

USSR Embassy meeting of Timofeyev with Marcie, Tony Walker, Sharon and Terry Jones

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- Fedor (timofeyev) said that in regard to J's health, they could send the Embassy Dr. to Jonestown but he would have to come as if he were a guest and not as if he were a doctor (in terms of the govt. of Guyana thinking he was coming as a guest)
- he'll be back shortly from Russia (where he went with the Russian Ambassador)
- he is a specialist in reviving people when they appear to be dead
- he's fully trained as a dr. tho he's not a lung specialist plus having this specialty in reviving people
- he wouldn't be able to stay too long because they need him to be available to the Embassy and they have missed their monthly check-ups with him since he's been gone
- they need the diagnosis and all the details/ he will bring equipment that he does have ~~the doctor has to have this equipment and medicine~~ and medicine will be available for JJ also
- he said they are sending their doctor because they feel what JJ has to offer is very important and that the work is now known about in the USSR because of Alex doing the story on JT

regarding the questions we sent to the USSR,

- he said they need more specifics and he had told us in the past that they would want specific answers.
- when they don't get the answers they would feel that the Embassy wasn't getting proper answers and that the Embassy should have communicated better with us
- for instance they would want to know how many the delegation would consist of and how long they would stay
- if we said 10 in the delegation, they might say they would rather we send only 3 as it might be too threatening to Guyana (I don't know then why they just couldn't tell us what they wanted in terms of numbers instead of us submitting a number and then they correcting it but I guess they prefer it that way)
- they want a one page succinct paper which gave the details as they prefer to have it summarized in the USSR as they have so many issues to work on and 10 pages and pages (like we sent at first) doesn't give them a 1 page thing that they can discuss and vote on easily.)
- they want to know how much money we want sent there, what system we had it under previously, why it wasn't satisfactory and why we now want to change
- they want to know in terms of exodus, how many children would be coming, what ages, what grown ups would be with them, how long they would expect to stay in the USSR
- in regards to the delegation, who would they want to see (he later said he could tell us this), how many days would they stay (if it is 15 days, it would be intensive negotiation), if more than they could have some cultural presentations they could go to
- ~~we~~ Marcie said we would be there for the negotiations, so that would be the main thing
- what is the stated purpose of the delegation (explain briefly)
- what is the approximate date, the delegation would want to come
- the Russians were interested in what we did have to present (in what we sent) but 10 pages was too much to deal with and they want a synopsis
- they have waited for an answer for months and months
- he said that he would try his best to help us on this

RE BOOK LIST

- Grubbs submitted a list of Russian books we wanted
- Fedor said he would run them down but most of them are 20 or more years old and they would be hard to find
- he suggested that ~~we~~ he get a catalogue of more recent books for us to choose from, and we said that sounded preferable

ANTI-MAOIST MOVIE

- we asked if we could see this movie and we wouldn't tell anyone where it came from or would tell them it came from Yugoslavia or England and we wouldn't show it to a soul ~~and~~ outside of us
- he said it wasn't worth the risk as someone might deflect from our group as Debbie Blakey had and might mention it and it was obvious where the film came from

DOCTORS

- when we asked if the Russians could bring a team of doctors to check JJ, they said this was quite a problem as they had wanted to work out an arrangement with Guyana to bring doctors in but that was not worked out
- he said that the Cubans have doctors and they are paid \$100 a month by the Guyanese govt.
- The Americans and Canadians are paid \$5000 a month by Guyana and the hospital staffs treat the Cubans like nurses because they figure if they are only

paid \$100 a month, they ~~are~~ mustn't be worth very much
-the Russians were prepared to subsidize totally their doctors but figured that if they weren't going to be treated with respect, it wouldn't be acceptable to them because they feel they have an image to maintain of their country and it wouldn't help them to accept this treatment
-so they told Guyana that either something would have to change, the treatment or the money

(in general he was more critical of Guyana than I have ever heard him speak, in the past he was ~~is~~ maybe subtly critical or would mention one thing but not be committal on other things, but he was openly and outrightly critical this time) / I think ever since ~~the~~ Guyana has refused to give USSR credit for the donation of polio ~~serum~~ serum when they ~~gave~~ give the US credit in the paper for a book donated, they have been furious) -also the following experiences made them furious

PROTOCOL

-he said that the Guyana govt. seems to be inconsistent in their policy and it is ~~is~~ very hard for them to understand it
-they'll give their ambassador protocol treatment but then one time when they requested it, ~~he~~ they didn't give an answer and made them wait on the phone for a long period of time, and just when he was ready to leave on the plane they said "OK, it's all OK" and gave a big apology but it was too late by then.
-we mentioned that they had done the same thing with Goodlett.

RE RUSSIAN METEOROLOGICAL SHIP

-this ship had just gone thru a hurricane in the seas to study atmospheric conditions and that was quite a trip
-they came in to rest and they were given very bad treatment/ they weren't allowed off the ship and he said that even in the US they would have been treated as guests
-a Guyanese Research group came to look at the ship at the invitation of the Embassy and they refused entry by the Guyanese govt. and he said even in the US, scientists were allowed to look at the ship and of course were very ~~excited~~ curious about the work being done
-he said that the sailors and research people were very desirous of having a chance to get off the boat and relax and play volleyball (at the Russian property) and they couldn't
-Fedor spent each day at the boat ~~at~~ trying to meet their needs

Fedor is acting ambassador because the ambassador is in Russia and the Next in line is in Russia also

Radio problem

-we told him about the attempt of the US to cut off our radio and how it was ~~was~~ the medical traffic that they were objecting to tho we were cleared initially to do medical traffic (medical equipment) because we were a non-profit group
-~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ told him that we had sent a petition of support to the govt (he misunderstood and thought this was to the Guyana govt and said he didn't think it was a good idea to send protest to the Guyana govt) but when I clarified it was to the US govt, he said that was good and wondered if we mention human rights to the US govt) and I said yes that was mentioned because the people who signed it were concerned about the human rights of their relatives who they wanted to keep in contact with as well as others being concerned about our human rights, and he said that was very good

TONY WALKER'S REPORT OF THE SAME THING

-Mother told him of our doctor's findings ~~of~~ of cancerlike cells in JJ's lungs
-he knew this/ ~~she~~ she wanted to know of his findings on the possibility of JJ going to the USSR for treatment
-he commented that the Embassy doctor ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was coming back from the USSR in 5 days. He had accompanied the Ambassador in the USSR due to an illness
-the ambassador is in the hospital there and will stay there
-he said the Soviet doctor will come to Jonstown when he gets back and bring all necessary instruments for his examination
-he said that the doctor is a specialist in returning people back to life and is not a CA specialist but could check JJ out because all Soviet drs. are general drs. besides being specialists
-he told us the Dr. will make an unofficial visit (in other words don't tell anyone he is coming to JT just to check JJ)
-he commented that Guyana has not signed an agreement that the Soviets send some doctors here mainly because they want their doctors to get the same provisions that the Guyanese have given to the capitalist countries like the US
-he talked of how the Russian Ambassador was held up for 2 hours just because the Guyanese aid they weren't informed early enough
-when a Soviet ship came here, the Soviets welcomed Guyanese to come aboard (it was a scientific meteorological ship that is designed to travel thru hurricanes)

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- and nobody came
- he told how some of those Soviets on the ship were trying to go to a place on land after being on the water so long, and they also were in the Ambassador's car and were stopped and not allowed to go by Guyanese. He called this a breach of diplomatic immunity
 - Sharon asked him what was the answer about the exodus and he said they had received no answer because we gave no specifics like when, how many, ages etc. He remarked that he had mentioned it when he was in Moscow and they asked him the questions and the same situation would be the question about JJ traveling
 - he will have to know facts like tests and diagnosis because their's is a system or a wheel of motion that deals with the decision making and a lot of time and thought put into ever problem that is why they like to know specifics not just broad ideas
- (ADDITION FROM SHARON AMOS) - he told us that they had set up a trip for a Guyanese Trade unionist named Semple and he said he would be able to travel to Russia in July
- they felt it was very important that he come ~~xxxxxx~~ and he said in June he ~~xxxxxx~~ was kind of busy
 - but he didn't notify them until the end of July and said he wasn't able to come because he had been too busy
 - the USSR govt said they weren't interested in him coming because they had planned his whole agenda and gone to a lot of trouble to arrange it

BACK TO TONY WALKER'S REPORT

- he said that they regard Comrade Jim Jones and our movement very highly and like what we are doing and he will do what he can
- to me it seemed like if JJ had to travel they would permit him to do so/ we thanked him
- Sharon asked about the Maoism film ~~andxxx~~ she said we wouldn't show it to another soul. He replied that what if another person like the woman (debbie) told of films we gave you like this one. It would put us in an international situation. We told him we understood. He said that ~~x~~ what ~~x~~ he will do is show them to Guyanese officials and if they are favorable (or curious to see them) and then feel the movies are worthwhile) then he will give them to us
- I gave him the book list and asked him if he could get the books for us. He told us that most of the books are old publications and just because they are published in the USSR doesn't mean they are in English
- he said he can get us a recent book catalogue and get it to us and we said fine. We thanked him and left. I thought he was willing to help and he seemed far more willing than the Cuban Embassy
- we also asked about a delegation going and he again asked for specifics before we present it. He portrayed to us that it may be possible if we give him specifics like when, how many etc.

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Meeting with Timofeyev/Russain Embassy
Marcy Tony Sharon and Terry

Marcy started off with asking about the Dr. he explained that as soon as he returned from Russia he would be allowed to come up to J/town. He said he realized our need was great ^{and} as soon as he got there he could come up. He made it a point that their Dr. was not a specialist in the field of Lungs or CA but his speciality was reviving people from Cardiac arrests after they died. He was saying this I felt as for us not to have our hopes up to high as that he would have all the answers. Sharon asked if he would have unlimited amount of time and he said he could stay as long as he needed to check out the situation but he did have to get back to treat different ones at the Embassy. He said something to the effect ~~like~~ "like you have in J/town we too get monthly check ups by our Dr." He explained that he had traveled with the Ambassador back to Russia because he has some Medical Problem and he was in the hospital. He said he would come as a guest on an unofficial visit not to disturb or ruffle Guyana. He said he expected him back by Friday and to get the details from our Dr. as to what equipment he would need to bring, he couldn't guarantee that he had everything that was needed but would bring everything he could. We told him how much ~~it~~ we appreciated it, And he said He felt you were very important, what you were doing not only from the standpoint that you were from the U.S. but for the total cause of Socialism. We then asked him about exouds and he said ~~he~~ he had been questioned by some officials when he was in Russai for specifics. Such as how much money, how many children we have and what ages how many adults did we plan just to send our children etc. But Marcy did make him say it again evidently someone got our letter in Russai and he was questioned about it. Also for the delegation he said he needed more specifics how many ~~delegation~~ we wanted to send in our delegation for how long what specifically we wanted to talk about what was our problem etc. He said for us to look at our letter and re do it, It was just too unspecific he said they ~~xxx~~ expect he as the

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representative to the embassy to do as much of the detail work as possible. We asked him about the book list and he is going to give us a current list of books written in English the list we gave him were old and it would be easier to give us the catalogue that is current and go from there. We asked him about the movie the Chinese one, and he said no wonder if someone left and went back to the states and said something about the Embassy speaking negatively about China. Sharon asked if we could say it was from England or somewhere and he said you could definitely

~~1 Mattress Cover~~ tell where it came from. He didnt want to budge
~~1 Sheets~~
~~2 Poncho Rain Coat~~ on this point. He mentioned about the Russian
~~1 pr of Work Boots for Alfred Smith~~ wanting to send Drs. to help here and
~~4 Work Chinos~~ Guyana wanting not wanting to negotiate
~~3 Soap Buds~~ this, he didnt want to get into it but
~~Towels~~ then he explained, that their Drs wouldnt
~~Stay Tents Matt Pads~~ be treated as nurses, that the Govt was
~~3 pkg for Terry and Lou Jones~~ paying US Canada and Sweden \$5,000 a
~~Irish Spring Soap~~ year as well as their own Govt. giving them
~~School Supplies~~ money. And China was giving them a grant
and giving them Drs. worked towards some
of that grant, but when it came to paying
the Cuban Drs. they gave them only \$100.00

and one house to live in. They wanted to do the same for the Russian Drs.

and they were disturbed because of the level of consciousness here in Guyana
also the standard of living was different and it made him mad that there
was still this conditioning that the US had the good Specialists and
Socialist countries would be substandard. He also mentioned that the
Russian Ambassador was made to wait 2 hrs. once and not given protocol
because they failed to contact the foreign ministry in time. (He told us
this after we mentioned we couldnt get protocol from Goodlet) He also told
us about this Russian boat that came in to dock and because it was a
boat having to do with Scientific Research that you would expect Guyana
to allow their scientists to go on the boat for the benefit of their own
profession and also perhaps give members of the boat some kind of entertain-
ment? But ~~no~~ ^{after being out at sea for a long while} no one was allowed on and the members of the crew were not
allowed off. He said even the US would have done if this if they had
okayed it to come into the dock in the first place not suspecting anything.

He was very friendly & warm

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TERRY