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Civil Division

December 22, 1978

Donald W. Moore, Jr.
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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LOCATION
OF ASSETS OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE (PT)

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The following information is set forth in response to a request from the Civil Division, Office of Foreign Litigation, indicating that a representative of the Department of Justice will travel to Panama City, Panama, for the period December 26-29, 1978, to protect the interests of the United States Government regarding the assets of the PT.

On December 17, 1978, five letters were introduced as evidence by the Government of Guyana at a Coroner's Inquest into the Jonestown murders/suicides. The first document introduced was a cover letter to an officer of the Soviet Embassy in Georgetown explaining the bequest; the next three letters were addressed to officers of the branches of two Swiss banks in Panama directing the disposition of assets; the last document is what purports to be the holographic will of PT member Maria Katsaris signing for an account in Venezuela which she apparently had wished to deliver to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The first four letters are signed by one Annie J. McGowan, a PT member who perished at Jonestown. McGowan was apparently signing for the accounts of the PT in Panama. Maria Katsaris has also been identified as being among the dead.

Copies of the above letters are attached hereto. *Handwritten:* 89-4286-1837
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On December 6, 1978, a review of records in the possession of the American Embassy at Georgetown, Guyana, revealed the following bank accounts. These are the accounts found to date and do not necessarily represent all accounts of the PT:

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- Tech. Servs. _____
- Training _____
- Public Affs. _____
- Telephone Rm. _____
- Director's Sec'y _____

- (1) Bank of Nova Scotia, Nassau, Bahamas no account number, name Jim W. Jones, balance \$206,396.07 (US);
- (2) Guyana National Cooperative Bank, Georgetown, Guyana, External Savings Account - PT number COR20489/10, balance \$13,256.65 (Guyana);
- (3) Guyana National Cooperative Bank, Georgetown, Guyana, Fixed Time Deposit Savings Account number _____

Enclosures (7)

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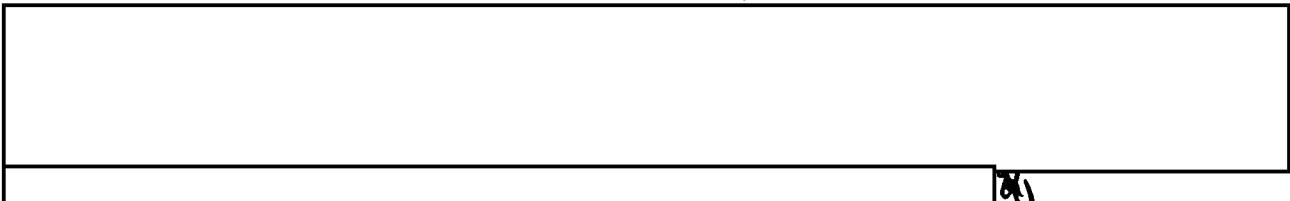
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CO-90-319, balance \$13,222.61 (Guyana); (4) Guyana National Cooperative Bank, Georgetown, Guyana, Savings Account number 28549, balance \$12,935.93 (Guyana); (5) Barclay's Bank, Georgetown, Guyana, External Savings Account number 9857/2, balance \$1,806,051.03 (Guyana); (6) Barclay's Bank, Georgetown, Guyana Checking Account (no account number) - PT, balance \$30,890 (Guyana); (7) Banco Union, Caracas, Venezuela, account number 01-58115-5 in name Maria Katsaris, balance \$85,745 (Guyana) (This account is believed to be a Checking account); and (8) Bank of America, Fillmore Post Office Branch, San Francisco, California, account number 2-1465 in the name James Warren Jones, balance \$7,334.96 (US). (By letter dated May 26, 1978, Bank of America made inquiry of Jones as to reason that the account was dormant.)

The rate of exchange on December 6, 1978, was \$1 United States equals \$2.54 Guyana.



On December 8, 1978, investigation conducted at Georgetown, Guyana, revealed that Paula Adams had attempted to cash a \$20,000 check on the PT account in Guyana, but the bank refused to honor this check. The Guyanese Government has apparently frozen all bank accounts of the PT in that country /w/

Our Legal Attache, Caracas, Robert J. Oglesby stated that additional bank accounts on the PT had been discovered. Records show that the Temple had three bank accounts at the Bank of Montreal, 333 California Street, San Francisco. Total amount in these accounts amounted to approximately \$21,000. In addition, records were found showing a \$76,000 bank account at the Grenada National Bank, One Bruce Street, Grenada, West Indies /w/

On December 4, 1978, a Petition for Court Decree Upon Winding Up and Dissolution of the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California and for the city and county of San Francisco. The petition was filed by Charles R. Garry, ET AL, Attorneys for Petitioner. A copy of the above mentioned petition is attached. /w/

The FBI has no further information at this time regarding assets of the PT. /w/

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

NOTE: Attached is a memorandum to Inspector - Deputy Assistant
Director James O. Ingram from James G. Hergen, Office of
Foreign Litigation, Civil Division requesting the results of
investigation into assets of the PT by cob 12/22/78. 14

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JONESTOWN WHICH SAN FRANCISCO SPECULATES WOULD CONTAIN THE IDENTITIES OF ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS. (u)

IN ADDITION, SAN FRANCISCO HAS SUBMITTED AN LHM TO FBIHQ DATED DECEMBER 7, 1978, ENCLOSING A SUBPOENA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (u)

AS REPORTED IN SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE ON DECEMBER 7, 1978, JIM JONES AND CAROLYN JONES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT IN CURACAO AND JIM AND MARCELINE JONES HAD A PERSONAL ACCOUNT IN EITHER TRINIDAD OR BAHAMAS. MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE. (u)

[REDACTED] BQMRA THAT A BANK ACCOUNT [REDACTED] WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE BANK OF BARCLAYS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, LIMITED IN TRINIDAD FOR [REDACTED] PURCHASING SUPPLIES. IT CONTAINED \$60,000.00. (u)

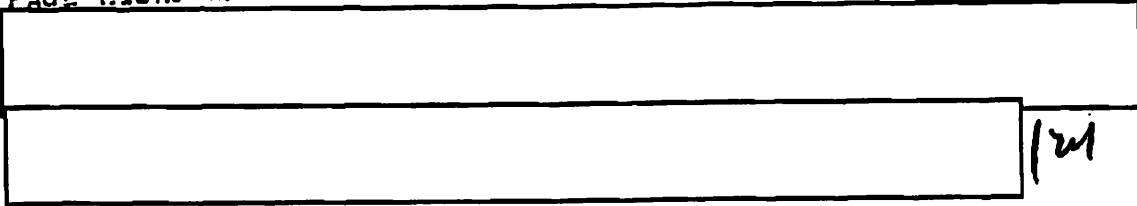
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2 GARRY, DREYFUS, McTERNAN, BROTSKY,
3 HERNDON & PESONEN, INCORPORATED PLLC
4 1256 MARKET STREET AT CIVIC CENTER
5 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102
6 TEL: 864-3131

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 CARL M. GLENN
 BY _____

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

10 PEOPLE'S TEMPLE OF THE)
 11 DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,)
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NO. 840551
 PETITION FOR COURT DECREE
 UPON WINDING UP AND
 DISSOLUTION
 (Corp. Code, Sec. 9801)

Petitioner,

v.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA,

Respondent.

I

18 Petitioner is a California Corporation formed under
 19 Section 9000-9802 of the California Corporations Code, with
 20 its principal place of business in San Francisco. The articles
 21 of incorporation, with amendments, are attached as Exhibit A,
 22 and incorporated herein by this reference.

II

23 This petition is filed to obtain a court decree directing
 24 the disposition of its assets.
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HERNDON & PESONEN, INC.
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102
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On December 4, 1978, the corporation voluntarily elected to wind up and dissolve, and to petition this Court for a decree, as authorized by Article IX(d) of the Articles of Incorporation.

IV

This voluntary election to wind up and dissolve was made by the unanimous vote of the surviving Directors in San Francisco.

V

The election to wind up and dissolve was made in light of the tragedies that occurred in Jonestown, Guyana. It is practically and morally impossible for the corporation to continue its existence. It is the desire of the corporation to devote its assets to recompense the families of the victims of the events in Guyana and to pay claims against the corporation that may be established to the satisfaction of the court.

VI

The corporation holds various assets, a complete inventory of which shall be deposited with the Court as soon as possible.

VII

The corporation has been served with summons in several pending lawsuits, to wit:

- Katsaris v. People's Temple, et al.
No. 39911, Superior Court, Mendocino County
- Cobb v. People's Temple, et al.
No. 739 907, Superior Court, City & County of San Francisco

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1 Medlock v. People's Temple, et al.
2 No. C243 292, Superior Court, Los Angeles County

3 The corporation is also named plaintiff in:

4 People's Temple, et al. v. Stoen
5 No. 740 531, Superior Court, City & County of San Francisco

6 VIII

7 The corporation petitions the Court to take possession
8 of all the corporation's assets, and to direct their equitable
9 and legal distribution in accordance with law. Until such time
10 as the Court takes possession, the present Board of Directors
11 will continue to receive and disburse funds, keeping an account
12 of the same, including payment for burial expenses, in the sum
13 of approximately one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

14 IX

15 The Attorney General of California is named as Respondent
16 as a required party in a proceeding authorized by Section 9801
17 of the California Corporations Code.

18 WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for:

19 1. An order decreeing that the People's Temple of the
20 Disciples of Christ is dissolved.

21 2. An order by which the Court takes possession of the
22 corporation's assets.

23 3. An order decreeing that all those with monetary or
24 other claims against the corporation be afforded some length of
25 time in which to file their claims against the corporation.

26 4. An order directing the distribution of the corpora-
tion's assets to the claimants, and otherwise as the Court may

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order.

5. An order directing the corporation and its Attorney of Record how to proceed in those legal proceedings in which the corporation is named defendant or plaintiff.

6. Such other relief as the Court may deem proper.

DATED: December 4, 1978

CHARLES R. GARRY
GARRY, DREYFUS, McTERNAN, BROTSKY,
HERNDON & PESONEN, INC.

By Charles R. Garry
Charles R. Garry
Attorneys for Petitioner (W)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/14/78

Assistant Commissioner of Police, CECIL A. ROBERTS, Guyana National Police (GNP), furnished the attached copies of letters which were recovered by the GNP while investigating the murders at Jonestown, Guyana (u)

These letters were found in the possession of MICHAEL PROKES when he was stopped by Guyana authorities in the vicinity of Jonestown. (u)

Interviewed on 12/14/78 at Georgetown, Guyana File No. CAR 89-4

by SAs ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR. and [REDACTED] EDO/mdh Date 12/14/78

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SWISS BANK CORPORATION P.O. BOX 3370-PANAMA 4, PANAMA
CANTON Vaud, S. A. TELEPHONE: 22-9339
INTERSPED BUILDING 6TH FLOOR CABLE: SWISSBANK
CALLS ELVIRA MENDEZ NO. 19 TELEX: ITT 340100/WUI 200001

November 18, 1978

Mr. Fedor Timofeyev, Consul
48 Chandra Nagar Street
Frashad Nagar
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Comrade Timofeyev,

The following is a letter of instructions regarding all our assets which we want to leave to the Communist Party of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Enclosed in this letter are letters which instruct the banks to send the cashiers checks to you. I am doing this on behalf of Peoples Temple because we, as Communists, want our money to be of benefit for help to oppressed peoples all over the world, or in any way that your decision-making body sees fit.

There are two basic accounts which are in fixed time deposits. One is located in Swiss Bank Corporation, P.O. Box 3370, Panama 4, Panama. In this account are two deposits. One is for \$557,000.00 and it is on a thirty day rotation so it can be withdrawn almost immediately which the letter of instruction so instructs. The other is for \$1,486,000.00 and it matures on July 6, 1979 so at that time you could receive a cashiers check for that amount. The other account is located in the Union Bank of Switzerland, P.O. Box 6792, Panama 5, Panama. In this account are seven fixed time deposits. The following is a list of amounts and dates due (not including interest earned):

\$300,000	May 31, 1979
\$200,000	July 5, 1979
\$1,623,000	July 25, 1979
\$1,000,000	Aug. 21, 1979
\$82,536	Aug. 29, 1979
\$1,036,000	Sept. 21, 1979
\$1,000,000	July 20, 1979

The account number for the account at Union Bank of Switzerland is 121-00-191A. The account number for the account at Swiss Bank Corporation is #3357.

With the enclosed letters you should have no difficulty in receiving the checks upon the above mentioned maturity dates.

Cooperatively yours,

Annie J. McSweeney

Account # 121-00-191A

RUDOLF KELLER

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT
UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND (PANAMA) INC.

CALL ELVIRA MENDEZ NO. 19
TEL. 22-0200

POSTAL BOX 6792
PANAMA 5, S. DE P.
TELEX: WUI 200001

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November 18 1978

Andre Mennet
P.O. Box 3370
Swiss Banking Corporation
Panama, City, Panama

Dear Mr. Mennet,

The following are my instructions regarding my account number 3357 with your bank. When the fixed time deposit for the \$557,000.00 comes due, please send a cashiers check including the interest earned for:

Mr. Fedor Timofeyev, Consul
48 Chandra Nagar Street
Prashad Nagar
Georgetown, Guyana

You can make the cashiers check out to Mr. Fedor Timofeyev. With the fixed time deposit that is due on July 6, 1978 for \$1,486,000.00 please also send a cashiers check addressed to Mr. Fedor Timofeyev. Please also include interest earned in this check also.

(u)

Annie J. Mc. Williams

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November 18, 1972

Rudolf Keller
Union Bank of Switzerland
P.O. Box 6792
Panama City, Panama

Dear Mr. Keller,

The following are my instructions for the account number 121-00-191A.

As each deposit comes due, please send a cashiers check for the amount plus the interest earned to:

Mr. Fedor Timofeyev, Consul
48 Chandra Nagar Street
Prashad Nagar
Georgetown, Guyana

The following is the list of deposits and maturity dates which I want checks made out for and sent to the above person.

May 31, 1979	\$300,000	
July 5, 1979	\$200,000	
July 25, 1979	\$1,623,000	
Aug. 21, 1979	\$1,000,000	
Sept. 21, 1979	\$1,036,000	
July 20, 1981	\$1,000,000	(three year deposit)

As I will not be able to do much traveling right now, please see that the above instructions are following exactly.

Very Truly Yours,

Annie J. McSpaw

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November 18, 1978

Andre Mennet
P.O. Box 3370
Swiss Banking Corporation
Panama City, Panama

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Very truly yours,

Ann's J. Mc Dowell

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/15/78

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Assistant Commissioner of Police, CECIL A. ROBERTS, Guyana National Police (GNP), furnished the attached copy of a letter signed by MARIA KATSARIS. This letter was located by the GNP near her body at Jonestown. (u)

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by SAs [redacted] EDO/mdh Date 12/15/78

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I, Maria Katraus
all the money in The Banco
Union de Venezuela in Caracas
to the Communist Party, Soviet
Union. The person to contact
is Mr. Friedluch in
the Main Branch of Banco
Union. This is the my
final wish before I die.
All Bless
Maria Katraus

Witness:
Jim Mc Elroy
Maurice Brown

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