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Questions from N.I.:

- 1- why did you decide to move to Guyana?
- 2- when you moved down there a yr. ago, how many acres had the People's Temple reclaimed from the jungle?
- X 3- how many acres have now been reclaimed from the jungle?
- 4- how does the community down there earn its living? Do they sell produces etc.?
- 5- what are the living conditions there? How many people to a hut? toilet facilities? washing and bathing facilities? medical facilities? teaching facilities?
- 6- what is the break down in the community? how many toddlers? how many children? how many young adults? how many adults? how many Senior citizens?
- 7- how often does the boat tie between Georgetown and Jonestown?
- 8- do you have private planes flying into Port Kaituma? or do people sometimes fly into Matthews Ridge?
- 9- how do you receive mail?
- X 10- are people free to leave the colony whenever they wish? How many have left? Can I talk to them?

Debbie Layton has brought some very serious charges against you, I would like you to answer them in order:

- 1- the mass suicide threat
- 2- people being beaten by armed guards
- X 3- a guard pressing on people's temples until they collapse in pain.
- 4- people being placed in a small underground box from 1 to 7 days.
- 5- children at night being thrown into a well for misbehaving.
- 6- a child informing on his father who is planning to escape.
- 7- people being placed on a learning crew and being forced to work throughout the night.
- 8- people being down there living mainly on a diet of rice.
- 9- former members of the temple have said before the temple moved to Guyana, they were victims and have seen other people beaten on the backside up to 150 times.

- X 11. what is the networth of your organization?
12. what is your networth? what about the charge that you have 2 concubines? 13
14. what about the serious allegations that people have signed all their possessions over to you?
15. what about the allegations by former members of the temple, and even outsiders that they have been harassed by telephone by mail and have received threats against their lives?
16. how do you ans. allegations of 70 relatives saying that you are holding people down there against their will.
17. why do you refuse to acknowledge 3 superior court orders by

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dot allowing children to see their parents in Georgetown, including John stoen?

18. Are you prepared to come back and face these charges in an open court in America?

19. Will you also face charges brought against you by Steve Katsaris? Jim Cobb and the MEDlocks?

20. What about the fact that you have, or are said to have, a squad of 50 armed guards down there?

21- Is it true that if people misbehave, their priviledges of contacti ng relatives are taken away?

22. I think that is a general outline of what I would like to ask..

Ok. well we'll have to get this to the radio later.. and talk to our attorney about which matters are under litigation and cannot be discuss ed.

you say the matters under litigation are the children...

I'm not sure what he will say, I'm just letting you know that we will ask him which matters fall into that // we will get back to you in the morning to see if a phone patch or direct line to the capital can be arranged.

ok. Like I say these are allegations that have been made, so I think they are very objective questions.

they are certainly allegations, right,

I'm not saying they are fact now..

(tim)- they certainly arent.

I am now giving Rev. Jones the opportunity rebute them

right, well we'll see what we can do about that... talk to you tomorrow

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TRANSCRIPT OF PHONE CONVERSATION OF TIM CLANCEY WITH GORDON LINDSAY,
REPORTER FOR THE NATIONAL INQUIRER

August 4, 1978

T.C. Fine.

GL ...been away for a day.

TC: Yeah, something personal came up.

GL: OK. What is the answer to the thing we talked...the questions..

TC: Well, we forwarded the questions overseas. We can't do that kind of traffic over the radio. Uh, just in general, it is my opinion that the nature of the questions shows a, definitely a negative bias, and I didn't see any intention there of trying to do a two-sided story. From our perspective.

GL: Well, we asked all the questions about what's going on down there, yegg beets? what have you, and we also tried to get at the fact that these allegations have been made.

TC: Well, we know they've been made, but I mean there's a lot of background behind those allegations, too, and there was nothing in your questions to indicate that there was going to be any kind of coverage of that, like, you mentioned the threatening phone calls...how would we know people's unlisted numbers? You ought to be looking into..if youre really ~~investigating the story and researching the entire background of it~~ investigating the story and researching the entire background of it you should be looking to people who encourage you to write this kind of story in the first place, sources that...

GL: I was encouraged to write this story by a person completely outside of PeoplesTemple...heard...called a private detective...

TC: A private detective.

GL: ..and she...happened to be a friend of mine...and she heard about this, and she said, why don't you look into this, and that's exactly how I heard about it.

TC: Well, there's definitely more to look into than just that, because, I mean that, those kinds of things are ridiculous that are being attributed to us.

GL: I cant hear you well.

TC: I said that those kinds of allegations that are being attributed to us are utterly ridiculous. Uh, you could take voice prints, and listen to the prints, if you wanted to do that..

GL: We have done voice prints.

TC: Oh, you have done voice prints. Well, I'm sure if you have, you can compare those and see...

GL: These voice prints compared very favorably..

TC: X What compared favorably?

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GL: The people we had the voice prints done on...telling the truth.

TC: Regarding what?

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GL: The people we had voice prints done on.

TC: People you had voice prints done on. Oh, you took lie detector tests of people or something?

GL: No, voice prints are a form of investigation. I'm-sure you know that.

TC: Yeah, uh.

GL: (unintelligible)

TC: Comparing...

GL: ...under stress

TC: Oh, comparing voices under stress. Oh, that's not what I was referring to. I was suggesting that, you had mentioned that phone calls had been made threatening people, that you could compare the actual voice prints to see that people who have been claiming that we have threatened people, that it's absurd, that we haven't done anything.

GL: Unfortunately, no one has a tape of anyone calling up. Uh...that have called up, they've not taped it, so unfortunately there's no witness. Most people in this world don't go around with a phone...like I do, I had you taped earlier..

TC: yeah, I know you do.

GL: M And uh, ...so no one can come back at me. Cover both...(unintelligible) with my phone. Which is very important in this world... ..reporter...journalism...because no one goes around taping people on telephones...what it comes around to, is Mr. Jones going to answer the questions or is he going to be silent?

TC: Well, he hasn't gotten the w questions yet, like I said, we couldn't send them over the radio.

GL: I know

TC: Yes.

GL: Were you going to...i understand...ten days... Georgetown.
(unintelligible)

TC: Well, it takes a something like that, I would suppose. We wanted to make sure that he saw the w questions verbatim as you had given them to me.'

GL: Well, have him call the Peoples Temple in Georgetown at my expense, and I will read the w questions to him

TC: Well. uh...

GL: That will certainly cut out the delay.

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TC: Oh, he's visited Debby in San Francisco..

GL: You see, he's a photographer, very well known.

TC: I see.

GL: ..but he doesnt move in Jones' circles, I gather..

TC: No, I don't...Well

GL: Anyway, I will be delighted to call Georgetown and relay my questions because, I would think at the moment that these are what is known as delaying tactics...and I just want to know if he is going to answer the questions or not.

TC: Uh, he's going to have to see them before ~~kk~~ he answers them.

GL: Well,,,I still don;t understand, you people talking up to six hours on the radio, it doesn't take that long to get those questions over.

TC: Well, its the nature of the traffic, Mr. Lindsay.

GL: I dont understand that.

TC: Well, that's the way it is...

GL: Well, what do you mean by the nature of the traffic? I mean, I'm naive, I guess.

TC: Well, look at the questions. I mean, certain things just can't be put over the radio.

GL: Oh. Because other people might pick them up.

TC: Hm? No.

GL: ~~X~~ DO you know what's wrong, trouble in your line over there?

TC: No.

GL: Do you hear an awful lot of static on it?

TC: No, I don't hear any static.

GL: Must be on my end. OK, the other thing, I did talk to Mrs. Davis.

TC: You did?

GL: Yeah. I thought you knew, it was on the radio last night.

TC: Oh, it was?

GL: Yeah. Uh, she was a very ~~xxxx~~ pleasant lady. Very pleasant. Unfortunately she didn't tell me very much. I mean, I asked a lot of questions, and all I got were very cryptic answers. She certainly ~~xxx~~ did give a glowing report of Jonestown.

TC: Well, as I said, I wasn't here, so I really

have ~~off~~ background

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TC: cont'
on that.

GL: I would suggest if I were in your position, get people that are more vocal, if they go down there, and want to talk to the press.

TC: Well, I mean, that wasn't her intention in going down there. She went down there to visit her daughter, I understand, not to go down there so she could talk to the press.

GL: ...you don't understand, if you're going to suggest to the press that they have certain people talk to us, that they be a little quicker on their feet...I mean the poor lady is charming, as I say, very very pleasant, but she just doesn't really, you know, know what's going on, apparently, and uh, you know, how, you know, what's nice down there and uh...

TC: Well, maybe the things that you think are going on aren't really going on.

GL: No, no, I'm asking her about, 'was it nice down there' 'yes'; ~~what~~ 'where did you stay' 'in a room'; 'what sort of a room' 'oh, a nice-sized room'; 'what size was it?' 'Oh, I don't know.'

TC: Well, I don't know, maybe....

GL: Unfortunately, it wasn't too helpful. People ..(unintelligible)... As I say, I'll talk to anyone.

TC: Fine, well, let me...I'll check and see about this phoning the questions over to them

GL: Yehh, OK..

TC: You'll be at your office?

GL: I'll be at my office, yeah.

TC: OK, fine, good bye.

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END OF CONVERATION

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final in British Columbia

Dear Mr. Lindsey,

I have been advised by Peoples Temple that you contemplate writing an article about the Temple which will be published in the National Enquirer. They have been contacted by several people who you have already interviewed who have indicated that you attempted to switch their answers to your questions so that it would suit your purpose to create a sensational article. I should explain that I am not their attorney. I have never actually represented Peoples Temple in any litigation. They have referred many of the poorer members of the church to my office when those people have legal problems and could not afford regular legal fees. All of my clients from the church without exception state in glowing terms about the church and about Pastor Jim Jones. Further, not one of the members of the church ever lied to me about any facts in connection with their cases, whether civil or criminal. When one has been practicing law for over 30 years as I have, this in itself is a glowing recommendation for the type of church Peoples Temple is and the type of Pastor Jim Jones is. By-the way, I agreed to help and represent the poor people of PT at the request of Tim Stoen.

In conclusion, I wish to make it clear that if an article is published in the National Enquirer, or any other publication, that I feel is libelous or untrue, regarding Peoples Temple, I shall represent them and file suit against you and the publisher. You are no doubt aware that the only defense would be the truth, and, under the recent case of Dr. X in New Jersey, the court has

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the court has held that the writer of such an article, and the publisher, must produce their files when properly subpoenaed or face charges of contempt of court.

Very truly yours,

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An Affidavit

Barbara C. Moore

On Wednesday, August 9, 1978 I was interviewed by phone by Gordon Lindsey following his interview of my husband, John V Moore.

As nearly as I can recall the following topics were discussed in the telephone conversation with Gordon Lindsey. As he attempted to distort my replies, I had the feeling that Mr. Lindsey perceived clergypersons as simplistic, pietistic and moralistic.

1. In attempting to question the reliability of the detractors of the Peoples Temple Project and Jim Jones, I mentioned the fact that charismatic leaders often attract somewhat disturbed people, in fact that every church attracts a few disturbed people. Charismatic leaders attract even more. They have a different sort of ministry from that of my husband, John.

His reply was to the effect that "by charismatic do you mean people such as Sun Moon and Charles Manson?" I attempted to clarify the issue. I feel that I did a poor job of it.

2. Mr. Lindsey placed great stress upon the fact that he was "shocked" that I questioned a statement of the court regarding the parentage and custody of the child, John, allegedly belonging to Attorney Tim Stoen.

He asked if the child resembled Jim Jones since I had never seen Tim Stoen's wife.

I replied that the child has dark hair and dark eyes and Jim Jones has dark hair and dark eyes, I think.

When he asked more questions, I replied that I was familiar only with the stories I had read in the papers and did not know the facts of the case.

When Mr. Lindsey further asked how I would feel if my child were taken to a foreign country and brought up by someone else, I stressed the fact that little John was very much nurtured and loved in Jonestown and that that was my greatest concern, having observed abused children here in the states.

3. I had the feeling that Mr. Lindsey felt he was dealing me a stunning shock by mentioning the case of incest in regard to Maria Katsaris and her father. He described this quite in

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detail and then mentioned that Maria was one of Jim Jones' concubines.

I replied with words to the effect that I had chatted with Maria in Guyana and that she was a lovely young woman happily involved in the community there, and furthermore that I knew nothing about that sort of thing and I could not comment.

I again questioned the reliability of those from whom Mr. Lindsey had obtained his stories and he finally said "Thank you." and hung up.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is a truthful account of my conversation with Gordon Lindsey on August 9, 1978.

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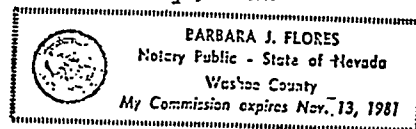
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State of Nevada ss:
County of Washoe

On this 17 day of August, 1978, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared Barbara C. Moore, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

August 17, 1978

Barbara J. Flores
Notary Public



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An Affidavit
John V Moore

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Friday, August 11, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Barbara called me to say that Tim Stoen was on the phone I think that he or she said the call was from San Francisco. It was my day off and the call came to my home.

I made some notes following the conversation, and have them at hand as I write.

The man on the phone introduced himself as Tim Stoen. His voice was moderate.

Time said that he was calling to urge me to speak out against Jim Jones. I replied that I did not understand him... that he had been 100% for Jim, and now he was 100% against Jim.

He said that Jim is power hungry. He said that if I did not speak out, our daughters and our grandson would be hurt.

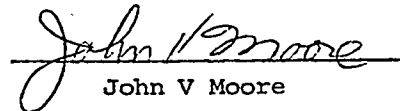
I said that I had known for years that people would be hurt before this matter came to an end. I was saying that his saying that people would be hurt came as no surprise to me. I had anticipated it.

He said that the door would always be open, implying that I could change my mind any time and speak out against Jim Jones.

He may have said "Thank you." and hung up.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is a truthful account of my conversation with Tim Stoen on August 11, 1978.

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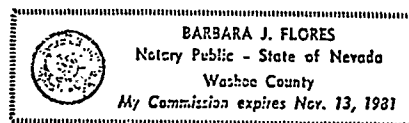
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August 17, 1978


Notary Public



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John V Moore

Wednesday, August 9, 1978 at approximately 1:00 p.m. Gordon Lindsey called me. He had called several times between July 31 and August 3, according to my secretary. I returned his call late August 3, and called a second time early the following week. On August 9 he said that he was writing an article for the National Inquirer, and asked if I ~~were~~ willing to be interviewed. He said that he would be taping our conversation.

Mr. Lindsey sometimes asked questions. At other times he made statements. Sometimes he misinterpreted what I said and asked if I agreed. I replied that I would stand by my words, not his.

Insofar as I am able, I will follow the sequence of the interview. Since we talked about some issues more than once, the quotations may be out of chronological order, yet they are faithful to the substance of what we said. As I write this statement I have at hand notes of the interview which I made within twenty-four hours of the conversation. I will not be using quotation marks, perhaps with some exceptions, because I want to communicate the substance of what was said without implying that I am making verbatim quotations.

"L" will indicate Gordon Lindsey, and "M" will indicate myself.

- L: Identify yourself.
- M: I identified myself as pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Reno.
- L: How long have you known Jim Jones?
- M: Eight or nine years.
- L: You were in Guyana when? for how long?
- M: We were in Guyana in May for one week, four days at the Peoples Temple house in Georgetown...
- L: In Lamaha Gardens?
- M: Yes... and three days in Jonestown.
- L: At which airport did you land?

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M: I did not understand the question and said "Timerhi."

L: No...Port Kaituma or Matthews Ridge?

M: Port Kaituma

L: Your pilot's name was _____.

M: I don't know.

L: You flew in a single engine airplane.

M: I don't recall for sure. (I later checked some photos. The plane had two engines.)

L: You stayed in the guest house...It is off by itself... It has a refrigerator...It has mosquito netting over the bed...It's Jim Jones' house, isn't it?

M: That's where we stayed...I don't know if it is Jim Jones' house...I don't understand the reason for such questions?

L: The house is off by itself, isn't it?

M: There are other houses nearby.

L: About how far is it from other houses?

M: About fifty yards.

L: I flew over the project...The people live in huts with corrugated roofs...and there are privies. Thirty or forty people live in each hut.

M: I'd call them houses. They are small. ...Corrugate roofs were common in Guyana and Trinidad. That's one of the things I noticed in both countries.

L: Well I didn't. (His words clearly gave the impression that he thought corrugated roofs were the exception in that part of the world.)

You had a privy didn't you. (There were two or three interchanges about privies.)

M: There are different kinds of privies. We used an outhouse. They had public or common restrooms which Barbara used upon occasion. I never did. I assume that they had tanks as our's did....It was very sanitary.

L: What did you eat? With whom did you eat? You ate with a small group, didn't you. Did you eat in the dining

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area?

M: We took sack lunches at noon and ate wherever we were...
In the evening we ate with about twenty or thirty people...
The dinning area could not accommodate all the people at
one time...I saw people carrying trays from the dinning
area.

L: You didn't eat with the people...where they ate.

M: We ate one evening in the entertainment area where people
were gathered for the concert...We had for breakfast pan-
cakes, eggs, juice or fruit, coffee...They have a native
fruit drink, which we also had in Matthews Ridge...We
had chicken one night.

L: Debbie Layton says that the diet is primarily rice.

M: We had rice. I doubt that rice is the principle food
source. It's my impression that they do not produce enough
rice for themselves. They must buy rice. I think that
their diet is more from the foods they grow, such as
casava.

Debbie Layton lived with us when she was a junior in high
school. She went to England the next year. She is the
sister of our daughter's former husband. Debbie had prob-
lems when she was with us.

L: Teenage problems.

M: Debbbie was a member of our family. I have nothing to
say about Debbie except that Peoples Temple was a stabil-
izing force in her life...Debbie is not as credible a
witness as her mother or husband or brother.

L: Are the others credible?

M: I regard Debbie's mother as very credible.

L: You daughter is Carolyn Layton?

M: Yes.

L: You solemized her marriage to Prokes?

M: Yes.

L: She was pregnant at the time, wasn't she?

M: I did not talk about Debbie's personal life. I will not *ju m*

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talk about my daughter's...I've been a pastor to thousands of adults...and children...I would not answer questions of this kind about any of them.

L: You wrote a letter to _____ praising Jim Jones.

M: No. I never wrote a letter to anyone praising Jim Jones. I did write a letter for the church expressing appreciation for the service ministries of Peoples Temple.

L: How can you speak highly of Peoples Temple when _____ (number) of "Concerned parents" are so critical of Peoples Temple?

M: I can understand how parents are concerned...We raised our children to stand on their own feet, to make their own decisions, and to live with the consequences of their decisions and actions.

L: Maria Katsaris says that her father had oral and anal intercourse with her when she was a child. (I felt that he was implying that Jim Jones was responsible for Maria making the change.)

M: I don't know anything about that...We saw Maria in Jonestown and Georgetown. In Georgetown she had complete freedom to come and go. She could have left as Debbie left.

L: She doesn't have a passport.

M: All she would have to do would be to go to the American Embassy...

L: Did you see Jon Jon?

M: Yes. (In the course of this interchange I said that Jon Jon looked like Jim. He responded "O come now!" or words to that effect. He came back to this issue once or twice in the course of the interview.

L: Can you understand Tim Stoen and his wife's feelings?

M: I can understand. If my child were kidnaped or taken away, I would do everything in my power to get my child back.

L: Would you kidnap the child?

M: I don't know.

L: Would you contemplate it?

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M: It certainly would enter my mind, as *would* other thoughts.
L: That's contemplating it.
M: (He did not ask if I could understand Jim's position.
...In the course of the conversation I referred to
Tim and his wife as divorced. He objected with feeling,
saying they were not divorced. He charged that I had
treated Tim and his wife differently than my words about
confidentiality about personal matters. As best I can
recall, I apologized. He informed me that they were not
divorced, and said: "People can be separated and not
divorced, as Debbie Layton?" I responded "Of course."

L: What is your judgment of the medical clinic?

M: I think that it is good. (I had the impression that he
felt about the clinic as he did about the "huts" and
"privies" and "corrugated" roofs.)

L: Do you know the *doctor*, or meet him? Did he finish his
residency?

M: I don't think that he finished his residency in San
Francisco, but I don't know.

(I told him that our daughter was a nurse. He asked:
"What kind?" I replied: "Registered nurse." He asked
about the medical supplies. I said that it was my
impression that they had good medical supplies. Barbara
commented over my shoulder: "Excellent." I said: "My
wife says 'excellent.'")

L: What is your impression of Jim Jones?

M: Jim Jones is in touch with the pain and suffering of
people...

L: What about the pain and suffering of parents?

M: There are lots of people in Jonestown who have known
suffering in our society.

L: What about beatings? _____ people have pictures of
beaten people.

M: I don't believe the allegations about beatings.

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L: But pictures don't lie.

M: Pictures can lie.

L: Is Jim Jones a rational man?

M: I think that anyone who can lead 1,000 people from their country to settle in a new country has got it together.

L: I've seen the same thing...in a prison camp in Maylasia.

M: Are you saying that Jonestown is a prison camp?

L: I didn't say that.

L: You sound like a politician.

M: I don't mind sounding like a politician...YOU sound like a reporter.

M: (Lindsey made some referrence to Congressman McClosky, quoting him about "bastards" in the context of Peoples Temple. This was when we were talking about the custody issue with Jon Jon.

Once when I was expressing my view of parents of grown children, he interrupted to say that he was not interested in them, but the three small children.)

L: (He introduced this as his last question, but the conversation continued.)

How do you feel about your daughters?

M: We came home feeling good about your daughters and what they are doing.

L: You will be extensively quoted.

M: (I asked if he would like to talk with my wife. He said that he would. Our conversation had lasted more than an hour. I gave the phone to my wife.

Jim

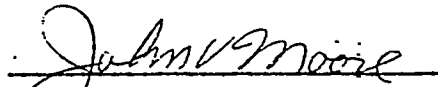
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John V Moore

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County of Washoe

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Notary Public
BARBARA J. FLORES
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Washoe County
My Commission expires Nov. 13, 1981

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