."
18. Dr. Joseph DaCosta, a dentist from India and founder of a dental school in Georgetown, Guyana: "The health care in the community is fantastic. Jonestown is a little bit of heaven." After examining the teeth of 87 children, he found only two cavities: "This," he said, "is unheard of."

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IMPRESSIONS OF VISITORS TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN JONESTOWN

4. - Richard McCoy, American Consul: "A very pleasant day in a very pleasant atmosphere."
5. - John Blacken, American Embassy: "I am impressed."
6. - Frank Tuminiaie, Dept. of State, Guyana Desk (U.S.A.): "Impressive work."
 - Adeline R. Bacchus, Min. of Education: "Amazing."
 - Trenton London, Port Kaituma: "Remarkable."
 - Eloise Cubpepper, Port Kaituma: "Simply wonderful."
 - Donna Brown, student, Linden: "Fantastic."
 - Walter Thain, Cytologist, U.S.A.: "Incredible."
 - Compton Mahese, student, Linden: "Marvellous."
 - ✓ - Jennifer Cave, student, Linden: "Remarkable testimony of what our interior is capable of."
 - Steve Carlton Jones, student, Linden: "One of the most fantastic things I have ever seen."
 - ✓ - Hollis Alexander, student, Linden: "Beyond one's imagination."
 - ✓ - Malcom Johnson, student, Linden: "Magnificence is surely your motto."
 - Sandra Ferrier, student, Linden: "A very unforgettable experience."
 - Colin Albert, student, Linden: "Beyond my expression."
 - Sheik M. Ally, Student, Linden: "Simply beautiful."
 - Aubrey Quamine, student, Linden: "A true example of socialism."
 - ✓ - Mark Denny, Amelias Warde: "It is the first large farm I have seen where everyone is doing his job without supervision."
 - ✓ - Jasper Wayn, student, Linden: "Remarkable! What motivation!"
 - Orlando Goring, Burnham Ag. Institute: "Marvellous adventure."
14. - Mike Charles, store owner, Port Kaituma: "I love the people."
 - Anna Maratte, Linden: "The people are very friendly."
 - Dennis John, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent Co-operation."
 - Fitz Roy Warde, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent development."
15. - Vivian Davis, Professional Nurse, U.S.A.: "Beautiful People."
13. - Dr. Joseph D'Costa, Dentist, Georgetown (native of India): "A little bit of heaven."
7. - Frederick Wills, Foreign Minister, Guyana: "Socialism, peace and love in action."
 - Norman Adams, Office manager, Ministry of Regional Development: "Jonestown is most spectacular."
14. - Sgt. E. Gaskin, Matthews Ridge, Police: "A garden of paradise."
 - Mike d' Abreu, Texaco West Indies, Dist. Mgr.: "This is a fantastic project of hard work."
8. - Q'Martyn d'Abreu, Permanent Secretary, Min. of Works and Transport: "A wonderful experience. A model village/community to be emulated."
 - Diane Coltress, student, Georgetown: "Terribly original work and planning."
9. - Ethel Britton, Chief Community Development Officer, Min. of Co-ops and Nat. Mobility: "I am impressed with this new community and the way the members have adjusted and are making a living using the resources of this country. Congratulations and may your success and achievements be an example to all Guyanese."
11. - Norman Simpson, N.I.S., Matthews Ridge: "This agricultural project is just what our country needs."
 - Lloyd Shannon, Clerk General, Min. of National Development: "Good for a model farm."
10. - Gerald Fowler, Det. Chief Inspector, F Div. Hdqtrs., Eve Leary: "This is a living example to the people of Guyana, and a living example to be followed."
 - Peter deGroot, student: "A very good effort. It is the best I've seen so far in Guyana."
 - Sraukleu Peters, Det. Constable, Mabaruma Police Station: "Setting an example to follow."
 - Chareles David, Public Health Inspector: "Very interesting and exciting."
 - Mary Haynes: "Extremely interesting and beautiful buildings."
 - Maoliayn Daniels, Senior Public Health Inspector, E.B. Demerrara: "Impressive and progressive for such a short time."
 - Crevelle Williams: "Impressed by the rate of production and with the general admin."

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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. ... Why are those people so happy? They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life."

Dr. Walter Thain, Cytologist & Radio Medical Network Co-ordinator of 800 physicians: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like a town in the United States-- and with all the public utilities."

Dr. Albert Greenfield, U.S. medical physician: "...Magnificent humanitarian efforts. I feel certain that if there were more such organizations with devoted and sincere people such as the members of your church throughout the world that this planet would indeed be a better place upon which to spend one's life. Dr. Schacht is, in my opinion, a modern-day Dr. Schweitzer."

Rev. John J. Moore, Methodist Minister, Reno Nevada (former Superintendent of Methodist Churches in Northern Calif.): "The quality of community life strikes me as most impressive. It is rare in the USA for children, adults, and older adults to live in such close community. This is beautiful. People whose contributions are regarded as minimal or unimportant in a mass society are included here and given a sense of worth. I think of people becoming 'somebodies' in this community... The people feel that they are participating in something great. When I think of the older people especially, I think of the prophet's vision of everyone sitting under vine and fig-tree in peace."

Burrua Moore, writer: "This a beautiful, heroic, creative project. It is absolutely miraculous. The lush tropical panorama is soothing to the eye and to the psyche. The mechanical ingenuity and utilization of all natural foods and jungle growth and processes are wondrous to behold. The agricultural and animal husbandry projects are worthy of a place in history and emulation by all specialists in these particular areas of scientific research. The entire co-operative, organizational approach should be observed and put into practice by impoverished and third-world areas and nations... This is truly the "New Community" and covenant with the land and its people."

Vivian Davis, nurse (after visiting her children and grandchildren in April, 1978): "I was amazed to see that people can live and work together and ~~had~~ build such a beautiful town out of what was nothing but jungle. I saw a community that had unity, love for fellow-man, and equality for all... children laughing, running, and playing with no fear or danger. You must see it to appreciate it."

Pop Jackson (Jonestown's oldest resident--84 years): "We came to build-- to make bad things good. I've been a slave all my life till I got here. Always in debt. Now I'm lookin' at my watermelon patch-- big watermelons. I'll gonna bring on a fall garden: mush-melons, squash, corn-- I'm gonna make a clean sweep of it. How blessed I am. Go look at my house. And look at the kids-- they never knew no freedom till they got here."

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Impressions of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Jonestown, Guyana
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Carl Blackman, ~~Associated~~ Press & Gen. Mgr. of Guyana Chronicle:
"An example for Guyana."

Karr, Karwood, Radio Demerara News (Guyana): "Astounding."

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living example to the people of Guyana, and a living example to be
followed."

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just what our country needs."

Selected comments of 35 teachers and students from Delanzia School
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vision." (Clark Denny) ... "What motivation!" (Jasper Wayne)

Dr. Ng-a-Fook, Guyanese Dental Surgeon: "A first-class example of
community life. I have never before seen so many people of varying races
working happily side-by-side."

Dr. Joseph D'Costa, Orthodontist & Dental ^{School} Director (Native of
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"The purest egalitarian society I have ever seen."

From: Andy re: PR - monkeybread Fri. May 20

Harvey Milk: no monkeybread. Yesterday, took him a fern from Valu Giant to the store.

Charles Garry- The Clancy took him the bread

Christina Vaquez- was out. left bread with husband's law firm around the corner. She is going to Ireland for three weeks on June 2nd. Goodbye party is May 26th. Wants to go to Guyana Nov- Dec, but interested in charter plane possibilities.

Eugene- saw her. Warm as usual. She said "outlasting the attackers is the test."

Julia Hara- very warm. Met in radio station lobby with her friend Doris Ward. Doris knew Jim from Indianapolis, and apparently was in services there. Doris mentioned miracles and the diet Jim advised for high blood pressure after they and the receptionist sampled the delicious bread. They were quite pleased with the bread. Julia spoke as if she had been here only once two years ago, and I told her we'd like to invite her to a future concert we might be having. She said "please call me." Very warm. "Spoke of Prokes as an "excellent person", and added all people are "so warm at the Temple, really." Doris hadn't heard of Jim for years after leaving Indianapolis until one day her cleaning lady spoke of a "Jim Jones" and Doris found out it was the same Jim Jones. Doris is Black and her name is often in the Sun Reporter, if it is the same Doris Ward, I told Julia that anytime she and Nathan are in the neighborhood to drop in, meaning Guyana but which she mistook for 1859 Geary, but she said she would drop in 1859 Geary sometime, so we had better invite her to the concert ~~fixix~~ instead.

Ivonne Golden: secretary said Yu was out in the community at a meeting, but I should leave the bread on her desk and the sec'y would call, telling her it was there. I said I could easily drop it off at Ivonne's house, saving Ivonne the trouble of coming out to the school to pick it up, but sec'y said no, better to leave on her desk, which I did.

and invited him to Jonestown,
Tom Fleming- Said Jim called him last night and "I told him I couldn't come down until July because I have to be here (SF) to help with buying the presses." Then Fleming mentioned that it might be "early fall." before he could go to Guyana.

Goodlett : left with receptionist.

Connie Williams- is the one I will give the last monkeybread to. She's been sick, Nina thinks, with a heart stroke or attack, but Connie remains on her feet and not in bed as Connie told me her doctor said she should.
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John V. Moore Douglas M. McCoy
Ministers

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".

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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

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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.

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Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Office of the Prime Minister
Government Buildings
Georgetown, Guyana
South America

November 3, 1977

Honorable Prime Minister Burnham:

I am a personal friend of Bishop Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. I also have first hand knowledge of the pattern of conspiracy prevalent in this country today to prohibit the effective organization of poor and oppressed people. As the leader of the American Indian Movement, I have witnessed numerous cases of premeditated harrassment and persecution of my people. I have witnessed directly how this conspiracy to frame and destroy Peoples Temple has been enacted.

In February 1977 I was approached by a man named David Conn, who said he was working with the U.S. Treasury Department, an IRS agent and two men from the San Francisco Police Department and offered a "deal" if I would denounce Bishop Jones and the Temple. I was then, and still am facing extradition to South Dakota for my activities in protesting repressive policies against the American Indian people. I was assured by Conn that if I publicly denounced Jones and the Temple, that the rulings in my extradition would go in my favor. So this was definitely a deal that I was being offered. Because it was not just a matter of Conn indicating that it would go well with me if I co-operate, it would go badly for me. I have stated many times publicly, that for me to be returned to South Dakota, would be certain death, as I would be killed by racists there. So, this was clearly a threat and an obvious attempt to blackmail. I was warned by this man not to tell anyone about the proposed deal, since it would "blow his cover".

Jim Jones has been a true and honest friend. He has helped me in desperate times for both my family, and the American Indian people. I have found him to be extremely principled and wholly dedicated to freeing the oppressed peoples of the world. He has taken stands for the rights of others, even when it mean t his own safety was in jeopardy. In the light of his effectiveness, and his singleminded purpose of total equality for all people, it becomes very obvious why the reactionary forces have launched such an extensive campaign to destroy Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

I hope that you and other leaders of Guyana can see the devious methodology and purpose in the recent attack on this organization. Jim Jones is a well-respected leader among the Third World community here in the United States. His reputation and good works are widely known and acknowledged. He and Peoples Temple have much to contribute wherever they may be.

Sincerely,


Dennis Banks

DB:kp
cc: U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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August 9, 1977

Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister, Guyana
Government Buildings
Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Sir:

I have been familiar with the career of Rev. Jim Jones for many years. He has done outstanding work with our troubled youth, the needy aged, the sick and the poor.

I feel he is under attack because he has chosen to question the system that breeds the above adversities. If the Rev. Jones spoke for the corporations and not for the people, he would not find himself so bitterly assailed by our press.

We hear great things of the Peoples' Temple Project in Guyana. We are grateful for your government's kindness and cooperation. I hope it shall continue.

Respectfully,

Vivian Hallinan

S.F. Chairwoman of Womens International League for Peace & Freedom
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National Board WILPF - Womens Political Caucus
National Coordinator "Feed the Cities: Not the Pentagon"

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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH **NAACP**

August 2, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Buildings
Brickdam, Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

I am President of the San Francisco Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the oldest civil rights organization in the United States. We have fought many struggles in the courts and in the streets over the years, in our efforts to bring about racial and social equality for blacks and other minorities in the United States.

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.

Many organizations and community leaders are highly supportive of Rev. Jones and the work he is doing, and it is always a joy to visit the Peoples Temple for meetings and special events. He speaks very warmly always of the Guyanese government, and the great strides you are making in cooperative socialism. He is deeply grateful to you, the Guyanese leadership who have made his people so welcome there, and for the opportunity to work side by side with the Guyanese to build a better world.

Sincerely,


Joseph E. Hall,
President



PRISONERS UNION

August 2, 1977

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Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
Government Building
Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the People's Temple to convey my impression of them and their work to you. I am happy to do so.

I believe their church 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 three of 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 People's 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.

In my judgement, the Agricultural Mission in your country established by the People's Temple is a fortunate blend of healthy development and a frontier for many people who were locked into destructive lives of passivity and despair in the land of their birth. You have my respect and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Snedeker
Attorney at Law

cc: Deputy Prime Minister
cc: Parliament

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GAY ACTION/LABOR COMMITTEE

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August 5, 1977

The Right Honourable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister of Guyana
Government Buildings
Brickham
Georgetown, Guyana

Sir:

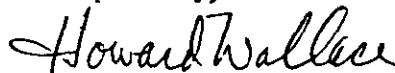
I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW TIMES magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works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

For many years now, I have been a socialist and 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. People's 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 People's Temple among my friends.

Please be assured that the land you have so generously provided their agricultural mission serves to provide desperate youth with a new faith in humanity. By their shining example the Temple has earned not only hatred from the forces of reaction, but great love and respect from the victims of injustice.

Respectfully,



Howard Wallace, Organizer
GAY ACTION

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Rev. Jim Jones
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what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

If there is any way that I can assist you in helping to expose the falsity of the vile attacks against you, please do not hesitate to call on me. It would be but small repayment for the debt that the people of this area owe you.

Sincerely,



Dennis Roberts

DR: vv
cc: Sun Reporter

HH-1-P14



P.R.A.A.S.

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August 31, 1977

L. F. F. Burnham
Prime Minister
Government Buildings
Brick Dam, Georgetown
Guyana

Dear Sir:

A perfidious campaign against Reverend Jim Jones and People's Temple has come to our attention. Sensationalist press, immoral journalists, corrupt and decadent magazines are trying to misrepresent the work of People's Temple and to taint the honor of Rev. Jones. Our organization, which organizes community schools at the elementary, secondary and college level, wants very much to dispel the effects of this infamous campaign and to give People's Temple our total support.

We know of the activities of People's Temple through our association with Ms. Yvonne Golden, a distinguished American educator who pursues an active role in the public schools of San Francisco, bringing hope and vitality to otherwise impoverished students from humble families in our city. She speaks highly of People's Temple, and we know her to be an extremely honorable and truthful person.

So, Mr. Prime Minister, People's Temple is not just a charitable organization. It is an active alliance of the members of our community working to bring to our society not only the most ample democracy but, at the same time, a spirit of social justice that is the very essence of Christianity. Self reliance, hard work, discipline and, above everything, a profound respect for human dignity is the essence of People's Temple's work. Our organization cannot let this occasion pass by without supporting this most significant movement in our country. As you know, sometimes dull and uninspired journalists find in cheap sensationalism a way to sell more papers. It is unfortunate that in this case they have chosen to attack a most noble and singular organization. We are sure that you, as head of an enlightened government, know some of the most ugly aspects of the so-called freedom of the press.

Above everything, People's Temple will continue helping people, working with them and bringing hope to all citizens. We hope they will receive your support.

In the name of our Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

F. Gonzalez
Fernando Gonzalez
Regional Director

HH-1-P15



MERVYN M. DYMALLY
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August 3, 1977

The Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
Government Buildings
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Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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 Bishop Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him.

My former colleague in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given much assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Reverend Jones who is Chairman of the San Francisco Housing Authority. 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.

This attack is no different from attempts recently by the United States media to discredit Guyana and Jamaica. We are now experiencing the same phenomena here with Peoples Temple. The reasons are obvious.

We are hoping that you will continue to give your support to the Mission and again I wish to express my deep gratitude and admiration for your efforts in Peoples Temple's behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mervyn M. Dymally".

MERVYN M. DYMALLY.

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c.c. Dr. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister
Members of the Cabinet

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JULIA HARE
Director of Community Affairs

August 10, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Building
Brickdam Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Honorable Forbes Burnham:

The Reverend Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple have recently come under what appears to be undue fire from certain quarters.

I have visited Reverend Jones' church and was struck by the spirit of the services, the compassion and goodwill displayed, the apparent good work, the use of Afro-American culture as I have never seen it before. Outside the church in the community at large, I have seen young black men and women members of the church, once crippled by feelings of inferiority, now walk with pride and dignity and a positive bearing with a clear sense of purpose.

Reverend Jones' baptism by the fire of reactionary wrath was of course predictable. Long before Socrates and Jesus Christ to Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy, men and women have been persecuted and gone to their deaths whenever they show promise of organizing people and society--successfully--for human good. Today, as we now know from COINTELPRO and the confessions of the FBI, the CIA and the Watergate burglars, persecution incorporates official and scientific prosecution whose method is infiltration.

Members of the black bourgeoisie complain that his membership is predominantly black and in the black community where he should have no place. Nor would he, if the black ministers were not failing their roles. The thing that most came home to me on my visit to the church was a sense of the failure of black church leadership. Reverend Jones has provided them a model of their mission in life, God's mandate to them, their call to preach. In terms of cries

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that the temple operates with the heavy hand of discipline and financial demands on members, I can testify that I have witnessed in churches throughout the country, including an Anniversary celebration of the president of a major black denomination where he stood and milked contributions by the hundreds of dollars each from elderly women pensioners and widows. And there is far more than I could say out of my experience and observations since early childhood, variously as member, organist and minister of music, the latter for the oldest black church in the United States in Petersburg, Virginia.

The Reverend Ike openly demands high pay from his followers and flaunts it. Why is there not an investigation and witchhunt of Reverend Ike?

When people speak of politics in church, I am reminded of Hemingway's remark in, I believe, A Farewell to Arms, that there is politics in all religion and religion in all politics.

When I interviewed Reverend Jones for my hour-long radio program, I noted the public response was overwhelming and positive. Why are those who resist freedom for Afro-Americans so bent on nailing Jim Jones to the cross?

Sincerely,

Julia Hare
JULIA HARE

bcc: Michael Prokes
Marsha Jones

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ALBERT E. KAHN
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July 21, 1977

Deputy Prime Minister Ptomely Reid
Public Bldgs.
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Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Reid:

I am writing you at the request of associates of Reverend Jim Jones in connection with the current attacks that have been launched upon him and his organization, the People's Temple, in the San Francisco press.

I became acquainted with Reverend 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 the work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

May I take this opportunity to send you my warm personal greetings.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Albert E. Kahn

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August 3, 1977

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The Honorable Forbes Burnham,
Prime Minister of Guayana

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I want to give my heartiest personal endorsement to the inspirational work of the Reverend Jim Jones in his California Churches and in his agricultural mission in Guayana.

I want to assure you of the appreciation that the progressive community in San Francisco people who would identify with the progressive policies of your government, and working people in this area have for the religion practiced by the Reverend Jones and People's Temple, true religion, in the sense of the Apostle James.

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 is currently sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of 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 monopoly 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.

I hope your country and government continues to offer him every hospitality and courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Briody
Charles Briody
(Former National Chairperson of the Presidential Campaign of the People's Party candidate in 1972, Dr. Benjamin Spock)

cc. Dr. P. A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister
cc. Parliament of Guayana

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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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Sylvester Herring
Commissioner
Human Rights Commission
2563 Divisadero
San Francisco, California 94115

August 13, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Headquarters
Brickdam Georgetown
Guyana

Dear Sir:

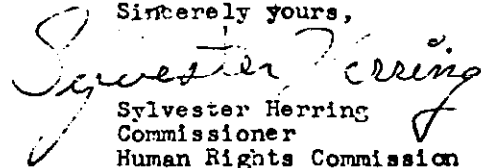
I am writing to you as a member of the Human Rights Commission in San Francisco to indicate to you my personal support of the Reverend James Jones who, with the permission of your government, has established and operated an Agriculture Mission in your country for a number of years.

Mr. Jones is also the pastor of the "Peoples Temple" Church here in San Francisco. I have observed a number of services at the Peoples Temple, and witnessed the extensive activities of community service engaged in by the Peoples Temple to the poor in this city. The Reverend Jones' church provides a wide variety of services, including free medical and food programs, which have been a great service to our community. In essence, Peoples Temple seems to me to be a church involved in what Christianity is all about: people of all ages working and living together in harmony and serving the community.

Our reports of the Peoples Temple activities in Guyana are, that the church is involved in similar activities of service through a progressive Agricultural Mission which is also providing great benefits to the people of your country.

These outstanding contributions of the Peoples Temple lead me to share with you, my impression of our mutual benefit from the services of Peoples Temple and to urge your support of their activities in your country.

Sincerely yours,


Sylvester Herring
Commissioner
Human Rights Commission

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August 2, 1977

The Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Building
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Georgetown, Guyana
South America

Dear Sir:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverend Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California, U.S.A. Reverend 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. Reverend Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away. The People's Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

It is also my understanding that wonderful things are being done in your country by the Reverend Jones and members of Peoples Temple. I have often heard speeches given by the Reverend Jones in which he expresses great admiration for the government of Guyana and the great cooperation your country has given the People's Temple in the worthwhile project the Church is sponsoring in Guyana.

May God continue to bless your country in its continued progress.

Sincerely yours,

Margie Baker
(Mrs.) Margie Baker, Supervisor
San Francisco Public Schools

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DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION, INC.

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August 8, 1977

Hon. Forbes Burnham, Prime Minister
Government Building, Brickdam
Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Your Excellency:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Reverend Jim Jones and the People's Temple. The People's Temple has established an agricultural school in your nation, and I have noticed that they have come under severe attack and criticism in my country. I would like to clarify and clear the record.

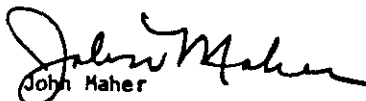
In the United States some politicians have a tendency to behave in a way that our former Senator McCarthy behaved. That is to lie, to cast aspersions and generally degrade any religious leader whom they perceive to be, as in the case of Reverend Jones, a stumbling block to their personal ambitions.

I have seen the charitable work of the People's Temple as I am involved in similar work myself, and the poor people of San Francisco look to the People's Temple as the source of the highest quality services dedicated to furthering their cause that our community has to offer.

I am confident that if you check with the Mayor of our city and our Sheriff they will give you a far clearer picture than is discernible from the rantings of our local lunatics. I realize how difficult it is for someone who lives abroad to perceive the subtleties of California's various power structures. Reverend Jones and his people have simply become a political football so that others would not have to address themselves to the issues. I believe the reason is that the bulk of Reverend Jones's congregation is black and that his enemies have been avowed racists.

It is my firm belief that some elements of the press have been unwittingly misled by the smear campaign, but I hope you will judge these issues in their true perspective.

Sincerely yours,


John Maher

JM:mn

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August 2, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
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Dear Sir:

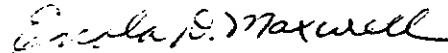
I have know the Reverend Jim Jones of the People's Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplifies 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.

I support the Reverend Jones in his work for human-kind and sincerely hope his association with you will be a long and prosperous one.

Sincerely,



Enola D. Maxwell
Executive Director

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e. robert (bob) wallach

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August 3, 1977

The Honorable Forbes Burnham, Prime Minister
Republic of Guyana
Public Buildings Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

I appreciate this opportunity to direct your attention to the work of the People's Temple of San Francisco. At the request of Gene Chaiken, Legal Counsel for the Temple, I thought it appropriate to extend my personal appraisal to you of the work they do here in San Francisco so that it may add to their credibility in their efforts in your own country.

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 People's 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 Reverend Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of the People's Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the People's 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.

In any community such as ours, there are bound to be those who express concern, and even disapproval, of the work performed by the People's Temple. By and large, I am forced to conclude that most, if not all, of those who criticize the work of the People's Temple do so from a vantage point of ignorance and without a full understanding of the major social objectives and significant daily contributions made by the Temple to the personal lives of thousands of individuals living in our city.

I prefer to believe that if they had a full opportunity to understand the work being done that it would allay their suspicions and put their fears to rest.

While I do not have personal contact with the work being done in your Republic by the People's Temple, I have had it fully described to me and most certainly believe in both the concept and the realization which appears to be a daily event. Projects designed to provide a new life for people without hope demand our full support, yet seldom receive

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August 3, 1977

Connie Williams
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Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
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Georgetown, Guyana, South America

Dear Mr. Burnham:

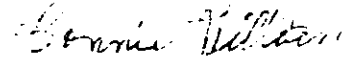
By way of introduction, I own and operate Connie's Restaurant in San Francisco and I am writing to express my feelings about Bishop Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the U.S.

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 Socialist principles in a capitalist society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted and, in the face of it all, proceeded with his work.

As a black woman who, through my business, has met the most sensitive and humane people in San Francisco and many from other parts of the U.S., I can tell you that Bishop Jones and Peoples Temple are viewed with utter respect and admiration for the incredible work they have done in bringing dignity, health, and well-being to people from destitute backgrounds.

I have heard Bishop Jones speak with the greatest respect for your leadership and program in Guyana. I wish you the best of luck in achieving the goals of your Socialist revolution there, and thank you for allowing Peoples Temple to take part.

Very respectfully,



Connie Williams

P.S. Additionally, for your interest, I am President of the West Coast Caribbean Association which works to unite people here from Caribbean countries with other black and Third World peoples.

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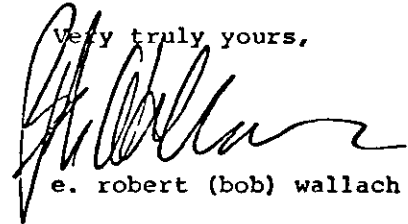
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it from the established governmental facilities.

You are to be congratulated and emulated in your contribution with the People's Temple to convert hopeless lives into persons of contribution and significance.

If I can provide any additional information to you at any time, please don't hesitate to let me know. Best regards.

Very truly yours,



e. robert (bob) wallach

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Rules for Greeters on Sunday

** Due to the inconvenience of time to schedule meetings and to have everyone participate this list of rules was made for you people who greet Sunday Patients. Please read and sign your name, so you will be held responsible if you break any of these rules.

Thank You, Administrator & Comrade
Shanda James
assistant - Rhonda Fortson **

- 1) You are to be on time and stay in the privillion if the patients have arrived or not.
- 2) Stay in Area at all time.
- 3) Smile be friendly and relaxed when talking to guest.
- 4) Your conversation should be mild, speak of yourself or them. Ask where do they work? How old are they? How many children do they have? Do they know anything about Herbs How did they find out about Jonestown? What have they heard about Jonestown? If they have been here before ask what did they think about the treatment. Or any ~~any~~ other question like these.
- 5) DO NOT talk about politics.
- 6) DO NOT TALK ABOUT SOCIALISM OR COMMUNISM...
- 7) If the person ask alot of political questions, excuse yourself and find someone in P.R. like Lee, Johnny, Sarah, Prokes, Shanda, Ava, etc. But don't be so obvious.
- 8) DO NOT take people on tours of the property. They are here to be seen by the Doctor.
- 9) No guest are to go to the Library, because of different literature in the library.
- 10) The guest are to use the guest toilets only***
- 11) You are responsible to see that no guest goes off by themselves. Make sure someone, yourself or your partners accompany them at all times.
- 12) If your relief does not show up, you are not to get up and leave the patients alone
- 13) If your partner is getting to political or out of hand . Call them to the side or find me /Rhonda.
- 14) REMEMBER.. we are not responsible to give these people transportation. Never say we will get you a ride. Say if there is a tractor going out then you can have a ride.
- 15) DO NOT OFFER OR PROMISE ANY RIDE.
- 16) If its getting late then find me so I can tell them to go home, or try to let the Dr. know what time it is.

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17) If you are the last person on the shifts, thats from 6-7, you are responsible to make sure everyone is gone. Or notify me to get someone else if they are here later than 7:30. The last shift may have to stay with the patients over 1 hr. but not much. By any means Do NOT LEAVE THEM ALONE.

18) We do not give food. We cannot afford to give them free medicine & food.

19) In the past they were getting cookies and water. Not any longer. ONLY WATER.

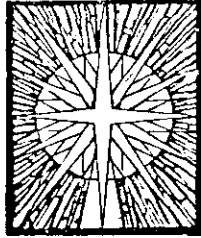
20) If some child is crying for food then let me know.

**** IF THERE ARE ANY MORE QUESTIONS LET ME KNOW ****

YOU ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE QUEST. REMEMBER THIS IS NOT VOLUNTARY WORK, YOU ARE ASSIGNED LIKE ANY REGULAR JOB. IF YOU DO NOT SHOW OR GIVE CONTINUOUS PROBLEMS ON BEING APPROACHED, THEN YOU WILL BE WRITTEN UP FOR A WARNING.

James
D. Owens
R. Jones
B. Flowers
O. Kerns
D. Marshall
S. Manning (Practicing)
E. James
Ollie Smith
Blana Griffich
Vicky Marshall
Tony Walker
Gocelyn Carter
Robin Schetter
Shauntiki Johnson
Lynette Jones
Cardlyn Kirkendall
Linda Mitchell
Pam Bradshaw
Judy Wagner
Paula Jackson
Laura Johnson

Carcell Neal
Rhonda Rastelli Poye
Janice Johnson
Cynthia Davis
Shirley Kingston



PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,
Pastor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 12, 1978

U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUTES CHARGES AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE

The U.S. Department of State has officially refuted the charges levelled by a small group of protesting relatives regarding the work of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project, Jonestown, in Guyana, South America.

An official State Department report, based upon on-site visits to the Project in Guyana states: "As part of the traditional and internationally sanctioned protection services, officers of the American Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana, periodically visit the People's Agricultural Temple located at Jonestown, Guyana. These officers have been free to move about the grounds and speak privately to any individuals, including persons who were believed by their family and friends to be held against their will."

The report goes on to state, "It is the opinion of these officers, reinforced by conversations with local officials who deal with the Peoples Temple, that it is improbable anyone is being held in bondage. In general, people appear healthy, adequately fed and housed and satisfied with their lives on what is a large farm."

Jonestown, a community of 1500 residents, regularly hosts other leading officials of the American and Guyanese governments, as well as prominent doctors, educators, and representatives from world-renowned new agencies. The statement of

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

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,

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

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

Matthew 25:35-40

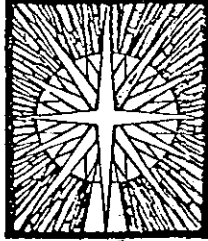
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an American doctor, who heads a medical network of nearly a thousand physicians and specialists was: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like one in the U.S. and with all the public utilities." One of several Ministers of the Guyanese Cabinet who have visited called it a stunning example of cooperation 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 Jonestown, 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.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE

*Jim Jones,
Pastor*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 10, 1978

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 who 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 morality 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-

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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 inane 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

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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.

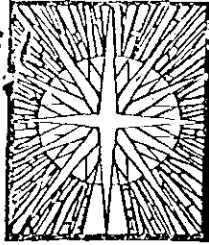
So, who precisely, are these "Concerned Relatives"? Briefly, the ringleaders are two individuals, fathers, who are moaning about their daughters, both of them in their twenties, one of whom is living in Guyana with her mother; whose parents were divorced before the daughter was born, and has always lived 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.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE

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Jim Jones,
Pastor

"For I was an hungered
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Matthew 25: 35-40

National Council of Churches
Committee on Church and Civil Rights
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.
Attention: Mr. Dean Kelley

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I am writing to you on the recommendation of Mr. Daniel Sheehan who has recently been appointed to the Commission on Church and Civil Rights. Mr. Sheehan is someone with whom members of our church have conversed on numerous occasions in relation to the harassment we have received most recently at the hand of the IRS.

Peoples Temple Christian Church, Disciples of Christ denomination, is pastored by Rev. James Jones. Our headquarters are in San Francisco, California, though the church was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana. From 1967 to approximately 1976 our church headquarters were in Redwood Valley, a rural town in California's Redwood Region just north of Ukiah. Currently there are 1500 members of Peoples Temple living and working in Guyana, South America, at our Temple Agricultural and Medical Mission in the jungle interior.

In recent months the outlines of a massive conspiracy against Jim Jones and Peoples Temple have begun to emerge. The efforts involve U.S. Treasury Department informers, Interpol, paid-off government officials, a host of individuals who have been coerced (and in some cases, blackmailed) into supplying false testimony to various print and electronic media, and now the IRS.

These are some of the concerns we wish to bring to your attention. Peoples Temple is no ordinary church, and its minister is no ordinary minister. In our fellowship we have tried to actualize the old Christian ideal of *caritas*—a kind of living, compassionate force that reaches out from one individual to another, binding people into a community, overcoming the separatens and egocentricity that are the disease of human society. Through such a basic principle is sought a realization of our collective identity, our essential oneness beyond all seeming differences of race, creed, educational background, culture, individualisms and idiosyncracies that create division, antagonism, fear, mistrust, hatred. Jim Jones has seen the critical factor in this idea of self-overcoming as human service. He has emphasized that the highest service to God or any concept of Diety one may hold can only be measured and determined by one's service to one's fellow human beings. These thoughts are perhaps most eloquently spoken in Matthew 25:35-40, where Jesus makes a judgement of his disciples, finding them guilty of not serving Him because they neglected to serve people who were in desperate need.

Rev. Jones and a large number of our membership have adopted children of all races, lived very modestly, and devoted our lives to breaking down racial barriers and helping poor and destitute persons, youth misdirected into lives of crime and drugs,

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senior citizens who have been discarded and forgotten.

Thousands of people have joined this church, with its enthusiasm, unity, activism, and its emphasis on practical humanitarian concern. Rev. Jones has consistently taught and lived the principles of the earliest Christians, capsulized in the Acts of the Apostles, where it is written that, on the day of Pentecost "all that believed were together and had all things common, and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need," (Acts 2:44, 45).

Peoples Temple has for years been active in the support of liberation struggles here in the U.S. and abroad. We have assisted Chilean refugees and Native Americans and taken an active part against treatment of the Pendleton 14 and Rev. Chavis. The Temple congregation raised the money in one night (\$20,000 bail) for Ka-mook Banks, wife of American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks, and her child. Our Temple newspaper, the Peoples Forum, has run articles about corruption, injustice, and abuse in practically every area of American society, as well as on the international scene.

And, predictably, the same pattern of persecution against Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and other outspoken leaders who have cried out against American injustices, is being pursued in the case of Rev. Jones and the Temple congregation. Over the years, Rev. Jones has been made to pay a heavy price for being an apostle of outrage at injustice, and a proponent of thoroughgoing change to bring about a society based on the common good and not just the profit of a few. He has been shot, knifed, poisoned, threatened with death innumerable times. His family members, children and even aged congregants, have been terrorized, beaten up, run off the road, and the church firebombed and on two occasions in San Francisco, burned to the ground by arson. Our church has been infiltrated with informers, provocateurs, and subjected to severe McCarthyistic harassment, bogus investigations, yellow journalism, and malicious and highly publicized lies.

The attacks against Peoples Temple and Rev. Jones have intensified. In 1977, a very well-planned and carefully orchestrated campaign was mounted, using yellow journalism as its front line attack, to attempt to discredit and ultimately terminate the work of Rev. Jones. For the sake of brevity, I will outline the instances of harassment which we have faced over the past 18 months:

- November, 1976: When Mrs. Unita Blackwell Wright (black woman Mayor of Meyersville, Mississippi and fellow traveler with Shirley MacLaine to Peoples Republic of China), came to speak at Peoples Temple, two men were caught spying on the meeting. They were found standing in the narrow corridor beside the Temple with large briefcases, and they fled when they were approached by a curious Temple member. Their license plate traced them to Biloxi, Mississippi, and then to Keesler Air Force Base, where they were confirmed to be high-ranking government employees and electronics experts. Letters from Congressmen got only vague answers from the Department of the Air Force—"The alleged activities are not within the Air Force's investigative jurisdiction. We understand your concern and regret we cannot be of more assistance."
- May, 1977: AIM leader Dennis Banks was offered a "deal" by an individual who stated he was working together with agents of the U.S. Treasury. As verified by Banks' own statement, David Conn tried to blackmail him by suggesting that a serious matter of extradition hanging over his head would go better for him if he would sign a public statement denouncing Jim Jones
- July, 1977: A media attack broke on Rev. Jones and the Temple. We have learned that the barrage of yellow journalism was corroborated by David Conn and George Kleinman who approached "various police and governmental agencies as early as November, 1976, offering them witnesses and documents with which to attack the Temple." David Conn,

in addition, was a close friend of ex-Temple members Deanna and Elmer Mertle who were key figures in the media smear campaign.

- Joseph Mazon, a private investigator, was hired by an undisclosed source to spearhead the attack against the Temple and hired the prestigious public relations firm in San Francisco, Lowry, Russom and Leeper, to help promote his anti-Temple activity by fronting material to the media. Joseph Mazon has a lengthy criminal record including at least eight arrests in three states for bogus checks and fraud charges, six convictions, and several jail and prison terms. The California Adult Authority described him as a "menace to the community." We have also learned more recently that Mr. Mazon is affiliated with an International Police Congress, many of whose members are in turn affiliated with the infamous International Criminal Police organization, the Nazi-infested INTERPOL.
- June, 1977: Peoples Temple was implicated by print and electronic media stories of a break-in of the New West magazine office. Rev. Jones called for a full police investigation and it was concluded by the San Francisco Police Department that no break-in ever occurred. Yet it was portrayed by the media that Temple members, concerned about an upcoming New West article on the church, had "disturbed the files."
- September, 1977: Temple officials learned from our freight forwarder in Miami that agents of the U.S. Customs Service (U.S. Treasury) had held up a shipment of cargo bound for South America and pulled crates at random for inspection. Temple attorney Charles Garry wrote Customs for at least a statement of fair cause for this action. The response was that the Customs Service did not have to answer inquiries.
- Late in 1977: The Social Security (green) checks of hundreds of senior citizens living in the Temple's Guyana mission were suspended. A document was received by Temple officials which was an interoffice memorandum of the U.S. Postal Service declaring that all SSA checks with a forwarding address of Guyana were to be returned to the Department of H.E.W. After protest letters to H.E.W., Congressmen, and street demonstrations, the Social Security Administration finally rectified the situation and restored the forwarding of checks to their rightful senior recipients.
- November, 1977: Several Temple members were given access to a lengthy document which had originated at INTERPOL. The cover letter to the document carried the name of Louis B. Sims, who is with INTERPOL. The document discussed the same false allegations which the contrived media smears carried against Rev. Jones and the Temple. It stated that no investigations of any allegations made in the press had lead to any convictions, and it confirmed that special observers had been stationed in Houston, New Orleans, and Miami to watch shipments leaving the country for the Temple mission. The "report" also alleges that Jim Jones took part in some sort of demonstration in Guyana during a time period when he was not even in the country. Rev. Jones was pictured as a friend of "black power" organizations who had somehow to be stopped. Louis Sims, incidentally, is the INTERPOL agent who has been largely responsible for campaigns waged against the Church of Scientology in recent years.
- The harassment has been stepped up on Guyana, since the Rev. Jones and a large number of Temple members have gone there to further the agricultural and medical mission. Events include:
 1. Bogus calls to the U.S. and Guyanese ambassadors from the "D.A.", saying the Temple had abducted children.
 2. Other bogus calls went to the Ambassador and several Guyanese officials from the

"Attorney General". These calls were regarded by the Guyanese government as intrusion into the affairs of a sovereign nation.

3. In August, 1977, a Caucasian man appeared on the Jonestown project who identified himself only as "Guyanese", though his accent wore off as his conversation and questions continued. The nature and content of his questions demonstrated a great deal of knowledge about Temple members and activities, though not one person at Jonestown had ever seen him.

4. Throughout provoking calls and incidents, the name Joseph Mazar has been traced.

- The FCC has just recently decided to pursue a very minor complaint that was registered a year ago against our amateur radio operator. It appears another obvious attempt to cut off our lifeline to the mission. There are no telephones into Jonestown, and the radio is the only means of communication available to carry on the work and support for the people there.

Finally, I wish to bring to your attention the matter of Timothy Stoen, a former member of Peoples Temple and legal counsel for more than 8 years. He has left the Temple fellowship and is now pressuring State Department and Congressional officials in an effort to lay claim to a child that is not his, disrupt the activities of the Temple in Guyana, and instigate—as he said he would do on many occasions if the Temple would not go along with his Trotskyite schemes—and the investigation of our church.

The custody issue revolves around a 6-year-old child, John, the son of Rev. Jones and Grace Stoen, Tim's estranged wife. The media have, as expected, glommed onto this story in the delight of misrepresentation and one-sided, malicious gossip. Tim is claiming to the media to be John's father, which he is not.

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Rev. Jones' counselling for both of them went on for months and months, but Tim was bitterly insistent that the only solution for his intense personal dilemma would be for Rev. Jones, on whom Grace had made repeated sexual demands, to relate to her.

The paternity of John is by no means Rev. Jones' proudest accomplishment, but he is deeply devoted to his son now that he is here. He had the full word and commitment of both Grace and Tim that he would be able to raise his son as the father, which in fact he has. The Jones family has accepted John since infancy as their son and little brother. The child is a virtual duplicate copy of his dad, Jim Jones. It should be noted that in the Treasury approach to Dennis Banks, David Conn informed Dennis that Grace Stoen's child was fathered by Jim Jones.

We thought in the beginning there was something amiss with Tim, not only because of dress patterns; there have been other inconsistencies in his behavior as well. From a painful analysis of events over a period of time, it has become evident that he was using his association with Peoples Temple to foster Trotskyist views, which are by no means an uncommon phenomenon on the landscape of social activism. He recently made a great "to-do" about his supposed "ouster" from Guyana when, in fact, there was no issue about his leaving Guyana at all. But his actions leave us on a sour note when we discovered that several years ago in East Berlin he pulled the same act, making a very loud noise about something that was not even an issue to embarrass the government there. Interestingly enough, all the years he was with the Temple he posed as a "radical" and was always the advocate of extremist measures and solutions to the

social problems Rev. Jones has consistently dealt with as a committed pacifist. He even stated to us that he had never been in that part of the world (near East Berlin). It pains us to think that this "outraged American" act is a standard part of his repertoire. The vast majority of our members come from deprived circumstances and the bitterness of inner city life; and countless young people who have been rehabilitated from lives of crime, violence and militant views have found in Peoples Temple for the first time an accomodation to the system and a desire to work through it for change. Encouraging constructive direction out of their disillusionment in life has not always been easy. Tim Stoen and some others would have made our people the "pawns" of their terrorist schemes, but their orientation was totally unacceptable to us. He was always wanting to do grandiose things, to tear things down rather than work for constructive development and peaceful social change. We have always believed that human potential can be oriented for good, and have achieved remarkable results; if we have erred it has been on the side of utopian idealism and perhaps been too tolerant of those in our midst like Tim Stoen, who, unlike Rev. Jones and the vast majority of the congregation, would rather curse the darkness than try to light candles of redemption and hope.

Now we see the harassment of various agencies augmented by the IRS inquiry. This is exactly what Tim Stoen threatened he would have done, whip up an IRS investigation of Peoples Temple. We took the initiative ourselves of checking with the IRS, under the Freedom of Information Act, when we learned of Stoen's threats. We asked if the agency had any issue with us, which of course they did not. We have always been very careful and meticulously honest. Members of the congregation, for instance, have never taken more than 10% deduction, though they may have given much more. As a matter of fact, Temple programs for delinquent youth and for the care of senior citizens over the years have saved the taxpayers in SSI, MediCal, Medicare, and law enforcement costs for youths formerly into crime, drugs, and lives either already in or bound for prison. Yet, suddenly, we have received a notice of IRS investigation. The purpose can only be further harassment.

Our Jonestown Project is a model community where we can put into practice the values and principles we cherish. It has burgeoned into a remarkable cooperative where poverty and chronic ill-health, slums and unemployment—all earmarks of urban deterioration—are fading memories for people who were largely veterans of the inner cities here. The Project recently gave a warm welcome to leading officials in our State Department, including American Ambassador Richard McCoy, who came to see the work firsthand and has been most helpful. Officials from the Guyanese government, the U.S. and all over the world come to the Project constantly and have penned glowing entries into the guest book. The most recent visitor, Chairman of the Board of Guyana Livestock Corporation and a world traveler, called it the best model community he's ever seen purest in its fellowship and remarkable in productivity—no crime, excellent sanitation, superb medical care, educational and recreational facilities. As the enclosed information details for you, Jonestown is an exceptional community in every respect, cast into a setting of great natural beauty and peace.

We can only begin to describe for you this extraordinary community of love, sharing and cooperation. This, for all of us, is the manifestation of Christ's teachings—a way of life that transcends dogma, doctrine, and empty theory or theological abstractions, and meets human needs. We welcome you to visit, and would look forward to introducing you to this beautiful way of life, this peaceful path of humanitarian service where we have been able to bring great benefits to the whole area—food, medical assistance, and even training in all kinds of academic subjects. The World Council of Churches recently covered the Jonestown project in its monthly publication, One World.

Thank you for your time. We hope that you will investigate for yourselves, as the Committee

for Church and Social Justice, the sources of the harassment we have outlined for you. We hope also that, especially in view of the IRS probes which are looming on the horizon, you will be able to give us support against an investigation which is deliberately provoked. There can be little doubt, given the all-too-coincidental nature of the harassment we have suffered month after month at the hand of various government agencies, that this too, is being conducted under highly questionable and improper purposes. We feel confident that these concerns are being delivered into the most competent hands.

Sincerely,

L. G. Johnston
L. G. Johnston

cc: Disciples of Christ National Headquarters
Christian Church, Northern California + Nevada

To Whom It May Concern:

October 24, 1977

About one year ago we read the Peoples Forum for the first time. Biblical quotations. Well-documented and researched examples of injustices. Examples of self-help, effective programs to save the rejected of injustices.

After reading a few more issues of the Peoples Forum, we visited the Peoples Temple. Friendly people. Willing to talk. Willing to listen. Woodworking room. Printing room. Spaces for eating, medical help, office needs. Examples of young people, learning and teaching skills. Being of use. Gaining respect of themselves and others. A look of caring. Feelings of morality. High purpose. A belief in Jim Jones. His life-long gift of serving others, of equalitarian practices. A leader, yes. But not authoritarian, except for the love everyone we talked to had for Jim Jones. A love. A respect. An awe of the level of his giving.

Then came the corporate-media stories. We recognized not one fact in the news stories which corresponded to our experiences of visiting the Peoples Temple or of reading the Peoples Forum. Yet, surely our experiences were available to the reporters, and to the editors who wrote such totally derogatory materials. Why the discrepancy between our perceptions and theirs?

The Peoples Temple is trying new, communal socialistic approaches to very difficult problems of our society which have been seemingly unsolvable by the resources we have been able to allocate. Problems such as how to help people, especially young ones who take too many drugs, or who get into the habit of stealing what they want and/or need, how to help older persons become involved in the real life and get away from the voyeuristic T.V. life. How to help just plain people do meaningful work leading towards a more humanistic society. With love, with hard work, with commitment. We Believe Peoples Temple is facing and trying to untangle these problems. And we thank them for their work.

But, they have been characterized by the corporate media as brutal, child beaters, unfeeling, unthinking...power mad...liars...fakes..only interested in grabbing people's money.

We have met many people during our four visits to the Peoples Temple. These people were beautiful and seemed full of love, compassion and commitment. Doers. Workers. Yet, with a sense of love and understanding.

We just can't believe our perceptions were that wrong. The people's actions and reactions during our visits couldn't have been allmake believe. We think that their pastor, Jim Jones, whom we met only briefly, is a shining star of giving love and help to others. We think he inspires the other members to do the same. And that is the beauty of the church. And its strength.

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And perhaps that is what the "expose" is all about. Perhaps when love, caring and commitment start to be effective, to make changes in our present system which seems based on competition and greed, perhaps that is when the corporate powers become worried. And perhaps when they become worried they actually commit many atrocities they charge others with, symbolically and otherwise. Perhaps the establishment-media storied are projections, projections of the present controlling powers who act through coercion and through devious means when they feel threatened.

And, of course, any person, any organization that is looked into with a magnifying glass, with an intent to discredit and no concern for the total truth, can be discredited for some matters. No one or nothing is perfect, especially when the persons or organizations are working with some of the most difficult problems of our society. We are all a Gestalt of experiences and our lot in life.

But, there is a medium, related to the whole of truth, which can be evaluated. And the Peoples Temple has our vote and our support and our confidence. We choose them over the corporate media. And over the people who paid for all the investigations. And over the people who were paid for their part in the supposed expose. We choose the Peoples Temple.

And we urge any interested persons who believe that the stories they read in the establishment media might have been created for less than humanistic motives, any persons who believe there might be another side, we invite these people to do as we did and personally visit the Temple, talk to the people, look at the slides of Guyana, ask questions. Or, ask the Temple people to come to your neighborhood meetings. Their work, we believe, is exemplary.

Perhaps we all have freedom only as long as we are not effective in changing some of the obvious dangers which our present society is putting on us (such as 90% of all cancers are caused by the environment. Such as many nations now are capable of having an atomic bomb because of atomic reactors, financed by our banks and built by our technology. Such as a high rate of crime brought on by people who have lost hope in our system.)

Perhaps the very freedom we cherish is only ours as long as we only watch T.V., watch baseball and drink Cokes. Any true effective efforts to change the present system to better fit our needs will be met by?

It is possible the Peoples Temple's struggle is also the struggle of those of us who are not yet hopeless, who are surviving in this system at present...but who possibly are living on borrowed time.

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We visited the Peoples Temple. We found friends. We hope you will do likewise. Unlike the media presentation, we found them to be thoughtful, loving and concerned people who are struggling to make a reasonable life for themselves and others without hurting anyone. That is their right. And it is our right also.

Patricia Helton
Patricia Helton

Wm. C. Helton
William C. Helton

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- talked to Paul Asselin: 3/30/78

- said he liked the idea of doing this documentary- agreed politically with what we were doing- and where we are at etc-. but never did really want to say Socialistic etc. hedged around it on the phone. (agreed with sharing the wealth as he put it)

- said he understood the limitation in budget - said could go as low as 1,800- esp. if it didn't involved much lighting problem-

- said the cost depends on what you film... night filming would cost alot more- and said if possible you should film documentaries such as this in the sunlight.

- probably 6 people- or if cost not allow- he could cut one.
- could start immediately- this does not mean he would go immediately- but he would get people to start researching etc. to he could save time- said they organize it ahead

= the actual filming might take 1 week or so- said a fule of thumb would be 1 week per 1/2 hr. of film- but not always so- just depends on what you film...

- said he pays the cost of living on location- so it would be in his interest to make it as short as possible...

-80% of the cost is in lighting factor...

- said he could make a good film and a little profit if cost went as low as 1,800.

- said he can give you the best possible film for the money.

- said they get alot of things like this in the mail and most they don't even respond to- but this one they are interested in.

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NO

Handwritten scribbles and initials

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Current - June 20, 1978

1. Manuscripts out
2. US postage stamps
3. New queries
4. Articles for Crisis, Disciple, Churchman (this week)
5. PR letters to friends
- > 6. Fletcher energy letter
- > 7. Question and Answer book
- > 8. Any additions to conspiracy book?
 - Chris Lewis
 - Kathy Hunter *Enquirer - no of call*
 - Debby Blakey
 - Other items

9. Where is People of Jonestown?
10. Get Ms. carbons back from Prokes
11. Interviews continue
12. Book research with Jack, Marceline, continue
13. High School - get material in for Cde. Allen
14. Letter to Traitors - Sharon had it
15. Request from States:
 - photo equipment (status?)
 - plain white long envelopes
 - 9 x 12 envelopes
 - Magazines asked for - need them - ask Carolyn
 - Cassettes - order 100 through Tish - good brands
 - Video-tapes & do we want more?

16. Blakey: letter to Chron, open letter #2, reveal plan to starve us out, UN Human rights commission
17. How to sell my 'cello - send instructions
18. Large reels of tape transcribe
19. High School - special project problems, class planning meetings
20. Book on the News - reference - for US printing
21. Question and answer book - where is it?

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F. O. Box 893
Georgetown, Guyana
South America
November 1, 1978

Managing Editor
San Francisco Chronicle
5th and Mission Streets
San Francisco, CA

Dear Editor:

It is indeed puzzling and disturbing that the Chronicle has not yet printed a word of a significant series of disclosures by civil rights attorney Mark Lane, concerning the Peoples Temple community here in Guyana. Mr. Lane's investigation has not only vindicated the Temple of the charge that it was running an "armed camp." He has disclosed that an individual hired to lead a minor armed invasion against Jonestown, complete with rocket launchers and other weapons, himself saw when he got here that he had been deceived, and called the whole thing off. The man has since visited Rev. Jones here at the community, and has, like everyone else, found the year-long campaign against Peoples Temple to be a malicious fraud.

The Chronicle has been involved, through reporter Marshall Kilduff and others, in following the story (some might say promoting it). It is, therefore, revealing that at the very time that the story is coming to a head, and key information released, the Chronicle chooses to remain silent. Having aired the other side of the story, which has been proven false, it indicated that you are acting as anything but an objective news reporting agency and, in the Peoples Temple matter, you have an editorial policy of taking sides. Particularly so in view of the fact that the above disclosures, aired a press conference attended by your reporters, clearly bear out what Peoples Temple has been saying all along, despite the innuendo-filled publicity that has worked only to credit those who have conspired to destroy us.

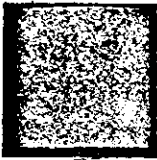
A final note: attorney Lane and his Citizens Commission of Inquiry organization are currently preparing a multimillion dollar suit that will name a host of government agencies and individuals, and will expose fully what certain Bay Area newspapers have been unable and, it appears, deliberately unwilling to bring to light.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD D. TRUFF
Jonestown

cc. Bay Guardian
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San Francisco Council of Churches
Sun Reporter
Mark Lane
Berkeley Barb

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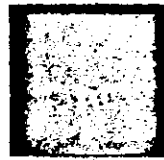


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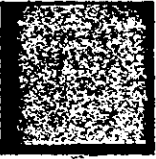
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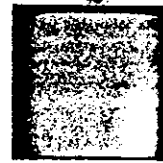
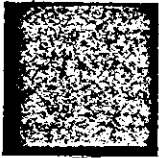
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 wk of Aug. The
 Guyana Chronicle
 carried a short article
 about a bomb
 scare on a Pan Am.
 flight from N.Y. to
 Guyana on July 17 or 18.
 The plane was held up or
 called back for a bomb
 search. The article did not
say if one was or was
 not found. We had no one
 on that flight (I think - it
 happened the night I left
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 whether the threat was real
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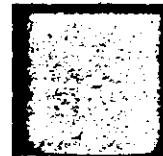
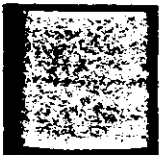
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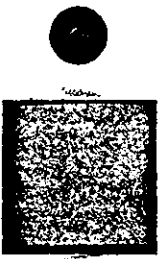


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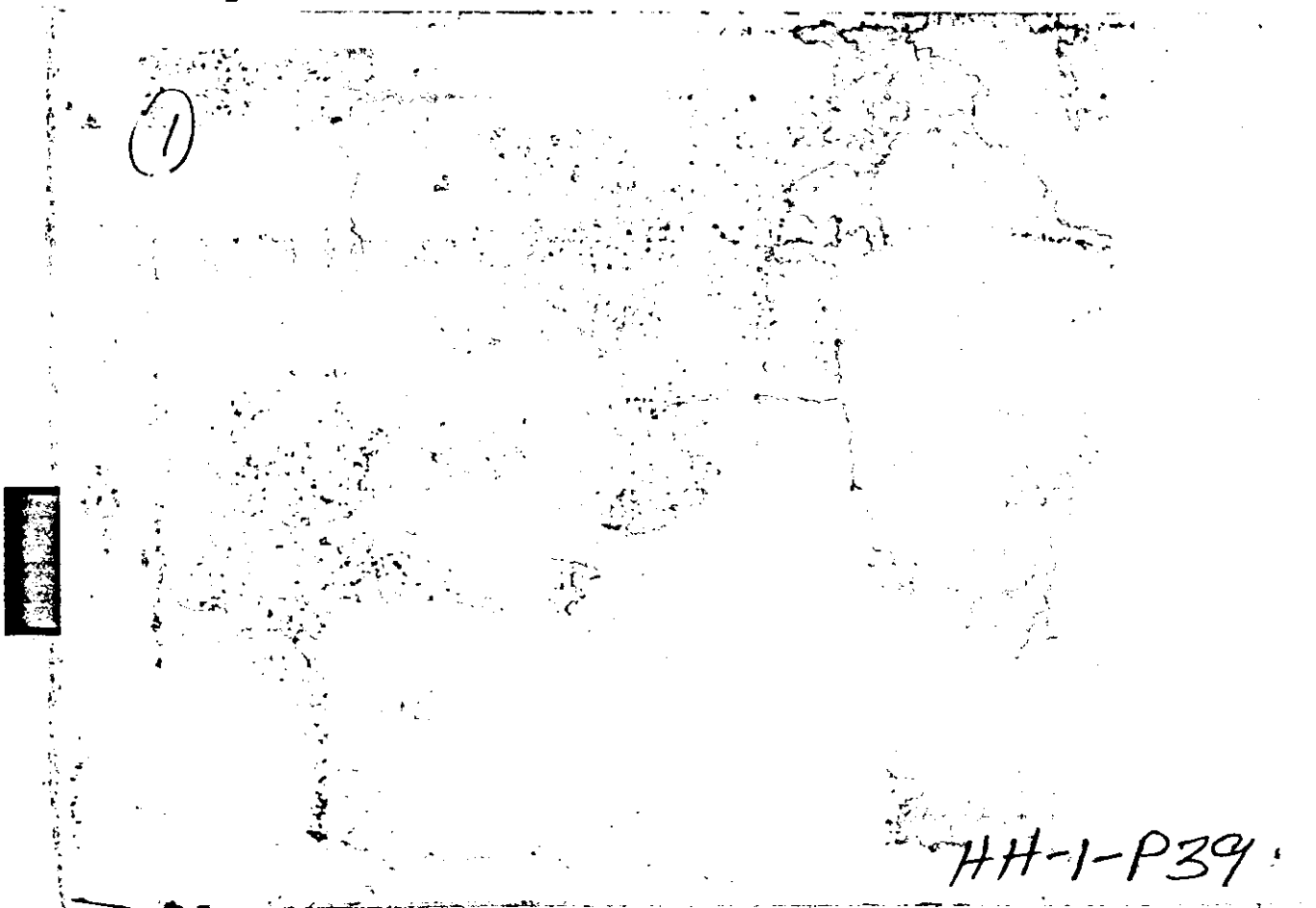
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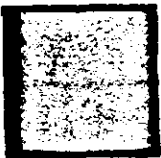


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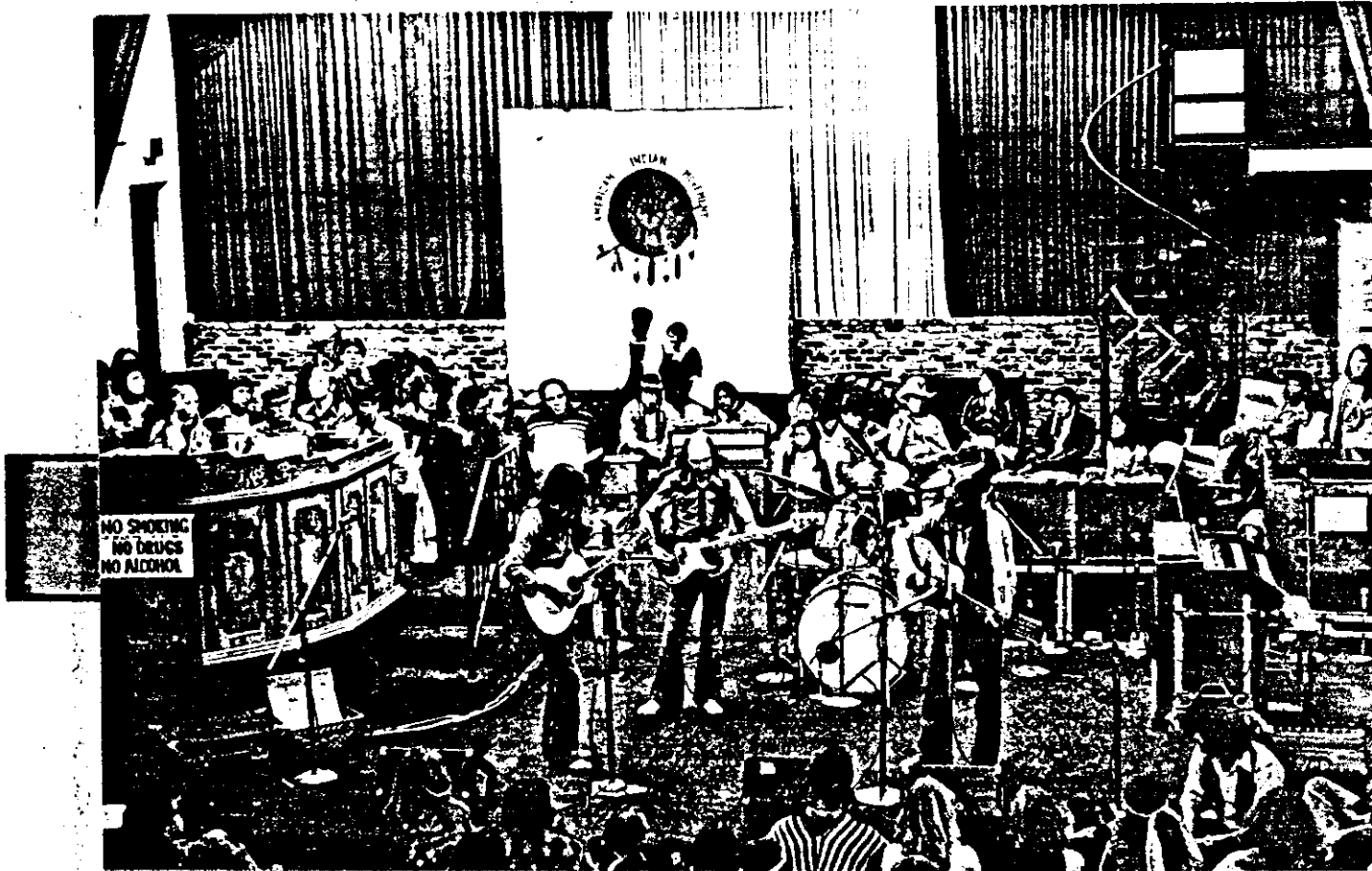
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Dick Grejcy greeting Marce
his guest at conference he
spoke at. (School Administrators)

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Belo Horizonte, Brazil

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Binky Benedict

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August 9, 1977

Mary Helen Rogers
1824 Buchanan Street
San Francisco, Calif.
94115

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a representative in the black community, and as Chairperson of WAPAC, Western Addition Project Area Committee, an organization representing the vested interests of minorities residing within an undeveloped section of San Francisco.

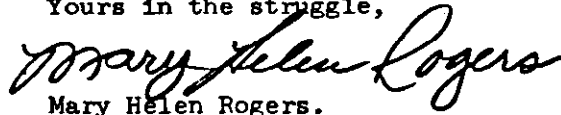
As a community organizer for many years I realize the need for progressive change. Rev. Jones is attempting to enlighten the community, of which he has made himself a part, in order to bring about constructive change to the present repressive conditions in the community of mankind, and, as a means of assuring change in the conditions of the exploited masses of the third world community in which he serves.

Organizations such as WACO, WAPAC, which I have been a part of, and the Black Panther Party, etc., have in the past attempted to administrate programs which reached out in the community meeting the many social deficits facing the poor. Each organization faced the attacks of the press and each organization subsequently experienced systematic eradication.

Rev. Jone's work, by all means, in coordination with the support of the Guyanese Government, must continue. No diabolical scheme of the press should stand in the way of man's dedication to the struggle of the oppressed.

Thanking you for your attention, I remain,

Yours in the struggle,


Mary Helen Rogers.

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