

(not Minister Carmichael)
He was at the PNC conf where any opposition would have been crushed. We have received telephone calls from various sources, they were asking questions he would not answer.
Minister Carmichael + Chairman of Opposition + Chairman of Government met with him.

Dear Gang of Four,
VIST BY MINISTER CARMICHAEL:

Today Cde Carmichael paid a brief visit to the project. Although the Minister was very kind and most courteous, the subject of his visit when viewed in light of information we have heard in the past several days only serves to augment our apprehension. We believe in being straightforward, and we do wish others would take the same approach. ~~Allow me to briefly outline the background:~~

Three rumors have reached our ears in recent weeks:
1) ~~Two~~ Two Ministers of government have told us that a third Minister is saying we "get special privilege" from the GDF. Five days after this rumor reaches our ears, we are billed for emergency flights.

2) You may ~~be~~ be familiar with a recent very difficult birth of twins on the Project. Indeed, we have informed concerned persons of the rather sensitive background of the children. Allegedly this same Minister is intimating that these twins do not, in fact, exist, and has raised an issue about our using amateur radio to consult with doctors all over the world. *This Minister has said he will have official witnesses that he wanted to reimburse for use of an amateur radio which is available to us.*

3) Three people have asked rather odd questions about Cde Chaukin, the co-ordinator of our citrus production. Each of these persons wanted to know if he were still on the Project. ~~the insinuation seemed to be that he might not even be alive!~~

A) Someone representing himself as from Ministry of Dev. came to our front gate, asking about U.S. dollars.
With the above in mind, Cde Carmichael's questions today aroused some suspicion. He asked:

- 1) How much we were paying for GDF flights? (In fairness, let me stress ~~that he said he wanted to check to see if we were being over charged, only after Cde Jones presented the issues.~~)
- 2) He asked to see the twins and wanted to know if there was communication with overseas about the birth.
- 3) He asked if Cde Chaikin was on the Project.

He stated at the outset that he had two things he wanted to talk about. In other words, the above were the object of his visit and were not simply part of a casual, informal conversation. In light of the above-mentioned rumors, we simply cannot believe his questions were coincidental, although he handled himself like a diplomat and was very thoughtful. Indeed, while he was here he saw a ~~child~~ *very gravely ill child* from the neighborhood who will need ~~treatment~~ *immediate treatment* in G-town. Cde Carmichael suggested the baby stay under the supervision of the medical staff (the mother asked for this too) until arrangements could be made for its transportation into the capital. The Minister said he would check into GDF, and I'm sure he will. We do understand the fuel shortage and expense entailed in GDF ~~flights~~ *flights*, however, we cannot afford to pay for such flights at this time. We are very concerned about this child, and will be sending both the baby and its mother into Mathews Ridge in the Ministers car on Friday, if it is not too late. At that time Cde Chaikin will meet the Ministers landrover, so as to dissuade any ridiculous rumors. ~~It is~~ *I cannot imagine how these things get started as Cde Chaikin was just recently at the PNC conference in Port Kaituma and spoke with many officials there.* **INSERT #1**

Perhaps it is too much to expect people to be direct and straightforward. It would seem that such an approach would be easiest-- unless, of course the intention is not to clarify a situation but to cloud it. From what

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we have heard and from the nature of the questions today, it appears that the intention of one Minister of government is to achieve the latter.

x̄ We recognize that to some our approach to both life and death is an enigma. We have even heard that we have been called "~~offbeat~~" ^{"as"} or "mad." No doubt such a misinterpretation stems from a lack of comprehension about our attitude towards living and, especially, dying. We do not fear death. Rather, we would be proud to die for what we believe-- proud to have our deaths be meaningful. Cuffy set limits on the usurption of his freedom, and finally gave his life.' Vietnamese monks burned themselves for a just social cause-- not out of some perverse "weird" sense of martyrdom, but because they felt ~~xxxxxxx~~ the cause they were dying for was far more significant than their individual existence.

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Such an attitude towards death does not hamper one's ability to live life to its most productive reaches. On the contrary just because we have always been willing to give our lives in a moments notice for principle (indeed, several white ~~civil rights leaders~~ ^{They} actually feared our courage to stand up for Black peoples rights so vociferously. After all, we were the only church that stood beside Angela Davis, and our efforts were directly responsible for the release of activist Billy Joe Smith.) we are able to take each day and fill it with love and the joy of living. Please do not underestimate the value of such a loyalty to one's beliefs--when people are as prepared to die as we are, you can count on their loyalty. Some have ~~xxxxxxx~~ an unreasoned prejudice against ~~xxxxxxx~~ immigrants. We have come a great distance to help build Guyana, and, as you well know ~~xxxx~~ often the "convert" to a "religion" can be more zealous a believer than one born to the faith. The Soviets have told us that was the case with ~~xxxxxxx~~ people who came to their country to work on co-op farms just after the Revolution. ^(We are not ideologues, but in terms of U.S. relations we've been asked to have friendly support of the USSR)

The stability thing

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~~INSERT~~ ~~Small thing~~ We would venture that the different points mentioned in this letter point to some kind of

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Just the other day, without any explanation, the cane chopper/ and grater/ pitter that ~~xxxx~~ Gregory Gaskin (who had conatacted Dr. Fernandes) had initially told us we could borrow for six months, was picked up and returned to the Ridge. We have had ~~it~~ two months. It was not being used before, and we are using it. When we contacted Collin Edwards (who is taking Dr. Fernandes Place) he said we ~~could~~ could keep it, after checking with the Livestock people at Arakaka, who own the machinery. Nevertheless, a truck came by and picked up the machinery. We are not unreasonable people, we would have gladly worked out some arrangement-- but we were not asked about it directly. ~~xxxxxxx~~

in a way that would have benefited all of Guyana

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We are very much in need of a boat, and have been negotiating on a vessel. We brought this to the governments attention and we have learned ~~that~~ from one of your ministers ~~that~~ there is nothing to bar our U.S. denomination from purchasing it. ~~However we heard there would be some question about the current status of the boat.~~ ~~The boat is required to transfer goods.~~ ~~We were the current owner.~~ ~~However news has come back to believe that there may be some question about the current status.~~ ~~citizens-Rep. We hope the matter~~

indeedly

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As badly as we need this boat we need
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except des. from US & we might like to
govt. attend through one of your members.

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May be speedily resolved. Although we are very much
in need of this boat, we ~~would not~~ ^{trust} that ~~any~~ ^{no one}
~~would be~~ ^{would be} ~~tempted to~~ ^{tempted to} ~~take~~ ^{take} ~~any~~ ^{any}
Government guidelines.

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