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Hon. Cyrus Vance  
Secretary of State  
State Department Building  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Request for Assistance in Enforcement of Court Order  
Against Rev. Jim Jones in Guyana

Dear Sir:

On November 18, 1977, the Superior Court of the State of California ordered our office to "take all actions necessary to locate Reverend Jim Jones and to secure Reverend Jim Jones' compliance with this order." Paragraph 4 of the order (a copy attached) states:

"It is ordered that Reverend Jim Jones will immediately deliver the child, JOHN VICTOR STONE, to the Petitioner, GRACE ANN STONE, or to her authorized representative."

According to our information, the underlying facts are that Rev. Jim Jones, a United States citizen, is living in Guyana, South America, where he is exercising physical custody over John Victor Stone, a 7-year old child who is also a United States citizen. Rev. Jones has refused to deliver the child to his legal parents, each of whom testified before the court and joined the request for the order issued. Our office is representing the court pursuant to Section 1700(c) of the California Civil Code.



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We are respectfully asking you to use whatever influence you have to help us obtain Rev. Jones' compliance with the aforesaid order. If we cannot obtain Rev. Jones' compliance in this manner, it will be our duty pursuant to Section 5150 of the California Civil Code to apply to the court for a warrant of arrest against Rev. Jones.

We will be most grateful for whatever you can do to help. Time may be of the essence. Please let our office know if you need further information.

Thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

  
JOSEPH FREITAS JR.

Enc. Superior Court Order  
dated November 18, 1977