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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

January 24, 1978

Custody Case SOS 3072

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Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance  
2201 C. Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to urge you to do all within your power to secure the release of John Victor Stoen, a 6 year old boy currently being held against his parents' will on the People's Temple farm in Guyana.

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His parents, Timothy and Grace Stoen, who are both American citizens, have left the church, but were restrained by the other members of the People's Temple from taking their son with them.

The Stoens are currently obtaining a California court order to regain custody of their son. I am asking for your full support in having the Guyanese government recognize the validity of the court order, and to expedite the return of John Victor Stoen to his parents here in the United States.

I am confident that with your backing this matter can be handled quickly and easily; I'm sure you understand the importance of time when our concern is to reunite a 6 year old boy restrained in a foreign country with his concerned parents.

I look forward to seeing your swift action in this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Timothy E. Wirth*  
Timothy E. Wirth

TEW:jt

cc: His Excellency L.F.S. Burnham  
His Excellency A. Ptolemy Reid

*George Miller*  
GEORGE MILLER

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THOMAS E. WIRTH  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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His Excellency L.F.S. Burnham  
Prime Minister of Guyana  
Georgetown  
Guyana

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

I am writing to urge your cooperation in securing the expeditious release of John Victor Stoen, age 5, from the People's Temple farm located in your country, so that he may quickly be reunited with his parents.

I appreciate the normal administrative problems you must face in order to have this request accomplished. Still, I ask that you use all the means at your disposal to expedite John's return to his concerned parents.

Enclosed is a copy of my appeal to Secretary of State Vance. I hope that our two governments will be able to work together, so that John may soon be reunited with his parents.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas E. Wirth

TEW:jb

cc/ Secretary of State Vance  
His Excellency A. Ptolemy Reid

Enclosure

GEORGE MILLER

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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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January 24, 1978

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Stoen  
4 Jeffrey A. Haas  
3609 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, California 94118

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wrote to me concerning the matter referred to in the attached letter. I am referring the letter to:

Congressional Liaison  
Department of State

Washington, D. C.

for any consideration the enclosed correspondence may warrant. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter. Upon completion of this investigation, please advise me of the status of this case in duplicate and return the original letter with the final response in an envelope marked to the attention of Joni Cole.

Please provide me with an interim every 30 days, if a final response cannot be given within 15 days

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*B. Bayh*

Birch Bayh  
United States Senator

Re: child custody case of John V. the Stoen, being held in  
Custody by Jim Jones

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Committee on International Relations**

House of Representatives  
 Washington, D.C. 20515

January 27, 1978

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Mr. Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Congressional Relations  
 U.S. Department of State  
 Washington, D.C. 20520

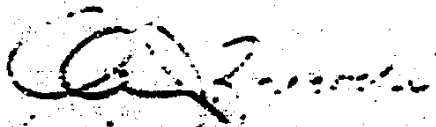
Dear Mr. Bennet:

Attached is a mailgram concerning a plea of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Stoen to have their six year old son returned to them from Guyana where he is being held by the Peoples' Temple, a religious organization.

The Committee would be interested to learn if there is anything that can be done to help Mr. and Mrs. Stoen.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

Attachment  
 CJZ:jtsr

Re: son - Timothy Stoen  
 Tim Stoen

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

January 29, 1978

Honorable Cyrus R. Vance  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Secretary Vance:

Mr. Timothy C. Stoen has visited my office concerning five-year-old John Victor Stoen, who at present is being held on the Peoples's Temple farm in Guyana.

Mr. Stoen, and his wife, Grace, once members of the Temple have left this church. They have obtained a California court order, to regain custody of this boy. Mr. Stoen's name is on the child's birth certificate.

The head of the Church is contesting the removal of the child. The Guyanese Government conducted a hearing but the American Consul, I am advised, was not admitted. I believe the child has not appeared before the Judge.

If it is determined that the case Mr. Stoen presents is based on fact and he is entitled to representation, perhaps an expression of interest in the case to the Prime Minister of Guyana, as he requests, might be useful to the plight of Mr. and Mrs. Stoen, who seek the return of the child to their home and this country.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston

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PAUL N. McCLOSKEY, JR.  
12th Street, Chesapeake

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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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January 30, 1978

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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance  
Secretary of State  
2201 C. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Stoen, who are encountering difficulties in getting their child John Stoen back from the Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana, South America.

The Stoens were once members of Rev. Jones' San Francisco-based religious organization and temporarily left their child to be cared for by Agricultural Mission members in June 1977 in Guyana. Mr. Stoen worked at the Mission from February to June 1977. Now Rev. Jones refuses to allow John (age six) to rejoin his parents in San Francisco. Jones has repeatedly ignored and challenged the validity of California Superior Court orders declaring that the Stoens have joint legal custody of their son. The Stoens fear that Rev. Jones, who apparently has political influence with the Guyanese Government, will not return the child even after the Guyanese Court rules in the Stoens' favor on the custody matter (the decision is expected any day now).

Would you consider directing the U.S. Ambassador in Guyana to communicate the official concern of the U.S. Government in this matter to the Guyanese Government? Thanks for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

*Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.*  
Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510  
JANUARY 31, 1978

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The Honorable Douglas Bennet  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Doug:

I am writing concerning the case of John Victor Stoen,  
son of Grace and Timothy Stoen.

Mr. Timothy Stoen stopped by my office today with an  
alarming story of his son being held by Rev. Jim Jones in  
Guyana, South America. I am enclosing information on the  
case that Mr. Stoen left with a member of my staff.

I would appreciate your prompt attention on this  
matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Church

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Washington, D. C., January 31, 1978

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Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison Office  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

I would appreciate whatever advice and assistance you can provide regarding the request of Mr. Timothy O. Stoen who is seeking the return of his wife who he indicates has been kidnapped by the Rev. Jim Jones in Guyana.

Enclosed is a file of correspondence Mr. Stoen left in my office which gives background information on this case.

Thanking you,

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January 25, 1978

Respectfully referred to:

Mr. Douglas Bennet, Jr.  
Asst. Secretary for Congressional Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Lowell Welcher, Jr.

U.S.S.

Room 317 Russell Senate Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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re. child custody case of Timothy and Grace Stoen,  
child being held in Guyana (John Victor Stoen)  
From: Timothy - Grace Stoen

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Respectfully referred to:  
Congressional Liaison  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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Re: Welfare of John Victor Stoen in Guyana.  
From: Timothy & Grace Stoen

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Feb. 3, 1978

United States Senate

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Re: John Victor Stoen  
 Inquiry resulting from office visit of  
 his father, Timothy Oliver Stoen  
 S. F., Calif

Respectfully referred to  
 Director, Congressional Relations  
 State Department  
 Washington, D. C.

*6 yrs old sons being held illegally  
 in Russia*  
 for such consideration as the communication  
 herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report  
 thereon, in duplicate to accompany ~~report~~  
~~release~~

TIMOTHY O. STOEN, by direction of

CC: [unclear] Clifford P. Case

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ROBERT Y. MINETA  
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February 3, 1978

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Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to urge you to do all within your power to secure the release of John Victor Stoen, age 6, who is currently being held against his parents' will on the People's Temple farm in Guyana.

His parents, Timothy and Grace Stoen, who are both American citizens, have left the church, but were restrained by the other members of the People's Temple from taking their son with them.

The Stoens are currently obtaining a California court order to regain custody of their son. I am asking for your full support in having the Guyanese government recognize the validity of the court order, and to expedite the return of John Victor Stoen to his parents here in the United States.

I am confident that with your backing this matter can be handled quickly and easily; I'm sure you understand the importance of time when our concern is to reunite a 6 year old boy restrained in a foreign country with his concerned parents.

I look forward to seeing your swift action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Y. Mineta*

ROBERT Y. MINETA  
Member of Congress

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Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison  
Department of State  
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Washington, D.C. 20520

re: John Victor Stoen  
illegally held in  
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FROM:  
TIMOTHY OLIVER STOE

By direction of

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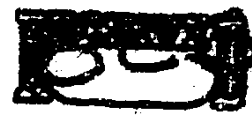
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Washington, D.C. 20515

13 FEB 1978

February 7, 1978



The Honorable Cyrus Vance  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that a child from California is being held by a California citizen in Guyana, South America. The child, John Victor Stoen, is the son of Timothy and Grace Stoen, also residents of California. Young John is presently being held by Jim Jones in Guyana in violation of a custody order issued by San Francisco Superior Court granting custody of the boy to his parents.

The parents are presently seeking to enforce their decree through the proper legal channels in Guyana. It is my sincere hope that these proceedings will restore this six year old boy to his parents' care. However, should undue delays arise in the progress of the case, I hope that the United States Ambassador to Guyana will indicate to the Guyanese government my concern for the safe return of the child to his parents.

I would greatly appreciate knowing what action the Department of State intends to take in this matter.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/NE

cc: Ashley Hewitt, Director  
Office of Caribbean Affairs

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February 9, 1978

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The Honorable Douglas Bennet, Jr.  
 Assistant Secretary for Congressional  
 Relations  
 Department of State  
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bennet:

Recently, I was made aware of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Oliver Stoen to secure the return of their son who is being held at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana. Mr. and Mrs. Stoen and their son are United States citizens.

Although I realize that it is difficult to intervene in such a custody case in a foreign nation, I would appreciate any appropriate assistance that may be given. I am advised a California court which had jurisdiction over all the parties found in favor of the Stoens.

It would be helpful if I could be provided with a full report on this situation and on the efforts of the Department in the Stoen's behalf.

With best wishes,

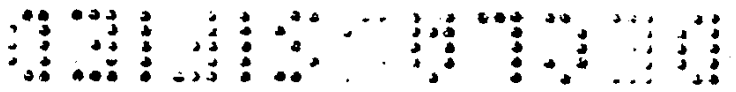
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 John Sparkman  
 Chairman

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

February 14, 1970

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The Honorable Cyrus Vance  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to call attention to the plight of Grace and Timothy Stoen, whose young son is being held under rather bizarre circumstances in Guyana. Given the rather unstable emotional condition of the person, Reverend Jim Jones, who is holding the son, there is reason to be concerned about the child's welfare.

The Stoen case is well known to the Department of State (the Bureau of Consular Affairs), and I won't go into detail here. In a nutshell, the Stoens became involved with a religious group in California headed by the Reverend Jones, traveled to Guyana to join a religious retreat there, and subsequently left the child in Jones' care. Later when they came to their senses, the Stoens tried to get the child back, but were rebuffed by Reverend Jones.

I understand the political sensitivities involved, particularly because both the Stoens and Reverend Jones are American citizens, and the case is before the courts. But there is also an obvious human consideration, and I think the Department should do whatever it can to help out.

Sincerely,

*Dick Clark*  
Dick Clark

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Richard S. Schweiker  
Pennsylvania

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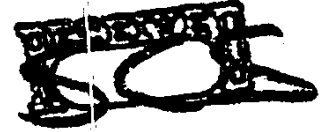
Re: child custody case of John Victor Stoen in Guyana  
From: Timothy Oliver Stoen  
Grace Lucy Stoen

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Custody Case SES 242

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10 MAR 1978



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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U. S. Department of State  
Congressional Liaison Office  
Washington, D. C. 20521

Sir:

The attached communication  
is sent for your consideration.  
Please investigate the statements  
contained therein and forward me  
the necessary information for re-  
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