

November 6, 1978

TO: J.J.

FROM: Vera Young

SUBJECT: Community

On November 5, 1978, a group of us went to a conference at the Jack Tar Hotel sponsored by the American Russian Institute/Holland Roberts Center. Jean Brown, Andy and myself approached the Consul General, Alex I. Zinchunk, Jean Brown delivered to Mr. Zinchunk your message as instructed. Zinchunk had received considerable information about Peoples Temple and his comments were, " I understand that your group has been quite active". The more Jean spoke the more he nodded and stated, yes, I know, I know. It seems that Davidow and Bransford or whomever, has been doing a lot of talking about P.T. Davidow mentioned to me that it won't be long now before some of from P.T. will be going to the U.S.S.R.

On the morning of 11/5, Hue Fortson was a featured speaker in Oakland at this humanist fellowship church. Hue took slides. The members of this church are affiliated with the Holland Roberts Institute, through Andy, P.T. was invited to this church to explain to the membership what P.T. was all about, both here and in Guyana. There was some question and answers but because the slides took up so much of the time, the questions were minimal. However, one man approached HUE and inquired about the relationship between Jonestown, Burnham, Chagen. He went on to say that he spent some time in Guyana mining Diamonds but ran out of money so he returned to the U.S. By in large through, I think the impression that was left with the small group was positive. One lady asked about the monetary system in Jonestown. Hue explained that folks had money but there was no monetary exchange necessary due to the collective lifestyle. She talked about slave labor camps. I do think though, that the slides told the complete story about Jonestown.

According to the minister of this church the congregation was a mixture of old leftists, union members, socialists and communists. He considered himself a communist. He wanted to know what our affiliation was with Glide, and it seems like I here that question a lot. I told him none. He then elaborated about Cecil Williams which was quite unfavorable.

On Thursday November 9, 1978 a group of us will go to Sproul Hall to hear Angela Davis speak.

Last Friday, Oct. 31, 1978 HUE, GUY, ANDY and MYSELF went to a fundraiser for Yvonne Burke, who is running for Atty. General of California. Yvonne did not show nor did Dymally, but Andrew Young did show. We talked with him twice. Once was very brief, too many folks around. On the second attempt, Hue asked for his autograph while I talked in his ear. I told him about the project and the reputation it is receiving from visitors around the world and that as UN.ambassador he should see the project for himself. He promised that whenever he was in the caribbean, specifically, Guyana, he would drop in on the project. He said he would like to see it.

Andrew Young's speech was somber, dismal and an attack on the black middle class. He talked about the systematic oppression of minorities and the systematic exclusion of minorities from the mainstream of economic, political life. He spoke about conservatism and the move towards racism as oppose to one world government.

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While I was speaking to Andrew Young, a woman over heard my comments about Jonestown, and later asked to speak with us about the project. It seems as though this woman had been to Guyana and was familiar with the land lease program of Prime Minister Burnham. She spoke of a group who presently reside in the bush, originally from the U.S., who received mail from surrounding villagers and citizens of Georgetown who want to know what is happening in Jonestown.

According to this woman, whose name I will have to forward later, she has been sending copies of articles clipped from papers here in America. We invited her to the church to see the slides. She was eager to come, she did say that she wasn't guaranteeing that she would be convinced by what we had to say to her.

Justice Clinton White. I had previously met Clinton White at a correctional seminar and he was friendly. He said he knew little about P.T. other than what he had been told by Billy Hunter and read in the newspaper. He did say that he had heard that J.J. was a very good man. We ran into Justice White on 10/31 approx. 2/3 weeks after the first encounter and he had been approached by Stoen. He brought up the child situation, we explained the child situation. He seemed reluctant to listen but he listened.

We told him about Stoen's activities in Germany and his conduct as an attorney representing clients against a church to which he was once attorney. Justice White was defensive of Stoen's behavior in Germany and summarized such activity as something he would have done in his youth. He said he would talk with Goodlett and Gary, but wouldn't promise to read the literature.

The NAACP Board elections are coming up. Am I to stay on the Board??

On Friday, November 10, 1978, we will sell food at an Oakland International Festival at the Oakland Auditorium. Erika Huggins of the Oakland Community School won't be using her booth on Friday, so she has agreed to let us sell food at their booth for one day. We'll take chicken and potatoe pies. This will be an ethnic festival. Hopefully, we'll work something out and stay all three days.

On 10/31 a group of our children went to Holland Roberts for a halloween party. One many who had been totally negative re: P.T. was very impressed with David, one of Jessimere Harris' grandsons to the point that his opinion of J.J. changed as a result of David's good manners and maturity.

I called Dymally's office in Sac., from work, to obtain precinct information for S.F. and this area is doing literally nothing in support of the Lt. Gov. I mentioned that I was from P.T. and the response I received was that the Sac. office was very impressed with the amount of support P.T. has given the Lt. Gov throughout the year.

On Thurs. evening _____ Perry will be at the Temple for dinner. I understand from Andy's report, See Attached, that he has been cleared to visit Jonestown. A report will follow his visit.

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P.S. enclosed is a letter to you from Walter L. Scott, II
Deputy Executive Director, SFRA.

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From: Andy

re: Nelson Peery

Nov 1

He plans to arrive in Georgetown Nov 29th and stay through December 5th.

His contact person is C.I. Thomas at the Department of Economics at the Univ of Guyana, in Georgetown.

Please advise us as to whether he can visit Jonestown, which he is asking to do.

Background:

- 1) He is Black, 55 or 60 years old. His wife is white and the manager of the Tom Mooney Book Store in S.F.
 - 2) His son goes to Opportunity HS and he served on the Parents Council with me last year.
 - 3) He is the general secretary for the Communist Labor Party, he said.
 - 4) He has just returned from Ethiopia where he made a slide show which he wants to show at Peoples Temple, as he has shown it elsewhere in the Bay Area (e.g. Mission Cultural Center, etc).
- I propose to have him over to the Temple to see this slide show and all of us get a feel for where he is coming from, his background in the left, etc.
- 5) I ran into him when Maxine and I attended a Proposition V (Jobs for Peace initiative/ Cut the Military Budget) fundraiser this week. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I turned around, saw him and said hi, to which he told me he was going to Georgetown this month. The Communist Labor Party has been a strong backer of Prop V.
 - 6) He said his tour (Nov 11- Dec 8th) would include Jamaica, Tobago, Trinidad, and other islands/ small countries in the Caribbean.
 - 7) He said that when he was in Ethiopia, he met David McDavid who is a high official of the Peoples National Congress of Guyana. McDavid told Nelson Peery that PT was a group of hardworking and honest people. Peery said he praised PT from he knew of our activities in the USA to McDavid.

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Dad,

Is the head of the army married?
We might send someone his way that he
would care about - like Karen or someone
black if he like black people. Only
thing I can think of that might
work @ time.

I would always, - be careful,
also, as he could be speaking with
a forked tongue. Then again, - he
may be looking for true socialism
& has seen the hope you have
provided. I have only the most
bitter thoughts of Georgetown -

The people were very dehumanized
& all for self there - except
the one common that Father
Cornelius & I had the privilege
of visiting. ~~to~~ The nice lady
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They gave us bread with peanut
butter + milk (bottled) + the
men gave us many coconuts.

The Russian Embassy is very
interesting also. I think the
fact they asked to come to visit
here exemplifies not only curiosity
possibly but interest beyond
mere curiosity. After all, all the
Russian people have ever seen
is imperialistic Americans. We
must find out the way Russians
think + react to all things. I
think 1st impression are lasting
impressions + it is very necessary
to create, anything, but im-
perialism in their minds.

L. Potts

L.P.

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Dad -

One point with all
this talk of fighting
is that the USSR
has not been in an
armed conflict for
33 years - except
for a four day police
action in Hungary

That really shows who
is for peace
Gen

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