

event, be aware of our presence).

Mr. Van de Kamp, we have painstakingly built this community, this movement, and it has not been easy. We have gone through all kinds of harassments, our buildings have been burned, our animals killed, our children's lives threatened. We have carved out of the virgin jungles here a model of human co-operation and love, where people who were once at each others' throats in an environment that fostered violence and gave people no creative outlet for their lives, are now working together peacably, building a solid, secure future for their children. Do you think that, having come so far and having made so many sacrifices, we are going to sit idly by and allow a sleazy, politically-motivated frame-up carried out by individuals on a personal vendetta, take all or even part of what we have worked for away from us?

Yet this is precisely what is intended by the group of people who are trying to use your office to hand down indictments against members of Peoples Temple. There is a sinister dimension to all of this that we think you may grasp. The efforts to frame up a few of our staff members in Los Angeles is actually a device to tie up our finances, to paralyze our church, and effectively cut off the pioneer community here in Guyana from vital assistance. This is no mere attempt to proceed against one or two or a few people who are accused of 'crimes' they have never committed or would have ever conceived of committing: it is a move against an entire people, Mr. Van de Kamp, an act of violence and violation of the human and inalienable rights of all of us, a despicable attack on our work, our hopes, our achievements, our lives, our future.

It is significant that a person high up in government, in the U. S. Department of State, as well as another top official in the FCC, are fully prepared to state that we are victims of conspiracy. They will be subpoenaed for testimony if necessary. Our work on behalf of the poor and underprivileged -- especially the building of this interracial co-operative community -- has been praised widely by high government officials and many prominent visitors to the project from Guyana, the United States, and other nations. One recent visitor, author-investigator Donald Freed (Executive Action, The Killing of RFK, Glass House Tapes)

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said that Jonestown was "the greatest, most compassionate community he has ever seen, a community that Dr. Martin Luther King, had he lived, would have recognized as the next step toward the realization of his dream of human brotherhood." When you contrast such statements -- and there have been many of them -- with the despicable slanders that have been printed about us in the sensationalist press, it is obvious who is telling the truth and who is lying.

Mr. Donald Freed, incidentally, is an expert in the exposing of government conspiracies, along with author-attorney Mark Lane (Rush to Judgement): both are convinced that Peoples Temple is the victim of a vast conspiracy that is now trying to operate right out of your office. Mr. Freed -- who spent a week in Jonestown very recently -- is prepared to offer testimony and is engaged with Mark Lane in a special investigation of what is going on. We now have a publisher who has offered to go ahead with a book in preparation on this conspiracy. It will help illustrate graphically how first the press, then government agencies, are used (and indeed, prostituted) in well-orchestrated, well-financed campaigns to destroy progressive groups and church leaders in the United States. Our story -- and it is an explosive one -- will be told to an international audience which is deeply interested in how a poor peoples organization like Peoples Temple, and a principled, humanitarian leader like Jim Jones, are made the victim of subversion and government frame-ups, and violations of human rights. We have not brought the Los Angeles District Attorney's office into the story yet, because, despite what we have heard, we are not prepared to believe that you are or would become a party to these efforts. However, we are quite serious and deeply committed to our cause, and are certainly prepared -- and capable -- (and indeed, anxious) to go to the limit to make the public fully aware of what is happening. And we now have every reason to believe that the public -- both in the U.S. and in many other nations -- is most interested to know the anatomy of this sort of high treason against innocent people that is allowed to take place, and is given every sanction, within institutions of a supposedly free society.

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Again, we intend to publicize our story to the world, and we are already assured that it will be written about and widely spoken of by many around the United States and in many nations of the world who have taken a profound interest in what Peoples Temple is doing for international co-operation in Guyana in setting up a model, multiracial community, and in what is happening to wipe out perhaps the most successful and active peoples organization in the United States.

Our only and basic desire is to be left in peace. However, if this political frame-up is seriously pursued, we will be accepting support from all groups in the Los Angeles area as well as all over California and elsewhere who have offered to protest on a broad front in our defense. Many have recognized the campaigns against Peoples Temple as an attack on all poor and oppressed people (urban blacks in particular, who make up the majority of those of us signing this letter), and all people who are trying to work for social and economic justice in America. It will be considered a serious matter for your office to try to make a civil rights church that has been in the forefront for racial justice for twenty five years look like it preys upon elderly blacks by dignifying this cruel plot. Many of us know the couple concerned in the case that is being prepared, and were present when their property was discussed. The fact of the matter is that there was no coercion or any sort of 'deal' made; indeed, the position taken by Rev. Jones on the only occasion he referred to the matter was that Peoples Temple did not want the property in question. Many of us were present and can testify in support of this. The plot being hatched is a tangle of lies.

Make no mistake about our resolve. We are pledged to defend our integrity, our community, and the justice of our cause. We are not afraid, and have been through battles before. We are an embattled people, with a heritage of struggle. We have no antagonism towards you at all -- we have no reason to believe that you are not a highly principled person. But we want to make it clear that we have been pushed to the wall, that we have gone very far in this cause, which for us is identified with our very

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lives, and which represents a hope for our children
 didn't have in the mean streets of Watts and other
 the city -- and we will very actively, dramatically;
 resist any attempts, from whatever quarter, to put
 organization in jail, or other schemes to hurt our

For that reason we have come together to comp
 you this letter, which we hope will move you to re
 perhaps more completely comprehend our situation,
 of frame-up that is being prepared against us.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Signed,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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To Whom It May Concern;

I am a former member of the
cult known as "Peoples Temple".

I am probably the only one that
will tell you the complete
true story. OUTSIDE SOURCE

At the time that ~~we~~ moved
here from Indianapolis Jim Jones
began to show his true character
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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I have seen him beat or have
others beat children & teenagers and
too old for corporal punishment,
for very minor offenses. DEC 6 1978

We were told that if ~~we~~ quit
the church they would get us.
When he said that he was
a communist, and threw the
Bible on the floor and said
that he was "God," the one

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in the Bible was a "son of a Bitch." There was no "God" but him.

I made up my mind that I wanted no part of him, and got up, and left, 1966

He said that he had 12 million dollars buried; if this is true Archie James or Jean Brown will probably know where.

Our youngest daughter (deceased in Guyana massacre) wanted to stay because all of her school chums were there. We were not allowed to associate with anyone outside the Church, not even talk to anyone.

Our daughter [REDACTED] had made a promise to me that she

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would not go to Guyana to live.

She worked for [REDACTED]

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I have proof that she intended to be with us here [REDACTED] for Christmas. Her reservation on United Airlines is on ^{until Dec 22} record and can be gotten by subpoena; record BWZUCH. She was called at work and asked to get a flight to Guyana.

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[REDACTED] She did not call me because I would have stopped her some way. I have cards from her, and a letter proving she did not intend to stay. Written on the way.

They took everyone's passports that came in, all their money, and jewelry. She was not allowed

to leave. [redacted] was terrified of death. I know that she had to be held and forced to get the poison. She would not lay down her life for anyone.

[redacted] kept me informed on what was going on, but she was afraid to quit. If she had it in her to commit suicide, why not take a chance on quitting.

My family did not suffer because we did not say anything to anyone about the Church because we were afraid to. Jim Jones would stop in Cuba to see Castro and probably has money in their bank under an alias, as well as in Mexico where he went several times. Jim Jones had more ego than anyone I knew. He forced himself on the young women for sex. His wife agreed because I believe

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she was afraid of him too.

As for henchmen, definitely I believe their promise to get all of us former members.

"They will try"! Believe me Jean-Jones was another Hitler

Archie James was just a tool that he used, but beware of Jean Brown and a man there named Tom? I sincerely believe that all of the assets of the Temple should be sold and all money divided amongst the families of the deceased, as the members were forced to give all of their earnings and were given \$2.00 for spending plus a pass for transit. Their clothing came from Goodwills or second hand stores with permission of someone in that position. Jean Brown I think

The Peoples Temple should be
forced to pay all expenses
for the return of the bodies
and their burial, and then
forced to disband. In the
17 years that we belonged
to the church back in Indpls
we gave thousands of dollars
supposedly to help the less
fortunate.

There was hundreds of good
people in that Church living
in fear. Guyana was a
slave labor camp with under
fed people unable to escape.
No one committed suicide.
They were either tricked or
forced. Maybe a very few did,
but if you are surrounded
by guns and held down and
forced; or ~~had~~ were held and
injected; what chance did they

have. Jim Jones and his super
ego probably had it all figured
out to make it look like so
many people thought he was
"God" that they would die for
him. This is the truth.

No one I believe willingly
died. It was mass murder
not suicide, and death
certificates should state
murder. Why put a stigma
on a persons name for something
they could not help.

May the real "God" punish
me if this letter is not
the truth.

Please keep my name and
address a secret, as we do
not want to die. We want our
daughters possessions but are
afraid to try and get them. She
was [REDACTED] and was

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[REDACTED] and I
am absolutely sure of what I have
written. Jim Jones could fool
the Angels in Heaven, but in
real life he was more of
Satan. Please help us all to
clear the names of our loved
ones.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

P.S. Please do not divulge
my name or address to anyone.
[REDACTED]

My phone number is as follows
[REDACTED]

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