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Dear Sudea & Herbert

It was a great pleasure to hear your voices on the telephone Sudea. We were happy to hear you, & glad that your trip was rewarding.

You probably will be busy these first weeks after your return - reacquainting with your good circle of friends.

Our major travel plans have sort of evaporated for this year but we are still planning & trying to get away for two weeks to So Calif. the same trip we planned for last year & for Feb. but we aim for the end of Sept. or Oct. We will make it yet, we do look forward to seeing you again and many of our friends. Don your absence a rather

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unhappy story broke in the newspapers
about the "People's Temple" Apparently
Jim Jones got a bit too much exposure
of late as an appointee to the S. F.
Housing Commission and then the
newspaper the Temple was circulating in
the neighborhoods - For certain some one
was out to attack Moscow for the
appt. of Jones to housing commission
and Jones was apparently vulnerable.

He subsequently has resigned the Commission
the New West magazine Aug 1 issue or
Aug 15th issue first opened the
story - and then the newspapers went
on the band wagon - I enclosed many
of the clippings - the story hit two Sunday
editions of the Chronicle front page story

It blasted the temple wide open
 & Jim Jones tactics - most of the
 stories came from ex members & from
 other sources. It's hard to tell what
 is the truth as Jones is in Guyana
 now and there was no confrontation
 of what the facts really are but
 all that said, we guess that the "Temple"
 indeed left itself open for that event
 with all its secrecy - and we do
 surmise (based on the fragmentary contacts
 we had) that there is a certain
 substance to the charges but then
 again all these "so called church
 groups" practice similar patterns -
 maybe not to the extreme that the
 "People's Temple" produced - they really

went out on the limit with all
 their projects & methods of keeping
 the group in tight control. The
 church claimed to help a lot of people
 and different causes with the money they
 collected - but at what price to the
 followers of the church - Jim Jones was
 their god who could do no
 wrong - as Mao in China & Stalin in Russia
 the line of truth is so hard to find
 where is the truth? under a blanket of
 such secrecy & methods of control -
 how the project in Guyana will work out
 is another story - but in a way I now ^{the} see ^{the} ^{story} ^{is} ^{needed}
 We haven't heard from Chilla & these ^{the} ^{story} ^{is} ^{needed}
 We hope to see you soon and hear all
 about your trip
 Our love & regards
 Bill & Peggy -