



PRIVACY ACT
DISCLOSURE RECORD

1. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL

JAMES WARREN JONES

2. DATE OF DISCLOSURE

AUGUST 26, 1977

CONTINUING
DIALOGUE

3. PURPOSE OF DISCLOSURE

LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND REGULATORY OTHER (Specify) →

4. NATURE OF DISCLOSURE (Information Provided)

Copy of Report of Investigation, (b)(7)(C) dated August 26, 1977.

5. NAME OF REQUESTER

INTERPOL
U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

6. DISCLOSURE MADE BY

(b)(7)(C) Special Agent

7. ADDRESS OF REQUESTER

Washington, D.C.

8. NAME OF OFFICE

SAC/SAN FRANCISCO

9. TYPE OF INQUIRY

ORAL WRITTEN

9A. NAME OF RECORD SYSTEM

INVESTIGATIONS RECORD SYSTEM

10B. SYSTEM NUMBER

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Record Access Code: (b)(7)

TITLE REV. JAMES W. JONES dba PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1859 Geary San Francisco, California	DATE OF REPORT AUGUST 26, 1977	FILE NUMBER (b)(7)
	CUSTOMS DISTRICT	
	PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION February 2, 1977 to present	
	DATE OF ASSIGNMENT February 28, 1977	CASE STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED
VIOLATION		

CHARACTER OF INVESTIGATION

Allegations of Neutrality & Currency Violations

OFFICE OF ORIGINATION AND RELATED FILE NUMBER(s)

(b)(7)

SYNOPSIS

Predicated upon allegations made by (b)(7)(D) this investigation was commenced in February of this year. Cooperation of various Federal and local law enforcement agencies was solicited.

The body of the report and cumulative Exhibits 1 and 2 contain published and sworn to allegations and photographs of JONES' compound-type mission in Northern California which may be of interest to other agencies and is forwarded for INTERPOL and State Department information.

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING AGENT

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APPROVED (SIGNATURE)

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INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS

(b)(7)(C) + (7)(D)

JONES.

Prior to this meeting (b)(7)(D), I had met with an intermediary of theirs who had told a bizarre tale of the goings on within the church. These allegations were checked with a senior member of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department who acceded to their probability and acknowledged that the people who had left the church had cause for concern over possible physical harm as a result of their leaving.

The following allegations were made at the (b)(7)(D) meeting:

1. That in 1974 JONES had put out an appeal for all unregistered weapons his people could acquire.

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2. That the weapons were subsequently taken to Guiana via chartered aircraft out of Miami.

(b)(7)(C)

4. These monies are normally shipped via mail c/o of (b)(7)(D) at the mission in Guiana.

5. That JONES is an active supporter of both the Black Muslim and Black Panther organizations.

6. That JONES had considerable political power, both in Mendocino and San Francisco Counties.

7. That JONES had aspirations toward a political appointment to Guiana, possibly an Ambassadorship.

8. That JONES was seen throwing tear gas into a demonstration in Guiana in 1975.

9. That JONES would like to become a "factor" in the Guiana government or power structure.

10. That he has upward of 27,000 acres in Guiana approximately 30 miles up river from Georgetown, whereupon he has his Agricultural Mission.

11. That he surrounded himself with a para-military type of bodyguard known as the Apostolic Guardians. Surveillance at the Redwood Valley, CA, Temple verified the presence of an armed patrol around the compound.

12. That he had had an agreement with the Guianese government whereby all shipments to the Agricultural Mission would be labeled as "farm implements" or "used clothing," and would not be inspected by local officials.

NOTE:

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13. JONES communicates from Guiana to San Francisco in code by short wave radio.

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On _____ spoke at length with _____ in an effort to dissuade him from further association with JONES. Apparently, that conversation was taped by _____ the tape then turned over to JONES. Between the end of that meeting and the following Friday night, _____ received a total of five letters revealing the substance of the talk _____ and threatening reprisals to those who had spoken out.

Due to JONES' infiltration of the political structure in San Francisco, it was impossible to get a local investigation into the allegations of voter fraud, child abuse (including the use of electric cattle prods on children), sado-masochistic practices, welfare fraud, etc.. started. It was then decided by _____ to attempt to arouse interest via a team of investigative reporters.

As a result of this action, a continuing series of magazine, newspaper, radio, and television articles and coverage has been given to JONES and the Church. Subsequently, investigations have been initiated by San Francisco and Mendocino counties.

JONES has retreated to Guiana and is apparently selling all property here and urging his people to come to the "Promised Land."

Lockouts have been posted at Miami, Houston, and New Orleans for shipments destined to the mission in Guiana.

Included as Collective Exhibit 1 is a preponderance of the material printed since July 18, 1977, on this matter.

Because investigation disclosed allegations that JONES intends to establish a political power base in Guiana, and that he may currently have several hundred firearms in that country, the above information is furnished to

INTERPOL and the U.S. State Department for the purpose of alerting the British Guiana government to JONES' prior activities in the United States. JONES' method of operation in establishing a political power base is apparent from the attached investigative news reports. Since JONES demands unquestioned obedience from his followers, any such political support lent by JONES or his followers in British Guiana should be closely observed.

Political impact can be expected to become significant in the coming months as JONES shifts his church emphasis away from the United States. This shift in emphasis is readily apparent here in that JONES as a result of expose' news articles has reportedly called for his U.S. followers to liquidate their holdings and come to Guiana.

The State Department Passport Office in San Francisco confirmed that they have been "deluged" with passport applications from JONES' followers to travel to Guiana. Also, there are unverified reports several hundred members are currently enroute to Guiana, along with large quantities of supplies, description unknown.

This report essentially deals with JONES' alleged activity in the United States and his current emphasis in building his British Guiana base.

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