

Harriet: all this is from Paula. ~~It~~ It was totally unstageable
at first - I tried to find the right spots - basically this is
about "Benny".

October 20, 1978

- This was my first day here which is always
insecurity day for him. This is where he tells me
all day that he doesn't really believe I love him
and I am telling him all day that I do.
- He said he really liked Maudeline a lot. He thought
she was "without a doubt one of the sweetest people
he had ever met." He talks about her a lot and
always with respect and in glowing terms.
- I met some of his friends last night: Clarence
Ellis, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of Guyana
in Georgetown. I had answered the phone on
several occasions in G'tn when he called. I
very briefly got into the project but invited him
up when he asked for instructions on how to
get a trip like that approved or cleared with the
proper authorities. I told him anyone could come
and we like to have our Guyanese friends from
G'tn visit. He was friendly but obviously heard
negative stuff. I only had 10 minutes to talk to
him so I deviled on the positive rather than take
a lot of time on the defensive. Someone should talk
to him in G'tn or I will make a point of it myself
when I get there.

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Some Notes I made Oct. 22.

- He is planning to come to Jonestown to spend a few days in January. He is bringing a U.S. couple with him. They are not married, but living together. Both are systems analysts and work with computers. He is white, she is black. He is a liberal and she is street-wise from the D.C. ghetto.

- He said he hopes Jonestown makes it, but he doesn't see how it is possible to make money farming. He thinks in 2 or 3 years we will have a lot of trouble supporting ourselves. He again suggested getting wood lathes to make cigar and tobacco humidors and ashtrays out of natural woods because they are in great demand in the Caribbean islands.

- He was very impressed at us having Dick Gregory co-emece our dinner with Assemblyman Willie Brown. I told him we would love to have him attend as an honored guest. Later I asked him if he would endorse the dinner so that we could include his name on the invitation along with Dick Gregory, Lt. Gov. Dymally, Mark Lane, etc. He said personally I would love to but I would have to go

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get my minister's approval. He said to write him a letter outlining it and he would discuss it with Rashleigh Jackson while he is here. Because of the other supporters I think he will do it, but it needs to be a little more than please endorse our dinner so I wanted to give the information to you so the contents of the letter could be discussed.

- He hasn't brought up our press conference again to me. His Deputy Ambassador Peter Halder did. I gave him background about us which he wasn't aware of. He was very receptive and he has read Mark Lane's books.

- He is refusing to pay my fare to see him. He claims I would not have stayed in Calif. so long if I had come to see him. I explained about my parents but his answer was, then why were you always at the Temple when I called. (He called daily).

Oct 23

- He says he has fallen so deeply in love with me that he is going to find out every detail of my life from the time I was born.

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