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Oakland, CA 94612
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Dear Mr. Owen,

Larry and I have lived with this frightening and upsetting thing for years wondering what the right thing is to do about his children.

Jim Jones has terrified the members of his group by telling them of his supernatural powers and threatening them with "some thing bad will happen to you if you question my powers."

I heard him say this myself the one time I attended a service at the Temple in 1969 or 1970.

He also told them all that
 the nuclear holocaust was
 due to happen on Nov. 17 (1971?)
 and the only ones that
 would be saved were
 his group who would
 go into a cave in Utah.

He made them drink
 a drink with vinegar +
 honey everyday to protect
 them from radiation.

David Zucker + little Larry
 were terribly afraid of him
 Little Larry was afraid to
 eat and became so
 malnourished his head
 looked like a skull.

Jim Jones also had
 some older people who
 pretended to die during

the Sunday service and he would raise them from the dead (supposedly.) This is a terribly frightening thing for children.

The worst thing he did was take bus loads loads of children to Oregon and march them into the river there when they arrived in the middle of the night.

Little Larry told me many times the adults who went with them hit the children ~~at~~ with belts (he said, "The end with the buckle.") to force them into the

cold water. He was 4 yrs. old at the time. It was supposed to be a nuclear survival test. Then Jim Jones led them ~~to~~ through the woods telling them there were poisonous snakes and they would be protected by his divine power. Then he pretended to be bitten & rolled on the ground and healed himself. To impress them that he is God.

I think the man is a crazy maniac.

Sincerely,
Virginia Kupper