

TRANSCRIPT OF PHONE CONVERSATION OF TIM CLANCEY WITH GORDON LINDSAY,  
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T.C. Fine.

GL ...been away for a day.

TC: Yeah, something personal came up.

GL: OK. What is the answer to the thing we talked...the questions..

TC: Well, we forwarded the questions overseas. We can't do that kind of traffic over the radio. Uh, just in general, it is my opinion that the nature of the questions shows a, definitely a negative bias, and I didn't see any intention there of trying to do a two-sided story. From our perspective.

GL: Well, we asked all the questions about what's going on down there, yegg beets? what have you, and we also tried to get at the fact that these allegations have been made.

TC: Well, we know they've been made, but I mean there's a lot of background behind those allegations, too, and there was nothing in your questions to indicate that there was going to be any kind of coverage of that, like, you mentioned the threatening phone calls...how would we know people's unlisted numbers? You ought to be looking into..if youre really ~~investigating the story and researching the entire background of it~~ investigating the story and researching the entire background of it you should be looking to people who encourage you to write this kind of story in the first place, sources that...

GL: I was encouraged to write this story by a person completely outside of PeoplesTemple...heard...called a private detective...

TC: A private detective.

GL: ..and she...happened to be a friend of mine...and she heard about this, and she said, why don't you look into this, and that's exactly how I heard about it.

TC: Well, there's definitely more to look into than just that, because, I mean that, those kinds of things are ridiculous that are being attributed to us.

GL: I cant hear you well.

TC: I said that those kinds of allegations that are being attributed to us are utterly ridiculous. Uh, you could take voice prints, and listen to the prints, if you wanted to do that..

GL: We have done voice prints.

TC: Oh, you have done voice prints. Well, I'm sure if you have, you can compare those and see...

GL: These voice prints compared very favorably..

TC: X What compared favorably?

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GL: The people we had the voice prints done on...telling the truth.

TC: Regarding what?

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GL: The people we had voice prints done on.

TC: People you had voice prints done on. Oh, you took lie detector tests of people or something?

GL: No, voice prints are a form of investigation. I'm-sure you know that.

TC: Yeah, uh.

GL: (unintelligible)

TC: Comparing...

GL: ...under stress

TC: Oh, comparing voices under stress. Oh, that's not what I was referring to. I was suggesting that, you had mentioned that phone calls had been made threatening people, that you could compare the actual voice prints to see that people who have been claiming that we have threatened people, that it's absurd, that we haven't done anything.

GL: Unfortunately, no one has a tape of anyone calling up. Uh...that have called up, they've not taped it, so unfortunately there's no witness. Most people in this world don't go around with a phone...like I do, I had you taped earlier..

TC: yeah, I know you do.

GL: M And uh, ...so no one can come back at me. Cover both...(unintelligible) with my phone. Which is very important in this world... ..reporter...journalism...because no one goes around taping people on telephones...what it comes around to, is Mr. Jones going to answer the questions or is he going to be silent?

TC: Well, he hasn't gotten the w questions yet, like I said, we couldn't send them over the radio.

GL: I know

TC: Yes.

GL: Were you going to...i understand...ten days... Georgetown.  
(unintelligible)

TC: Well, it takes a something like that, I would suppose. We wanted to make sure that he saw the w questions verbatim as you had given them to me.'

GL: Well, have him call the Peoples Temple in Georgetown at my expense, and I will read the w questions to him

TC: Well. uh...

GL: That will certainly cut out the delay.

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TC: Oh, he's visited Debby in San Francisco..

GL: You see, he's a photographer, very well known.

TC: I see.

GL: ..but he doesnt move in Jones' circles, I gather..

TC: No, I don't...Well

GL: Anyway, I will be delighted to call Georgetown and relay my questions because, I would think at the moment that these are what is known as delaying tactics...and I just want to know if he is going to answer the questions or not.

TC: Uh, he's going to have to see them before ~~kk~~ he answers them.

GL: Well,,,I still don;t understand, you people talking up to six hours on the radio, it doesn't take that long to get those questions over.

TC: Well, its the nature of the traffic, Mr. Lindsay.

GL: I dont understand that.

TC: Well, that's the way it is...

GL: Well, what do you mean by the nature of the traffic? I mean, I'm naive, I guess.

TC: Well, look at the questions. I mean, certain things just can't be put over the radio.

GL: Oh. Because other people might pick them up.

TC: Hm? No.

GL: ~~X~~ DO you know what's wrong, trouble in your line over there?

TC: No.

GL: Do you hear an awful lot of static on it?

TC: No, I don't hear any static.

GL: Must be on my end. OK, the other thing, I did talk to Mrs. Davis.

TC: You did?

GL: Yeah. I thought you knew, it was on the radio last night.

TC: Oh, it was?

GL: Yeah. Uh, she was a very ~~xxxx~~ pleasant lady. Very pleasant. Unfortunately she didn't tell me very much. I mean, I asked a lot of questions, and all I got were very cryptic answers. She certainly ~~xxx~~ did give a glowing report of Jonestown.

TC: Well, as I said, I wasn't here, so I really

have ~~off~~ background

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TC: cont'  
on that.

GL: I would suggest if I were in your position, get people that are more vocal, if they go down there, and want to talk to the press.

TC: Well, I mean, that wasn't her intention in going down there. She went down there to visit her daughter, I understand, not to go down there so she could talk to the press.

GL: ...you don't understand, if you're going to suggest to the press that they have certain people talk to us, that they be a little quicker on their feet...I mean the poor lady is charming, as I say, very very pleasant, but she just doesn't really, you know, know what's going on, apparently, and uh, you know, how, you know, what's nice down there and uh...

TC: Well, maybe the things that you think are going on aren't really going on.

GL: No, no, I'm asking her about, 'was it nice down there' 'yes'; ~~what~~ 'where did you stay' 'in a room'; 'what sort of a room' 'oh, a nice-sized room'; 'what size was it?' 'Oh, I don't know.'

TC: Well, I don't know, maybe....

GL: Unfortunately, it wasn't too helpful. People ..(unintelligible)... As I say, I'll talk to anyone.

TC: Fine, well, let me...I'll check and see about this phoning the questions over to them

GL: Yehh, OK..

TC: You'll be at your office?

GL: I'll be at my office, yeah.

TC: OK, fine, good bye.

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END OF CONVERATION

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