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COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Projected Offensive Program For The People's Temple

Introduction:

Even a cursory examination reveals that there has been a coordinated campaign to destroy the People's Temple and to impugn the reputation of its leader Bishop Jim Jones. This campaign has involved various agencies of the U.S. Government, agencies of various states and the actions of numerous individuals who at the present time cannot be proven to have a working relationship with the state or federal authorities. Among the suspect organizations are the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Post Office, the Federal Communications Commission and their agents and employees. It is apparent that various newspapers and freelance writers or reporters for newspapers have participated wittingly or unwittingly in the coordinated effort to destroy Bishop Jones and the People's Temple. Accordingly, it is necessary to conduct a full-scale investigation into each of the actions referred to above through meetings, interviews, the examination of documents and through the filing of applications with the specific agencies for records and documents under the Freedom Of Information Act. The purpose of these procedures is to prepare for the filing of a multi-million dollar action in the appropriate federal court against each of the individuals, organizations and agencies of government which have participated in the campaign against the

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People's Temple.

The intention of those who have launched the campaign to destroy the People's Temple was clearly to create an atmosphere in which:

- (a) Energies and funds of the People's Temple would be devoted to defending the Temple and Jim Jones against various charges.
- (b) To create an atmosphere and publicity surrounding the People's Temple for the purpose of reducing the effectiveness of the People's Temple, and
- (c) To create an atmosphere around the People's Temple which would be communicated to the supporters of the People's Temple for the purpose of reducing support, especially financial support for the Temple.

A viable counter offensive must take into account the effectiveness of the campaign thus far against the People's Temple and must contemplate a program to restore the People's Temple to the position that it was at prior to the campaign in terms of its effectiveness.

I. LEGAL COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Although it is necessary to become involved in a defensive action regarding each of the cases pending against People's Temple, maintaining merely a defensive posture as the cases increase, provides a victory for those seeking to discredit and to destroy People's Temple. That is, if every legal action against People's Temple is met successfully in the court and People's Temple eventually wins the dismissal of all charges against the organization and Jim Jones, those

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devoted to the destruction of People's Temple will have been successful. Huge sums of money and a substantial amount of energy will have been diverted from the ongoing work of People's Temple for purely defensive purposes. While the defense of each action is of course necessary, a purely defensive posture is self-defeating for People's Temple.

In view of these circumstances it is essential that the origin of the campaign against People's Temple be determined through an intensive intelligence operation. After all of the information has been secured at the first stage of inquiry, specific applications under the FOIA will be filed, thereby placing the agencies for the first time in a defensive position. Responses under the FOIA will then be utilized to make even more specific demands under the FOIA.

Ultimately, all of the information secured through the intensive investigations and through the responses to the FOIA inquiries will be compiled and an action against the agencies, organizations and individuals, (including the CIA, FBI, FCC, IRS, newspapers, reporters, writers and others) will be filed in the federal district court. The filing of such a law suit will place the People's Temple in a clearly offensive situation in which it can begin to demand under federal discovery rules, depositions from the defendants and their agents. It is through those depositions and through the available methods of cross-examination that the full significance of the campaign against People's Temple will be understood and appreciated for the first time in detail.

Since much of the campaign against People's Temple was for the purpose of destroying its reputation and reducing its effectiveness

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by forcing it to spend substantial sums of money in defending itself, it is anticipated that a verdict for a substantial sum will help to compensate the People's Temple for its financial losses.

II. PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Since a substantial portion of the campaign against People's Temple has focused upon a public relations campaign designed to place the People's Temple in extremely bad light, it is essential that a public relations campaign be begun to tell the truth about the People's Temple and about the charges against it. Such a campaign should focus in two separate and different areas. It should begin in the San Francisco Bay area where the People's Temple is located in the U.S. as well as in Guyana where the agricultural project is located. We have already begun to work in Guyana through a press conference and through individual meetings with ministers of government, a Catholic religious leader, reporters, lawyers and just about everyone responsible for creating public opinion in Guyana, including the leadership of the opposition party. This, of course, should be continued in Guyana through the release of additional information from the U.S. about our progress in the investigation and in the case. In addition, all of the available media in the San Francisco Bay area should be utilized following a press conference to be held there. Marcy, Don Freed, Terri and I and perhaps others should embark upon a campaign following the San Francisco press conference in which we appear on numerous radio and television talk programs. These appearances should be followed by telephone calls to the talk shows to keep the matter under discussion in the days that follow the press conference.

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It is important to create an appropriate and truthful image of the People's Temple among organizations on the Left in the U.S. and among Black organizations in the U.S. I have already relayed the facts about the People's Temple to Dick Gregory, to Ralph Abernathy and to various people in organizations and publications on the Left. Among the publications on the Left which should be contacted for in-depth articles are, Mother Jones, In These Times, The Guardian and others. Two different kinds of feature articles should be written about People's Temple to be placed in publications on the Left. One should deal with the campaign to destroy the People's Temple together with the work the People's Temple has done in opposition to the war in Viet Nam and in opposition to racism. An entirely separate article could be an in-depth look at the miracle of Jonestown.

In addition, other special publications should be approached for the purpose of publishing articles about the specific interest of the publication. For example, at the suggestion of Marcy, I have already talked with Charles Preston, the editor of the Gray Panther publications, and he has agreed to arrange for an article in those publications to be printed about the work done with elderly people in Jonestown. Similar efforts should be made in American Indian newspapers, in medical journals, in Black publications and in all other relevant newspapers and magazines where there is a special interest which would be obviously concerned about what is taking place in Jonestown. In addition, it is important for there to be a comprehensive film which could be seen throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean and elsewhere in the world which tells the Jonestown story. It would be

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extremely expensive for People's Temple to produce such a film and the film might be suspect if it were not produced under individual and objective auspices. I have already, therefore, made contact with the finest French television documentary film maker and have urged him to spend some time in Jonestown for the purpose of producing a film which tells the whole story of Jonestown. I would suggest to the People's Temple that the Temple give all rights to French TV but arrange for itself to keep rights to sell or distribute in any fashion it wishes, the film in the U.S. and in the Caribbean countries.

III. FUND RAISING COUNTER OFFENSIVE

The campaign against the People's Temple has been very costly to it financially. I think it is necessary for every effort to be made to reduce the financial burden now imposed upon the People's Temple. A good portion of the funds utilized in Jonestown are for the purpose of securing various medicines and drugs for the treatment of diseases for the people that reside there. I believe that a coordinated campaign requesting governments throughout the world to contribute medicines to Jonestown might be successful. I should think that if Socialist countries agreed to contribute medicines to Americans in Guyana that it would be embarrassing to the U.S. Government not to do likewise. Such a campaign should be called to the attention of Andrew Young. In addition, I believe that a coordinated campaign should solicit medical supplies from various pharmaceutical houses, hospitals and medical associations within the U.S.

There are, of course, numerous other efforts for fund raising for People's Temple which can be developed in addition to the fund

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raising revolving around the medical program.

IV. CONGRESSIONAL COUNTER OFFENSIVE

In meeting with various cabinet members in Guyana it became clear to me that many members of the U.S. Congress have communicated to the Government of Guyana in an effort to destroy the People's Temple. While each of those members of Congress may very well end up as a defendant in the conspiracy case brought by People's Temple, very likely there is a more effective way to turn them around on this question. In order to halt the flow of misinformation reaching Guyana from members of the U.S. Congress, it will be necessary to halt the flow of misinformation reaching the members of Congress from those involved in a conspiracy against People's Temple. A massive educational campaign should be done with the members of Congress to give them the facts about Jonestown and a campaign in support of People's Temple should be initiated in key Congressional districts so that the constituents can write directly to their own representatives. This kind of a campaign was launched in 1975 by the CCI to bring about investigations into the murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King.

Conclusion:

I think it would be advisable for Jonestown, Guyana to open an "embassy" in Washington, D.C. or New York City for the purpose of carrying out some of the ideas listed above. New York City has the advantage of being the base of operations of the United Nations and the national offices of a number of religious denominations.

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Washington, D.C. is also the base for some of the national religious denominations including the United Methodist Church with which we have worked closely over the years, and of course the members of Congress are located there as is the Chief Executive and his cabinet members. I am inclined to think that the office should be opened in Washington, D.C. and that it should be staffed primarily by people who are not directly related to People's Temple although it is important, I think, for people who are related to People's Temple to be present there. Such an office on Capitol Hill in Washington could begin a flow of information to members of Congress, could meet with the relevant officials in Washington, D.C. regarding the actions of the FCC, the IRS and others, and could initiate a nationwide campaign for medical support for Jonestown. Among the Associate Directors of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry are a number who might be willing to lend their names to this project. I am referring to Rev. John Adams, the national social action director of the United Methodist Church, to Dr. Linus Pauling, whose extremely important work with Vitamin C might be directly related to programs which he might initiate in Jonestown, to Dick Gregory, who has now agreed to go to Jonestown, to Morton Halperin, who was the former Deputy Secretary of Defense under Richard Nixon but who now takes a different position on these questions and who is currently the director for the Center For National Security Studies in Washington, D.C. and an expert in the area of FOIA. I would suggest that Rev. James Lawson of Los Angeles and Rev. Ralph Abernathy might be invited to participate in this humanitarian program in behalf of the people of Jonestown. I have in mind for the embassy

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in Washington, a three story building on Capitol Hill directly across the street from the U.S. Supreme Court. It is a building which I own and while it is now occupied, I think that in the near future it may not be occupied and I could make it available to the People's Temple for cost. It is within walking distance of the House and Senate office buildings and the U.S. Capitol.

I believe that although there would be an outlay of funds at the very beginning to carry out a campaign through a Washington based office, that in the near future, sufficient medicines and drugs might be secured without charge to more than compensate for the funds. In addition, it is my own reading of the events in Guyana that the efforts of the members of Congress have created a problem and should be met directly head on.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Lane

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Supplementary Memo

Today I spoke with Art Kevin who is the News Director of KVI radio in Seattle, Washington which is a Golden West Broadcast station. Kevin, Donald Freed and I have worked together over the last 14 years in investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. I discussed the Jonestown project with Kevin in some detail and I discussed the conspiracy against the People's Temple as well. He is currently completing a one hour radio program to be broadcast nationally by a network in the U.S.

He has agreed to do a one hour program on Jonestown and the People's Temple also to be broadcast nationally. We have discussed the possibility of his interviewing Jim Jones and other people at Jonestown through a radio connection. He is now exploring the technical possibilities as to how to handle that from Seattle. I have the utmost confidence in Kevin's ability to be incisive and fair and I think that his one hour program will be of great value. He can be reached at KVI radio in Seattle at (206) 223-5700. His home number in Seattle is (206) 392-2112.

Among those who might be contacted following Kevin's program are, Jerry Williams at NBC radio in Washington, D.C. (starting there in two weeks), Roger Aldi in Los Angeles, Mort Sahl who will also be starting in Washington, D.C. in two weeks. In addition, we should concentrate upon Geraldo Rivera for a special report from Jonestown for ABC Television. In addition to that, we should meet with Jack Anderson and his aide who is a friend of mine, Les Whitten, who can run a story predicting that we will be filing action in the near future.

Mark Lane
9/27/78 - Memphis

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Basic Research Materials
(for us and Lane)

- 1. Complete newspaper clipping file. kept by Carol's brother & sister in England
- 2. Histories (personal) of Jonestown residents. Interviews 80-100, typed 80-86 - See Jan
- 3. All of our own notes, summaries, memos of events
- 4. All of our political publications: CC of each Peoples Forum. CC to ...
- 5. All tapes of relevant incidents, or incident reports. TOS files, conspiracy files
- 6. "Evidentiary" materials
 - > hand written notes on Comm
 - > tape from under house
- 7. Photos
- 8. Master file of PR letters & responses
 - 1. list of incidents & names of people: Johnny, Proxer, Shami, Sarah, Geng, Duke, Patty, ...
 - 2. Collective memory - rally

Files on "People who left the church"

ADD PT Corporate Minutes (all)

THE AIRPLANE FILE

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LANE PROJECT ORGANIZATION METHOD AND PLAN

1. ✓ Make a list of useable incidents with documentation and witnesses noted. ✓ Circulate it to get as complete a list as possible. ✓ Send a copy to S.F. for input. Get input and complete the list. Get source materials.
2. Make a historical outline of the life of the church with emphasis on the California period. Fit the incidents on to the list, or in an overlay to show patterns if there are any.
3. Complete a "short history" setting forth all of the items on the outline briefly but with sufficient detail for understanding. Use photos wherever possible.
4. ✓ Complete biographies of a number of church members. *Send to Lane when complete. Keep set.*
5. ✓ Complete a list of all documents needed as attachments to any affidavits made to set forth each "incident" and make one or more affidavits for each. ✓ Send list to S.F. for completion S.A.P.
6. Do Detailed interviews for affidavits for each one of the incidents. In each case request who might also know about any such information. Try for corroboration, 2 or more, on each issue.
7. Try to locate characteristics, trends, "coincidences", etc and point them out.
8. Write the affidavits and get them typed. If time send roughs to Lane for comment, if not send finals on the spot.

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LANE PROJECT REPORT, NO. 2

Sent. 24, 1978

Organization: Office is now set up. All essential furniture is installed.

People and Responsibilities:

1. Bea Orsot-Grubbs is moved in with working equipment. Is just beginning to organize. States that her time is short due to other assignments.
2. Rough Typing: I HAVE NONE YET. Waiting clearance to use Hinez Wagner, but need more also.
3. Biographies: Dick Tropp is working on this with Jan Curvitch. I gave them a two week deadline. NEED TYPISTS TO COMPLETE.
4. Historical work: NEED TO ARRANGE FOR TIME OF CAROLYN LOOMAN, abated, pending. Though I have started a "calendar of Key Events" which is about half finished.
5. Finished typing: NO ONE YET

Equipment and supplies: We now have a tape recorder, equipped except for transcription foot pedal, and four tapes; one manual typewriter (Gene); one electric typewriter (Bea). NEED MATCHING FINISH SELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS.

Office supplies cleared and ordered from the U.S.A.

Work Completed: Office set up and in useable form. All resource materials known to exist here at least summarily reviewed. Attached find copy of inventory list of materials retained in office. All copies of P.F. screened for relevant events. Calendar of "key events" being completed - project its completion Thursday, to the extent it can be done from materials here. List of relevant incidents and events completed subject to review by relevant persons projected to be completed by Thursday, list of investigation areas and list of information materials needed sent to states via Leona Collier.

Pending: Review of list of key events (copy attached for review of key persons)

Calendar of key events

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LANE REQUEST REPORT, NO. 1

Sept. 10, 1977

Organization: Office space located in old SOU, additional electric outlets arranged through Chris, should go in tomorrow. Shelves, cabinets and desk/tables ordered and designed by Ron. With luck some will go in tomorrow. Limited by wood supply. Also ordered four chairs.

People and Responsibilities:

Overall office organization - Bea (not, she agrees and will make time

Rough typing - Inez Wagner agrees but needs time cleared

- Joyce Johnson can in A.M. but needs time cleared from Nursery

- need several others on a part time basis

Historical Work - Dick Troon agrees and will make time

- Carolyn Loosan, agrees but needs time off from Fern 1

Finish typing - maybe Tish, perhaps Bea some, this is a problem area, requires very high accuracy and neatness

Affidavit taking - Gene Chaikin

- Tim Carter, when here, not consulted

- need one more, but don't know who. Harriet too busy, Jan tied up with the rest of the legal work

Overall supervision - content, Gene Chaikin

- organization and progress, Bea (not) (not) (not)

Equipment and Supplies

- some supplies through FEB today, Bea made a complete list and will see Tish with it tomorrow. Time is critical

* Equipment needed: three typewriters, two electric, one manual. We now have one manual. Two tape recorders with ear piece and foot control. We have one without controls.

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LAW PROJECT REPORT, NO. 1, page 2

Preliminary work and information requests from the States -

- a list of reference materials needed given to Harriet tonight
- a list of locations to be investigated prepared

Here:- a rough incident list prepared, to be reviewed by others
(the list is of events of a suspicious nature)

- list of people to interview with respect to these events begun

SHORT TERM GOALS (2 weeks)

- complete office arrangement, and organize workers
- obtain supplies and equipment
- obtain and organize all reference materials on site at Jonestown
- obtain any reference materials available in Georgetown
- obtain requested reference materials from States
- complete list of suspicious events and correlate with names to interview about these events.
- design a "standardized" interview format and system
- complete a summary historical outline of the temple history
- continue work on taking "biographies" and type the existing ones.
- begin taking affidavits in rough

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RESEARCH FOR AFFIDAVITS

I think that before the affidavits are written, all of the research with the exception of taking the statements of Guyana residents should be done in the States. My reasons are as follows. The reference materials are there. It will be expensive and time consuming to bring them here. Some, like police reports, cannot be readily located unless the precise date and location of an event can be obtained. So, often the gathering of information must begin by a review of news clippings to tie an event down to one or two days, then by going to the Sheriff or Police Department to request the report. Sometimes such data may be obtained from our old files. There will be a lot of back-and-forth if some of this is done here and some done there. The existing media of communication would make that very difficult. So, I propose that we use our list of events, and from that extrapolate the requests for information and documentation that we will need, and sent the whole thing back to the States to do all of the investigation. I do realize that there will be a lot of labor and time going into this and if we have to send someone back to assist then we will just have to do so. The point I wish to emphasize is that our memories are not good and if we were to file affidavits that would be contradicted by official documents we would be in trouble on the lawsuit from the outset. Since the U.S. Government has endless funds for investigators and will follow all of this stuff up, we must do our homework first or we will be faced in court with some U.S. Attorney explaining in ever loving detail to the judge just how we are lying to him.

I should be ready with an "incident list" specifying investigation goals by the end of the month. I think that this should be talked over with Terri by a phone match to see just how it can best be worked out. By the way, one of the best persons to do investigating we have is Bonnie Beck. Guy Young might also do a very creditable job. Both should be used to working with Police and legal records and with newspaper files.

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Georgetown, Guyana
September 13, 1978

Mark Lane
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LETTER NO. 1 FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE

Dear Mark:

I am enclosing Transmittal 1.1 which is a list of materials that I have gathered in San Francisco to send here, with copies to you, and Transmittal 1.2 which is a first list of recommended investigation targets. Transmittal 1.3 is significant in that the newspaper articles are probably the best of the best sources of background data (as you see we have requested full copies and send you our collection) and that reports of fires, bombings, telephone harassments, were made to local law enforcement agencies over the years.

The history of Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple goes back to the early days of the civil rights movement in the 1950's. Jim first began his church work as an integration vehicle during that period. He visited Cuba in (I believe) 1957 and again in 1959 just after the revolution. He acted as the general secretary to the Commission on Human Rights for Indians, Blacks, and others for about 10 months in 1961 while continuing his church work. There was constant harassment during this 6 - 7 year-period, much surely attributed to local racists, but there was also a point in which the U.S. government wanted to know if he had attended a Paul Robeson rally in Chicago (though this may be somewhat earlier) they had an early start on him. In 1962 - 1964 he and some of the church members went to Brazil and worked at the Favela da Favela in Belo Horizonte. In 1964 he returned to Indianapolis to find the church he created there in total disarray, and apparently then concluded that work in the mid-west would not be fruitful. During 1965 and into 1966 he and about 175 members of the congregation moved to Redwood Valley, California and established the present Peoples Temple community. Harassment there too. In about 1967 he began to work in San Francisco and held his first meeting in Los Angeles in 1969. About June 5, that year. In 1971 the first mass bus trip to the East was made. There was another such trip in 1972 in the summer, and churches were purchased in San Francisco and Los Angeles in the winter of that year. Services were conducted from Sacramento through Bakersfield in the central valley area. In the summer of 1972 the first few of a series of 'defectors' left and the San Francisco Church was burned and December saw the beginning of the Kuwait project. In 1974 there was a second burning of the San Francisco church and a bomb was found under his bus. There was another trip around the U.S. reaching several major cities (Philadelphia, Chicago). 1975 saw the first time 'break through' in the media with much good publicity. In 1975 activities really 'broke'; the Peoples Forum began in April; May saw a joint rally with the Nation of Islam in the U.S. Convention Center (over 20,000 attendees), there were two major trips around the country (1975,

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Dear Jane

Letter No. 1 dated 9-23-78

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Philly, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Houston), "free press" maxims in
Prague (over 1,000 people) and Los Angeles (over 3,000 people), Jim was
appointed to the San Francisco Housing Commission in the fall, and the
U.S. Air Force Intelligence Operation (Stennis) was completed. The
were added defections in the fall of 1977. The heavy price tags were
up in the spring of 1977 and hit us in the summer. The "exodus" of
cases then began in earnest.

There is a huge mass of materials to be developed, reviewed, analyzed,
etc. In the hope of establishing some delineation I would like your
advice as to a "cut off" point, and as to the order of priorities. In
course, the farther back we go historically the harder it is to get hard
data.

We enjoyed hearing about the Georgetown press conference. So, with love
thanks for everything.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Halpin

Attachments:
Transmittal 1.1
Transmittal 1.2

cc: Terri Buford
San Francisco

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MEMORANDUM NO. 1.1 (INTERNAL FOR BUREAU STAFF ONLY - CONFIDENTIAL)

In order to do a thorough research job, we are requesting that copies of the following files be sent to us here, and a copy be sent to Laurie Lane in Memphis.

1. The complete newspaper clipping file on the church (we know that we have many of the relevant clippings here but don't want to miss any). Include all indexes which should be with the articles. Keep up Mimeo Clipping Service and continue to send copies of all articles received.
2. The file on people who left the church.
3. A copy of each of our political publications including a copy of each Ladies Forum.
4. Copies of all notes, memos, incident reports, phone logs (reports).
5. Copies of photos of all marches, mass rallies, damages to property from fire, etc. police harassment (i.e. rifle, police of the Forum with disabilities (in and out of church), dated, copies of books, letters, or other "evidentiary" materials originating outside the church, with special attention to agency communications.
6. Water file of public relations letters and responses.
7. The Atlanta file.
8. Full set of Peoples Temple Corporate minutes.
9. Any personal histories of members of the church.
10. We do not have a copy of the smear article that appeared in the Soviet "New Times" and wonder if you could locate a copy. It is illustrative of the breadth of the distribution program of the smear.
11. Copies of all fact sheets, letters, etc. that Laurie Christ and others made and sent out such as the 30 page document on the "Observed Relatives", the analysis of the Kathy Hunter trip, and anything else done to expose the conspiracy.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 1.2 (LIST OF RESEARCH AGENCIES, #1, 9/19/78)

Utah Police Department
Monterey County Sheriff Dept.
Santa Rosa Police Dept.
Sonoma County Sheriff Dept.
San Francisco Police Department
Fresno Police Dept.
Los Angeles Police Dept.
Cal. State Highway Patrol (L.F. County)

S.F. Fire Dept. (arson investigation)
Los Angeles Coroners Office (Lead Case)
Cal. Attorney General Office
L.A. Attorney David Ewan

Backgrounds on:

Marshall Wilduff (S.F. Chronicle)
Jim Weitzman (S.F. Examiner)
George Lehman (Santa Rosa Press Dem.)
Steve Park (Santa Rosa Press Dem.)
Caroline Richering (Indianapolis Star)
Larry Patfield (S.F. Examiner)
Jim Clancy ("T" "V")
Phil Tracy (New West Magazine)
E. Cahill Maloney (San Francisco Progress)

More Magazines

Newspaper Mergers

Utah Daily Journal
Monterey Evening
Santa Rosa Press Democrat
S.F. Chronicle (P.T. and Kinsolving)
S.F. Examiner
S.F. Progress
Bay Guardian
Sun Reporter
Oakland Tribune
Berkeley Barb
Fresno Bee
Sacramento Bee
Long Beach Independent Press Telegram
L.A. Herald Examiner
L.A. Sentinel
New West Magazine
L.A. Times
Peoples World
N.Y. Times
Washington Post
Indianapolis Star
Indianapolis Star, Richmond, Ind.
Richmond, Ind. Recorder
Chicago News, Chicago

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November 6, 1978

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Memphis, Tennessee

LETTER NO. 2 WITH TRANSMITTALS

Dear Mark;

I am enclosing a copy of my letter "No. 1" with its included transmittals, and a copy of my letter of Oct. 8, 1978 to Terri Buford, with its included list of incidents (somewhat condensed). The October 8 letter was hand delivered by Jean Brown when she returned to S.F. She also carried with her a rather large set of biographical statements of residents of Jonestown.

+ To Terri

The purpose of this letter is to request some feedback from you with respect to what further materials you may need from me. It is, apparently, unreasonably difficult for the S.F. organization to ~~undertake~~ ^{investigate} the ~~list of~~ background materials that I requested in my first letter. I can't do much in the way of detailed work without them. What I can do is to prepare a summary history of 20 to 30 pages, and do statements with respect to the "incidents" that I have ~~labeled~~ ^{labeled} as "good". Without forms ~~for~~ ^{of} affidavits, etc. there is not much else I can do.

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Please drop me a line and let me know if this will be satisfactory. If there is something further that would be useful, specific detail of what you might need.

Very truly yours,

and that is within the ~~scope~~ ^{capacity} of our capability, we will oblige please send

Eugene Chaikin

*so whatever detailed research that is required, must be done there

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There are some items on the constitution of the USSR that I would like to have clarified so that we are sure we are getting it right. I thought that we might write Timofeyev a letter asking for the information and making a small suggestion concerning the publication, somewhat as follows:

(his title)

Dear Comrade Timofeyev;

We have been studying the Constitution of the USSR from the excellent copies that you have provided us. In our review we have encountered certain terms with which we are not familiar, or which describe certain offices or organisational forms with which we are not familiar. We are directing this letter to you in the hope that you will be able to inform us better concerning the specific meaning of these terms. ~~The copies~~ We would not think to bother you with this but we have reviewed the limited literature that we have on the subject and have not been able to find the answers. Accordingly, we would be pleased if you could explain to us the meanings of the following terms: public organisations Art. 4 and others
work collectives Art. 8
social consumption funds Art. 23
public catering Art. 22
people's assessors Art. 152
procurator Art. 164

Perhaps these same questions, and others many, may occur to persons who have a common law background, which might be roughly equated with English speaking peoples. Accordingly, we would like to make the suggestion that the English edition of the constitution would ~~be~~ be improved by the addition of a short glossary of terms which could make proper explanation.

Johnny Jones
Administrative Officer, PTAMM

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Mark Lane
1177 Central Ave
Memphis, Tenn.
U.S.A.
via Terri Buford
(hand delivery)

Letter No. 1 (Transmittals 1.A, 1.2)

Dear Mark:

I am enclosing T. 1.2 which is a list of materials that I requested San Francisco to send here, with copies to you, and T. 1.6 which is a first list of recommended investigation targets. T. 1.8 is significant in that the newspaper articles are probably now one of the best sources of background data (as you see we have requested that S.F. copy and send you our collection) and that reports of fires, bombing, telephone harassments, were made to local law enforcement agencies over the years.

The history of Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple goes back to the early days of the civil rights movement in the 1950's. Jim first began his church work as an integration vehicle during that period. He visited Cuba in (I believe) 1957 and again in 1959 just after the revolution. He acted as the general secretary to the Commission on Human Rights for Indianapolis, Indiana for about 10 months in ~~ix~~ 1961 while continuing his church work. There was constant harassment during this 6 - 7 year period, much surely attributed to local racists, but there was also a point in which the F.B.I. contacted his mother wanting to know if he had attended a Paul Robeson rally in Chicago (though this may be somewhat earlier) they had an early start on him). In 1962 - 1964 he and some of the church members went to Brazil and worked at the Escola da Favela in Bello Horizonte. In 1964 he returned to Indianapolis to find the church he created there in total disarray, and apparently then concluded that work in the Mid-West would not be fruitful. During 1965 and into 1966 he and about 175 members of the congregation moved to Redwood Valley, California and established the present Peoples Temple entity. Harassment there too. In about 1967 he began to work in San Francisco and held his first meeting in Los Angeles in 1969. Stoen joined in that year. In 1971 the first mass bus trip to the east was made. There was another such trip in 1972 in the summer, and churches were purchased in San Francisco and Los Angeles in the winter of that year. Services were conducted from Sacramento through Bakersfield in the central valley area. In the summer of 1973 the first few of a series of "defectors" left, and the S.F. church was burned and December saw the beginning of the Guyana project. In 1974 there was a second burning of the S.F. church and a bomb was found under his bus. There was another trip around U.S.A. reaching several major cities (Philadelphia, Chicago). 1975 saw a first time "break through" in the media with much good publicity. In 1976 activities really "boomed"; the Peoples Forum began in April, May saw a mass joint rally with the Nation of Islam in the L.A. convention center (over 20,000 attended), there were two major trips around the country (N.Y., Phila, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Houston), "free press" marches in Fresno (over 1000 people) and Los Angeles (over 3,000 people), Jim was appointed to the S.F. Housing Commission in the fall, and the U.S. Air Force Intelligence Operation (Stennis) was penetrated. There were added defections in the fall of 1976. The heavy press attack geared up in the spring of 1977 and hit us in the summer. The "exodus" to Guyana then began in earnest.

There is a huge mass of materials to be developed, reviewed, analysed etc. In the hope of establishing some delineation I would like your advice as to a "cut off" point, and as to the order of priorities. Of course the farther back we go historically the harder it is to get "hard" data. We enjoyed hearing about the Georgetown press conference. Keep well and thanks for everything.

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Talk with Charks:

- ① C.T. Stein: Cassib Dord. T.O.S. prior to Felix Appadewits
- ② The Troops Article
- ③ How protect the Original Deed
- ④ Incident. sgt S.K. trying a snatch.
- ⑤ J.R. → the Notary Case

Transmittal No 1. ~~A~~ (Request for Basic research materials)

In order to do a thorough research job we are requesting that copies of the following files be sent to us here, and a copy be sent to Mark Lane in Memphis.

1. The complete newspaper clipping file on the church (we know that we have many of the relevant clippings here but don't want to miss any.) Include all indexes, which should be with the articles. Keep up Allens Clipping Svc and continue to send copies of all articles received.
2. The file on "people who left the church".
3. A copy of each of our "political" publications including a copy of each Peoples Forum.
4. Copies of all notes, memos, incident reports, phone logs (threats),
5. Copies of photos of all marches, mass rallies, damages to property from fire &c, police harassment (L.A. "riot"?), photos of J.J. with dignitaries (in and out of church) dated, copies of memos, letters, or other "evidentiary" materials originating outside the church, with special attention to Agency communications.
76. Master file of public relations letters and responses.
8. The Airplane file.
9. Full set of P.T. Corporate minutes.
10. Any personal histories of members of the Church.
11. We do not have a copy of the smear article that appeared in the Soviet "New Times" and wonder if you could locate a copy. It is illustrative of the breadth of the distribution program of the smear.
12. Copies of all fact sheets, letters, etc. that Laurie Ehrman and others made and sent out such as the 30 page document on the "Concerned Relatives", the analysis of the Kathy Hunter trip, and anything else done to expose the conspiracy.

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Have you evaluated the risk potential for us.
policy of Peoples Temple in Guyana? What
is your evaluation? Who did you give
it to?

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Transmittal No. 1.2

LIST OF RESEARCH AREAS, #1, 9/19/78

Ukiah Police Department
Mendocino County Sheriff Dept.
Santa Rosa Police Dept.
Sonoma County Sheriff Dept.
San Francisco Police Department
Fresno Police Dept.
Los Angeles Police Dept.
Cal. State Highway Patrol (L.A. County)

S.F. Fire Dept. (arson investigation)
Los Angeles Coroners Office (Head Case)
Cal. Attorney General Office
L.A. Attorney David Kwan

Backgrounds on:

Marshall Kilduff (S.F. Chron.)
Tim Reiterman (S.F. Exam)
George Kleiman (Santa Rosa Press Dem.)
Steve Hart " " " "
Caroline Pickering (Indianapolis Star)
Larry Hatfield (S.F. Exam.)
Jim Clancy (K&X (K T V U)
Phil Tracy (New West Mag.)
E. Cahill Maloney (S.F. Progress)

More Magazine

Newspaper Morgues

Ukiah Daily Journal
Mendocino Grapevine
Santa Rosa Press Democrat
S.F. Chronicle (P.T. and Kinsolving)
S.F. Examiner
S.F. Progress
Bay Guardian
Sun Reporter
Oakland Tribune
Berkeley Barb
Fresno Bee
Sacramento Bee
Long Beach Independent Press Telegram
L.A. Herald Examiner
L.A. Sentinel
New West Magazine
L.A. Times
Peoples World
N.Y. Times
Washington Post
Indianapolis Star
Palladium Item, Richmond, Ind.
Richmond, Ind. Recorder

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EVALUATION OF THE MARK LANE PROPOSAL

In theory it sounds great. Parts of it, especially the media contact and the doing of the articles and the film. Anything that is in the area of Marks competence and can be done through him or by him without a heavy involvement of our people or funds will clearly be good, and I guess is now being done and is really not part of the question.

As I see it, the question is shall we / can we get involved in a massive P.R./ fund raising campaign in the U.S.A. and in substantial involvement in all of the mechanics of such an operation?

First I'll discuss the shall we - is it a good idea at all? I think so. He must know what he is talking about when he says that we are getting hurt with the Cabinet in Georgetown. Ergo we have a need to defend the home base that is not sufficiently met with present methods. I feel that this need will increase as Government turns right. We can also use all of the diversion and obfuscation that it is possible to create to cover our proposed move to the USSR. I am convinced that should it appear to the power structure that we were really seriously considering such a move that they would move to block it. We need a cover. Additionally, we need a diversion for our enemies at home to force them to concentrate their efforts on defensive measures - as they have done to us for so long. Lastly, I feel that the proposal has merit on its own in that money is still easier to get in the U.S.A. than here, and that the political activity has value of its own in confronting the establishment with the value of Peoples Temple and Jonestown.

The major issue is - can we? Do we have the people and the energy? I see most of the negatives in this category. In order to do well what he suggests, I see the following commitments. 1) A lot of printing and mail activity (direct mail to large numbers of persons). This means keeping our printing/ mailing shop open and operative in the states for the duration of the project. Since moving it would be difficult and time consuming, though not impossible, it seems likely that it would stay in the S.F. Church building which means keeping the structure. However, it is awkward having a main office in Washington and the printing/ mailing in San Francisco so I do not totally rule out the alternative of moving it, and staff, to Washington. 2) Staffing - I can see the need for staffing of a center in Washington or New York. As far as the cost for the establishment net of labor I feel we should ask Mark for an estimated budget. Staffing with paid, outside help is another issue. If the operation is self funding in the sense of earning its own cost through donations, I would not rule out that alternative, but it does lend itself to easy penetration of our operations for intelligence or disruption purposes, and that is a substantial risk. By way of staff we would need P.R. people, writers, secretaries, an administrator.....who would we send? Some of the following people come to mind: Jean Brown, Paula Adams, Debbie Touchette, Laurie Effriam, Dick Tropp, Vi Holland. Perhaps some people who are good P.R. could go on a rotating or periodic basis such as Jim MacElvane, Johnny Jones, or Sharon Amos. I don't know what the ramifications of changing them from their present schedules might be. 3) Funding - I do not see this as a major problem. We need to, as I said, get some sort of budget from Mark, and then talk about it. I do not see why it could not be a money maker, either directly or through procurement of medical and other things that we now pay for, or both.

The biggest single fear I have of the whole deal is follow through. Will we in fact divert the people? Will we actually spend the money for the set up of the organization? I really doubt that it will happen, even if we initially commit to the operation. The recent commitment to a major lawsuit and preparations for it here in Jonestown is a case in point. It took the utmost pressure to get

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and these were almost removed to make room for patients. minimal facilities/ No amount of pressure has gotten anysort of competent staff to do the job, so I am doing it alone on a part-time basis. Like so many of our projects it is just sort of slowly dragging along with no real hope of completion of a good job within a reasonable time. It was just too hard to alter the organization to pull out the people to do the job. After beginning we again question the validity of the project. I do not feel that continual evaluation is wrong, but rather that it is sometimes used as a rationale for not doing the job that we originally set out to do. This aspect of the organization is totally frustrating, not only in this case, but in all aspects of the organization. Farm plans are made but not fulfilled, construction plans are made but not fulfilled, legal plans are made but not fulfilled. There is always something more immediate, and some intervening task or priority cuts out whatever was planned before. This has been a constant, on-going pattern in the P.T. organization for a long time. I do not believe that it will change now. I do not believe that the Lane proposal should be started and not carried forth - it would make us look too bad to our friends, and too weak to our enemies. It is for this reason that I recommend that he do what he can without any great amount of assistance from us. I do not believe that we can do what we have planned now, much less take on any more. Further, and not least, there is the issue of your health and the imposition upon you of still another front, still an additional burden. Certainly, at this time I feel that you should not take it on.

Are there alternatives? Sure. First, we can do much of the work from the S.F. Church without dislodging anyone (but obviously at the cost of not doing other things we are doing now). If necessary we might send back a few people for a while to help. We might rent very small space with answering service, and have someone there (paid, through Mark) set up just to make appointments, and the like on a part time basis, then have our people go there every once and awhile for a few days. We can make a greater use of long distance phone. Washington rents would pay for a hell of a lot of telephoning.

Our best bet is to have some more discussion with Mark about the practicalities and the mechanics of the whole thing. We might say to him that we like the ideas but are not sure what all it involves and whether we would be able to carry it out. I am especially interested in the education/solicitation through direct mail of the liberal/radical group, the acquisition of mailing lists, holding of lectures and meetings and the like. We need more details of how this can be done to good effect. Supposedly Mark has some knowlege of this, or has friends with such information. We need more input in order to decide what we can do with what we have on hand.

Another thing we can consider is having some of the journalists that Mark Lane has contacted come down here.* We can handle the thing here with some proficiency, our people being practiced, and we are on our own turf, so to speak. This has got to be preferable to "hiding" here, and the continued coverage is, I feel, a sort of added security for us. In this light I thought Mazors reactions were interesting. Whatever his motives, or purposes for coming, I feel he was genuinely touched by what he saw here. He may continue as a double agent, but that is better than having him totally against us. I think that much of the press may well be in the same condition and we will elicit the same responses. They have heard so much bad that it sort of highlights the good that is here.

* e.g. French TV, Newsday worker etc.

Gene

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COUNTER ATTACK

A Summary of the Mark Lane proposal.....

INTRODUCTION: He outlines the offensive against P.T., and the general need for and organization and methodology of a counter offensive.

LEGAL OFFENSIVE: Though the broad outlines of an Agency-Media alliance to destroy P.T. are readily perceptible the details of the operations must be discovered and proved. This is to be done by investigations, interviews, documentary research, filing actions under F.O.I. Ultimately a huge suit in the federal courts will be filed against all involved persons, and that will in turn be used through federal discovery to ferret out the truth about the conspiracy. This will be the legal offensive. Meanwhile the defense of the existing suits must continue.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNTER-OFFENSIVE: THIS IS VITALLY NEEDED TO COUNTER THE ANTI-P.T. PROPAGANDA IN THE U.S.A. AND GUYANA. Proposed elements consist of:

1. A press conference in Guyana (done) with follow up from U.S. on the progress of the investigation, etc.
2. A press conference in San Francisco (done) and much follow up with the S.F. media including a program of telephone calls to the talk shows to keep the discussion going.
3. Tell our story to Left and Black organisations in the U.S.A.:
 - a. Speak to leaders - Dick Gregory, Ralph Abernathy (done) and others
 - b. contact Left publications - Mother Jones, In These Times, the Guardian, etc., etc.
 - c. write feature articles for publication in these and any other publications that might have specific interest, along two lines:
 - (1) the attack on P.T., (2) the situation of Jonestown
4. do a film describing the history and life at Jonestown, but we should not do it due to cost and also skepticism of public if we do our own. He has contacted French documentary T.V. film maker. There may be other alternatives.
5. Make alliances with left church groups, ex: United Methodist Church, Rev. James Lawson of L.A.

FUND RAISING COUNTER OFFENSIVE

1. Campaign for the contribution of medical supplies to Jonestown. Solicit Socialist countries, U.S. Govt., private pharmaceutical firms.
2. general fund raising programs, like the S.W.P.

CONGRESSIONAL COUNTER OFFENSIVE: Mark makes a big point of this: "It is my own reading of the events in Guyana that the efforts of Members of Congress have created a problem and should be met directly, head on." M.L. found in talking to various members of the Guyanese Cabinet that there had been substantial penetration by hostile U.S. Congressmen. He feels that the way to stop this is to counter the flow of negative information into Congress. Methodology as follows:

1. Do a massive educational campaign on congress as to the true facts about Jonestown.
2. Do a letter writing campaign on the issue in key districts where it can be done by constituents
3. Open an "embassy" in Washington to coordinate the various offensives. He has space he will rent us at cost. *NN-6-0*

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November 1, 1978

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Dear Editor:

It is indeed puzzling and disturbing that the Chronicle has not yet printed a word of a significant series of disclosures by civil rights attorney Mark Lane, concerning the Peoples Temple community here in Guyana. Mr. Lane's investigation has not only vindicated the Temple of the charge that it was running an "armed camp." He has disclosed that an individual hired to lead a minor armed invasion against Jonestown, complete with rocket launchers and other weapons, himself saw when he got here that he had been deceived, and called the whole thing off. The man has since visited Rev. Jones here at the community, and has, like everyone else, found the year-long campaign against Peoples Temple to be a malicious fraud.

The Chronicle has been involved, through reporter Marshall Kilduff and others, in following the story (some might say promoting it!). It is, therefore, revealing that at the very time that the story is coming to a head, and key information released, the Chronicle chooses to remain silent. Having aired the other side of the story, which has been proven false, it indicates that you are acting as anything but an objective news reporting agency and, in the Peoples Temple matter, you have an editorial policy of taking sides. Particularly so in view of the fact that the above disclosures, aired a press conference attended by your reporters, clearly bear out what Peoples Temple has been saying all along, despite the innuendo-filled publicity that has worked only to credit those who have conspired to destroy us.

A final note: attorney Lane and his Citizens Commission of Inquiry organization are currently preparing a multimillion dollar suit that will name a host of government agencies and individuals, and will expose fully what certain Bay Area newspapers have been unable and, it appears, deliberately unwilling to bring to light.

Sincerely yours,


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Mark Lane
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Council of Churches

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