

US OPPONENT GOT INTO JONESTOWN WITH A CAMERA?

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Ukiah Daily Journal, April 13, 1978: "ONE FATHER [TIMOTHY STOEN] HAS EVEN THREATENED TO HIRE MERCENARIES TO RAID JONESTOWN AND "LIBERATE" HIS SON BY FORCE. TROUBLE THAT COULD LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT MAY LIE AHEAD."

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Sept. 9, 1977, "Rev. Jones Hushed yesterday's press conference [i.e. had received a telephone call from a source reported the second attempt in four days just been made on Jones' life."

Sept. 21, 1977, "Temple Leader Is Held in A San Francisco attorney... Jeffrey Haas [in his custody case] said he spent three weeks in the country where Jones has apparently obtained custody of John Stoen... Haas, a San Francisco Superior Court Judge Donald Haas, said the custody order granting Grace Stoen custody then flew to Georgetown and the local judiciary that required Jones' to fly to the backcountry mission to the church apparently was alarmed over the "angle" or shooting??] -- enough so to stay indoors at the mission on his return here Sunday [i.e. September

1977 Wed. Sept. 21, 1977 San Francisco Chronicle

A San Francisco attorney charged yesterday that the Rev. Jim Jones, leader of the controversial Peoples Temple, has evaded in the United States and Guyana court orders to return a five-year-old boy to his mother, a former temple member.

Jeffrey Haas said he spent three weeks in the South American country, where Jones has apparently relocated his top staff and 500 followers, attempting to obtain custody of John Stoen, the son of Grace Stoen, who left the church last year.

Haas then flew to the backcountry mission to serve the papers, but was told by church aides that the minister was not around.

He said the church apparently was alarmed over the legal wrangle enough so to have most temple members stay indoors at the mission on his second visit

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Thursday, April 13, 1978

Editorial

Trouble brewing in Guyana

A potentially explosive situation is brewing in Jonestown, Guyana.

On Tuesday of this week some twenty-five relatives of Jones' followers who are residing in Jonestown, the Guyana settlement, led by Steve Katsaris, went to the Temple headquarters in San Francisco.

Katsaris' 24-year-old daughter Maria, who has resided in Jonestown since last summer, has

indicated through letters to her parents that she is satisfied to stay in Guyana. Katsaris accuses Jones of violating human rights by holding relatives as virtual captives.

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- 9-23-78 Embassy reports a press conference by attorney Mark Lane in Georgetown in which he charges that the U.S. Government is conspiring to destroy the People's Temple in Jonestown. Lane reportedly threatened to file suit against government officials and agencies including the CIA, the FBI, and the Department of State. (Georgetown 3098 - Log 142)
- 9-25-78 Embassy responds to Department's request for views outlining the logistical problems in visiting Jonestown and emphasizing the need to get prior agreement of the People's Temple. (Georgetown 3125 - Log 143)
- 10-3-78 Mr. Tim Stoen informs the Department that, in view of the failure of the judicial process in Guyana, he is prepared to retrieve his son by force if necessary. (Log 587)



From the U.S. State Dept. Embassy log in Georgetown, Guyana, 10/3/78: Mr. Tim Stoen informs the Department that, in view of the failure of the judicial process in Guyana, he is prepared to retrieve his son by force if necessary. (Log 587)

ONGOING THREATS THROUGHOUT 1978 BY ARCH-ENEMY TIMOTHY STOEN

WHY WOULD PEOPLES TEMPLE KEEP SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD, ESPECIALLY GIVEN ONGOING THREATS OF VIOLENCE? IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE.