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I find it difficult to believe that your agency could recklessly allow itself to be the tool of such a Base individuals as Jim O Stoen and some whom he has in his paw. It has become known to us that the FBI is again targeting P.T. For what now? Have we not satisfied the agency of our reputability and integrity? How can you fire up another investigation on the most fallacious and contrived accusers? One look at Mr. Stoen's situation should convince you that he has a vested interest in keeping anti-P.T. campaign alive. He has in short, staked his own reputation on the downfall of the Temple. It appears that he sees his sole function in life to be the discrediting of a great man and a great organization.

In psychology there is ^{DE-51} something called the love-hate syndrome, which affects certain individuals. When they love something, it encompasses all aspects of their life and they are totally enthralled with it. Then when love turns to hate, the some individuals thrive solely on the destruction of that which he loved. How clearly I remember Mr. Stoen saying approximately 1 year ago how extraordinary Jim Jones's character was, how much courage and honesty he had. He said it with apparent sincerity. Now look. The same man is a ranting maniac bent on alienating all support for the Temple and bent on destruction. But Jim Stoen is the proverbial dog baying at the moon.

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The FBI is under new direction. The scourge of J E Hoover should not be re-lived. Do not become the vehicle of reactionary elements that attempt to discredit and destroy groups that are oriented toward true human service work. Why should a group which has drug rehabilitation, college scholarships, senior citizen programs etc. be subjected to harassment and attempts to destroy it? That infamous "Credibility gap" which threatens to serve the Agency from the American people has reared its ugly head again.

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