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OPEN LETTER TO THE MEDIA AND THE COMMUNITY

... "the media [now printed] a new series of 'charges' --all entirely false-- relating to the visit of news reporter Kathy Hunter to Guyana. They [ignored] the Guyanese Minister of Home Affairs: 'We have investigated and found her [Hunter's] statements to be totally untrue and that she lied to gain entry into our country...' This debacle, an unannounced, noisy, threatening visit to Georgetown, resulted in claims of an alleged personal invitation from the Prime Minister, which even she admitted was "probably a hoax."; then five false fire alarms at Mrs. Hunter's hotel; bomb threats; phone bugging; alleged "harassment by a squad of interrogators"; alleged "protective custody" and "police escort"; and tellingly, accompaniment of Mrs. Hunter by Pat Small, a woman suspected to be CIA after she was caught selling information to the American Embassy. Hunter was finally kicked out of Guyana after she and Small caused an incident at the Parliament, but the whole point was to create bad press in the States:

"Hunter Seized While on Temple Assignment" (*Ukiah Daily Journal*, May 26, 1978); "Why Should Rev. Jones Fear Reporter Visiting Jonestown?" (*Ukiah Daily Journal*, May 28, 1978); "Report of Peoples Temple Terror" (*San Francisco Examiner*, May 26, 1978); "Writer's Nightmare Journey to Peoples Temple Mission" (*San Francisco Examiner*, May 27, 1978); "Ukiah Investigative Reporter Placed Under Protective Custody" (*Los Angeles Times*, May 27, 1978).

FINALLY CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT
TO PAINT JONESTOWN AS VIOLENT AND CRIMINAL

* Reprinted from "Snake Dance: Unravelling the
Mysteries of Jonestown," by Laurie Efrein Kahalas.

* DID THE MAN WHO MADE THIS PHONE CALL
KNOW ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION IN ADVANCE?

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FBI Probes Temple 'Death Threats'

By George Draper

The FBI reported yesterday it is checking out "some very heavy rumors" concerning the People's Temple crisis, including several purported death threats.

One of the death threats, it was learned, was directed against the son of Joe Holsinger, administrative assistant to Congressman Leo Ryan, who was gunned down in Guyana on Saturday.

Will Holsinger, 27, the son, has been on the congressman's payroll for the past two months investigating

ing People's Temple in the Bay Area.

His telephone rang Saturday night, a few hours after the first radio report of the Guyana shootings. Young Holsinger's wife answered the phone and heard a man's voice saying:

"Your husband's meal ticket had his head blown off and he (your husband) might be next."

The Holsingers notified authorities and moved to another San Mateo residence, which is being guarded around the clock.

Re Will Holsinger, son of Joseph Holsinger (both aides of Congressman Ryan): "His telephone rang Saturday night, a few hours after the first radio report of the Guyana shootings. Young Holsinger's wife answered the phone and heard a man's voice saying, 'Your husband's meal ticket had his head blown off and he (your husband) might be next.'"

NOTE: Everyone in the San Francisco Temple was in shock and disbelief at the time of these reported calls, without even confirmation of the shootings. No one in Peoples Temple even knew who this man was! "Someone" may have made these calls, but it was impossible that it was anyone from Peoples Temple. Was the anonymous caller lined up in advance of the assassination to make these calls on cue?

And what of the countless other anonymous threatening phone calls and other harassments that had been falsely blamed upon Peoples Temple for a year-and-a-half leading up to the tragedy? Who was responsible for those incidents?

NOW DEAD PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PICKING UP
PHONES WITH "ANONYMOUS DEATH THREATS" TO REV
UP THE MYTH OF A POST-MORTEM "HIT SQUAD"

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