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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-4286) (MAJOR CASE 16)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (89-96) (P)

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Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 11/22/78 (u)

Enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco are three copies each of FD-302 regarding an interview of [redacted] and three copies each of a letter received by [redacted] from the Peoples Temple, Georgetown, Guyana, post-marked 10/25/78. Original copy of FD-302, investigative notes and original copy of letter being submitted to San Francisco since they are Office of Origin. Also enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco are three copies each of a newspaper article which appeared in the "Buffalo Evening News" on 12/30/78 entitled "Mother's Jonestown Alarm Unheeded." (u)

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Dear [redacted]
Pastor Jim Jones has undertaken a great work for humanity. His one-thousand (1000) member Community of Jonestown, Guyana, South America, is showing the world a model of Cooperation and love. Here, every good desire is being realized. The hand of hope is reaching out in love to care for the needy, to bring relief to the oppressed. Everyone who comes to the miracle Community of Jonestown has marveled at what Pastor Jones has accomplished in such a short time. Yes, a miracle of faith, work and determination - an inspiration and help to all in need.

Though literally hundreds have been reached by the miracle of this healing ministry, much more needs to be done. Our free medical clinic is now serving many in the immediate area of our district, and we would like to reach even more of the outlying areas and add to the appreciable number of orphans that we already have.

Pastor Jones asks you to help sow the seeds of love with practical assistance. The jungle blooms with hundreds of plants and cereals of vital organic foods. Can you catch the lovely fragrance of this beautiful land? A reminder of how wonderful our lives are here, as we follow the higher path of service to mankind with Pastor Jones.

Will you help in this great effort, assist us to build the foundations for a new world, extend the great chain of compassion across the seas to unite mankind in bonds of universal cooperation? The special number of faith this month for Jonestown is \$50.33. Your generous gift, as always, will be a blessing to others, and by the higher laws of life, your giving will return to bless you. The scriptures of every great faith proclaim this to be so.

[redacted] From this beautiful Community of love, Pastor Jones sends to you, in advance, his personal thanks and meditations for health, well-being, and prosperity.

Sincerely in His Service,
Emma Kennedy

P.S. - No Cash. Make donation payable to:
Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission,
P.O. Box 893,
Georgetown, Guyana, S.A.

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] New York, who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] New York, work telephone number [redacted] fur-
nished the following information: (u)

She stated that she received a letter from the Peoples Temple, Georgetown, Guyana, in late December, 1976.

[redacted] stated that the letter was mailed to [redacted] Texas [redacted] which is her sister's address. The letter was handwritten and was signed by EMMA KENNEDY or RENNEDY. [redacted] explained that she does not know EMMA KENNEDY or RENNEDY, nor, to her knowledge, does she know any individuals who are members of the Peoples Temple. She stated that this was the only letter she received from the Peoples Temple. [redacted] felt that the letter was sent to her at the request of an individual who she knew some time in the past who is now a member of the Peoples Temple. She stated that it was probably someone she attended high school with at Roy Miller High School, Corpus Christi, Texas, where she was [redacted] and very active in other school functions. She also stated that during her high school years, she was very active in church functions. She explained that the church she was affiliated with was the Pentecostal Mission Church of God and Christ, where [redacted]. She stated that it was probably someone who knew her during this time who requested that this letter be sent to her. [redacted] could provide no additional pertinent information.

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Interviewed on 1/16/79 at Buffalo, New York File # Buffalo 89-96

by SA [redacted] :ph Date dictated 1/18/79

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Mother's Jonestown Alarm Unheeded

By GERALD GOLDBERG

Mae Fields did everything she could to protect her son and his family from Jim Jones. But it wasn't enough.

Now the former Buffalo woman is alone — completely. All she has left are the pictures of her son, Donald Fields, 46, his wife, Shirley, 30, and their two children, a boy, 11, and a girl, 12; all victims of last month's murder-suicide ritual in Jonestown, Guyana.

The grief and loneliness have so filled her that there is little room left for anything else, except perhaps bitterness that nobody would listen to her warnings.

Since learning that her son and his family died in the jungles of South America, Mrs. Fields has confided in one man only, Herb Brin, editor of the Los Angeles Heritage, a Jewish newspaper.

When Mr. Brin first contacted Mrs. Fields by phone, she hesitated to talk.

She broke down, however, when Mr. Brin said he had recited the kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, for her grandchildren.

"She was sobbing her heart out," Mr. Brin said from his Los Angeles office. "She has nobody left. I'm her only contact with reality."

Mrs. Fields tried to reach her daughter-in-law's parents, but they didn't want to talk about the tragedy, Mr. Brin said.

Donald Fields was born and reared in Buffalo. He graduated from School 74, Mastern Park High School and, in 1955, the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy. After spending two years in the Army, he returned to Buffalo in 1957 or 1958 to begin working as a pharmacist.

He worked at two local pharmacies before he, his father, Robert, a bus driver, and his mother moved to Los Angeles in 1962. Robert Fields died three years ago.

Donald Fields went to work as a pharmacist in California. He met Shirley Miller, a teacher, there, and they got married about 13 years ago. They appeared to be a typical Jewish couple, Mr. Brin said.

Their personal tragedy began about two years ago, when Donald's wife claimed she had stomach cancer. A friend told her about Jim Jones and his Peoples Temple, and she went to see him.

Shirley Fields claimed Jones had cured her, and she became a convert. Soon she persuaded Donald to join her and their children in the Peoples Temple, Mr. Brin said.

Donald quit his job, sold his family's house and belongings and by the summer of 1977 had followed his wife and children to Jonestown, Mr. Brin said.

According to Mr. Brin, Donald's mother knew Jones was a phony from the start. But her pleas to congress-

men and religious agencies failed to arouse much interest.

However, Mr. Brin said, the members of the Peoples Temple joined of their own free will, and there wasn't much that government or religious agencies could do.

Nevertheless, the refusals and inability to help have left Mrs. Fields bitter, Mr. Brin said.

"I pleaded for help, but nobody listened," Mr. Brin quoted Mrs. Fields as saying. "Our children were in trouble, and everybody passed the buck."

If anything positive is to come out of her suffering, he said, it must be an awareness to guard against cults and their efforts to ensnare those who are looking for something to believe in.

"Her tears must be heard by other Jewish parents around the country and by all others who are taken in by cults," Mr. Brin said. "This is not going to be the last case of tears."

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