

TO: HILL

FROM: MARY RUTH

1. I don't know when I will ever feel that it is "safe" to come out. Maybe I should just close up and go. In one day, so many things can happen that I have very mixed feelings about it. I want to come out badly because I know it will be a long time before you are ever in a position to come into town again (even if the custody matter is settled; will it be safe from extradition if you are off alone), and as you are aware, I would like to see Monique. I would rather see Monique in the children's program as long as she is getting the proper "parental figures" in the evenings, so I appreciate your suggestion of a visit in here for her if I can't get out.  
I really don't think I should go now. As long as this court issue is going on and the medias are at our doorsteps waiting, it would be best to wait. And as far as I can gather, we still are not clear in our minds that "we are out of the danger zone". I really don't think we will ever get the straight outright assurances like we would like want, however, I think they will do the same as they have in the past: to simply work out each problem as it comes while we are treating it like a crisis which could end all. I think there is a very lackadaisical attitude where we take things very seriously. They have not struggled for what they have achieved and don't relate to it.
2. The sugar strike may be over soon and the newspapers (like Mirror and ~~the~~ Catholic Standard) will have nothing to print and can concentrate on new situations...like us. Nothing in the Catholic Standard this week. I will call Kohard Samaludin on Thursday and check.
3. I had Joyce go ahead and pursue procurement with this guy from Trinidad because in my opinion, we aren't going to find a rich person with any conscience and this guy was ~~not~~ captivated by Joyce if she would handle him right. I think Joyce doesn't like to look like she is a gold-digger to men, but I insisted she ask for five ~~hundred~~ hundred dollars and she got it. She did the work, but I can smell an "easy mark" when I see one. I couldn't see what it could hurt in pursuing it because he would have been hostile if she hadn't seen him occasionally. He is the ugliest vilest man alive. I cannot imagine any possibility of her having any interest in this man. He is disgusting. I think she ought to continue pursuing with this man. He is only in town occasionally and he usually comes through ~~it~~ with transportation for us amongst other things. He is a very lucrative investment for the short amount of time spent with him.

BB-1-V



TO: HILL

FROM: MARY HUTT

1. SKIP ROBERTS, DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (C.I.D.)

- A. Commissioner of Police Lloyd Barker met with him and a few other heads of departments within the police force. Barker said we were being harrassed and there was a lot of nit-picking at us up there. He told them about the shooting and the robbery and the people in the bushes and that he thought we should keep the gate closed. He also told them about government's position toward us. He told them about his recommendations about lighting and fencing.
- B. Roberts is the head of the department that PADMORE works for. PADMORE was in Matthews Ridge to give evidence in a fraud case and was asked by Inspector Benjamin, Regional Minister Carmichael and Gregory Caskin after they had spoken to Leon Broussard to go out and investigate the charges. PADMORE was not up there for the reason of investigating us, but because he happened to be there until he got an airplane out or went to court or something, they asked him to go to our farm.
- C. PADMORE had never heard about us before and in his report he made references as if the government did not really know what we were doing up there. He suggested that our farm should be gone over thoroughly to check for such things as marijuana and opium which are known to have a very lucrative market and which we know to be growing in Guyana.
- D. I think it significant that Roberts even showed us the file. He must not hold much stored in it or he would not have shown us. I think he was on the level. I think he knows much more than he let on about the accusations coming out of California and the various elements of harassment that we are getting here also. He did not play dumb, but he simply did not offer any extra information.
- E. The report praised our work and thought the farm impressive, however he questioned how it could have come about. Broussard mentioned something about a slave colony and PADMORE quoted him and also went on to say that he saw people there working very hard (which Roberts commented that it shows that PADMORE is afraid of work). Roberts also remarked about PADMORE'S surprise about "why would Americans who had so much in the U.S. want to come to Guyana which is under strain", Roberts said that it shows by his comment that if he were able to get a visa to the U.S., he would be gone.
- F. Roberts said that we must keep in mind that PADMORE had never heard of us before, there fore when he came upon this city in the jungle with 700

BB-1-X-1

Americans and the only thing that he had heard about us was that we ran a slave colony and we beat people and stole old people's social security checks that it might influence his thinking. The point is that the persons influencing his thinking are Carnicahel, Gakkin, and Benjamin. I told Roberts that the man was unfriendly and that he took two ~~pxi~~ pictures. One, of the ~~xxx~~ radio antenna, and two, of the garbage pit. Roberts saw no mention that pictures were taken written in the report, but that he would ask Padmore about it.

- u. Roberts suggested that the best way that we could allay many peoples paranoia and curiosity about our farm is to do a very thorough picture layout and submit it to the newspaper so that people would be exposed to what we are doing without thinking it is some clandestine operation.
- h. Roberts claims that he had PADMORE come into his office and gave him a good chewing out for assuming that the government and the police and in particularly his department knew nothing about the American farm.
- I. Roberts also claimed to have told PADMORE that he knew about us from the time that we came into the country. (When we were buying the CLEDJGE, he went out on a fishing cruise which was really to check into fish and fuel smuggling techniques. The cruise happened to be the same eveing that we were looking ~~and~~ in the ~~xxx~~ boat. I was asked to cook and I didn't know how to cook at that time and I sabotaged the food. It was bad and he had not forgotten, nor did he neglect to tell everyone that mentions peoples Temple. Maybe not a good impression, however, I made an impression on him that he hasn't forgotten.)
- J. One of the primary questions that PADMORE put in his report was, "How do we get our funds?" Roberts was saying, even if you do get social security checks from senior citizens, it is none of our concern. I told him that we are funded by donations. He said that there must be considerably less donations with so many people here. I told him that the church had not decreased and a church that had several thousand members could still get donations. Roberts was not cynical, however, he did get a few questions in with discretion. He is very sophisticated in police detective work. He may appear to very much for us, and he may well be, but I don't underestimate his ability. He takes on a very casual air. He gave us his home and work numbers and as I told Karen, it makes it easier if we just call and give him the information rather than him having to dig it up(which was why I assume he gave us his home number).

BB-1-X-2

- K. Overall, I think Roberts is for us. I don't think he could have maintained an air of support through the entire interview without being somewhat sincere. He said that in his experience with the Police Dept. that the kinds of things that most groups face if they are being harassed is that people will either accuse them of something atrocious (like burying babies alive) or something to smear their morality, by suggesting things such as orgies or the opposite-they can't have sex at all. He said that you usually find these kinds of rumors around large groups which are just getting settled no matter what they are trying to do (missionaries or whatever--he doesn't categorize us as missionaries because he knows our commitment to socialism). He said that this is common where any large group settles.
- L. He said that the ~~Washington~~ Rabbi Washington of the house of Israel is a fraud and that he knows of his long criminal record in the U.S. Roberts said if he even so much as stepped on board an airplane leaving Guyana they would be waiting for him. Washington is running from fraud charges in the U.S. Washington ~~was~~ also committed fraud on someone here, although Roberts wouldn't tell us who. The reason they neither deported him nor went heavy on him with any prosecution was because Washington claimed to be a former CIA agent and that ~~were~~ were those in the U.S. who were just waiting to get him. At that time, they were very CIA conscious and they let him slide. ~~Roberts~~ did say that they are watching him close now because he is again involved in some kind of fraud thing.
- M. I have heard from someone else on a casual basis that Roberts is a very sensitive persons and one of the few in the police force with a conscience. I don't know how true this is, because I don't know him well enough, but I did think his suggestion about a pictorial presentation for the newspaper a positive comment.
- N. Roberts claims that because we have left the American dream and all of the televisions and material things that the average person both in the U.S. and in Guyana will think we are up to something by coming here. Roberts said that the average American can understand if an American comes and starts a business cooperative and gets everyone else to do the work and he collects the profits. That is just a good businessman, but they can't understand why anyone would actually want to come to live in Guyana. It would shake the American people up. Why would we want to leave, etc.
- O. He said that we could expect parents to start asking the police to look into their children. It always happens. I wish others would take it in stride like he does.

BB-1 x-3

PAGE FOUR

- P. PADDON said that JJ was not really in charge, but only a figure-head, that the real persons in charge were Charlie and Joyce Touchette.
- Q. I imagine you already know of the reports Leon gave. he said that JJ forced him into working when he knew that Leon had ~~just~~ just undergone back surgery. He claimed that we stole him veterans check (made him sign it away).
- R. I can't think of anymore to add, but if I do, I'll just add it below.

BB-1-X-4