

NOTES TAKEN FROM APPTS.

W/THE FOLLOWING

DICK MC COY/AMERICAN EMBASSY
KOREAN EMBASSY/CDE. JOE & CDE. LEE
RON VAN DYKE/MIN OF INFORMATION

DEBORAH TOUCHETTE
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- 1) DICK MC COY/AMERICAN EMBASSY; Visited by Sharon, Deb, Prokes, Marceline...
- People from the Embassy thought the Cultural show was very good.
 - Dan Webble mentioned assassination attempts were mentioned in the speech, was suprised. to say that to a group of Guynese, in that you are a foreign country..to talk of Pres Kennedy's assassination. Dan took it in a political sense, our political stand.
 - Dan thought the show was very professional, but long.
 - Dan mentioned that part of speech that said the Embassy had been helpful in defending the Peoples Temple, but he was puzzled that there was a great deal of politics.
 - Dick said from Dan's explanation it sounded as if we were practically explaining why we were forced out of the United States. Why did you do that? he asked.
 - Mike Prokes said yes, but it's due to the fact that we were asked to explain, to let people know because there was so much crap going around,
 - Dan Webble was in the Peace Core in Affganistan befor he came to Guyana.
 - a man named Ellis will be replacing McCoy, hes a young officer, Dick said a very fine officer. he served in Luxemburg, then Manilla, has a little girl.
 - Sharon told him what Shirly Feild-Ridley said-we practiced for hours, she wished some of her people could have been there to see the example, they have trouble with this, also mentioned Min. Kennard had praised us.
 - McCoy said it went on and on and on. They could be a pretty tough audiance here, he said a Russian group performed and they were really third class, they were bad, he left at intermission, he had to appoligise to Cheddi Jagen, and even Cheddi was upset by the performance.
 - Sharon asked him if he knew Cheddi? McCoy-were on speaking basis. sure I know
 - the man, his daughter went to a moscow university and couldn't stand it, shes now living in the states. Dr. Jagen spends most of his time in the states. He's a communist, but every time he wants to go, he had to go through this office.
 - Sharon mentioned to Marceline that Dick said his sons were young faciest. Dick agreed. Yes, their young faciest. they go to a school run by a babtist church but it's set up like a military-run by military ciréclum.
 - (ref. to Stoen issue) Dick said, all this about a cheif court order is a straneous issue. Both sides have reputable attorneys, he tells people, the Judge is hard nosed and independent, no one is going it influence him. Dick said
 - people in power want to get from him what they can give as answers back there.
 - Sharon asked to see a report on us. Dick said thry were getting it, it was on it's way. Sharon asked to see his copy. Dick said it was a classified U.S. document and he couldn't just give it out. To see the more recent reports we would have to apply again, each time a new one comes out.
 - Dick said he told state Dept. he didn't feel it was any further use to explain to peoples that people in Jonestown were not being held against their will.
 - the Embassy could be charged with harrassment. When they get inquires about their children, well we will check it out when we go up there.
 - as soon as all this press came out in the U.S., enquires about you were inevitable, Dick said. He told us of a situation in Equador and Iseral when people inquired about there children, certinly three times more then they did about the P.T.
 - * -Dick said basically the only time the U.S. will interfer is 1)if a person is being discriminated against soley because he is American. 2)if a person has been subject to physical brutality. 3)People can be put in prison for years and years without knowing what they are being tried for, before they even have atrial.
 - Dick tells those that pressure him, I'm not in a position to say what they will do, State dept. keeps presuring them to tell them what the Guyana Government

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will do. Dick -he didn't want to commit himself. He said Stoen contacted ninety congressmen. Hyacawa was not interested in this, said it was a case for the courts.

-Dick said he was impressed w/Hyacawa, he had done alot for the school system.

-McClusky has shown interest for Tim Stone, an Interstate Foreign Congressman in the United States, friend of Dick's said mostly all staff aids respond to Tim Stone's letters.

-Stoen is saying this court order is not being observed. there's no basis for this in National Law. Dick said Hass didn't understand why Dick wouldn't take John and give him to Hass to fly to the U.S. Dick said he didn't mind a man being aggressive for his job, but he started throwing threats

-Dick-we don't have (letters ragatory)-when one court makes a decision based on another courts decision=doesn't apply in Guyana.

-Dick said these people showed interest for Stoen; Dellems, Bryon, Burton, Phillip/ and John, one didn't care, the other showed interest for Stoen, he couldn't remember which one it was.; Rayon, Cranston, McClusky, Church, Lugan

-they showed him alot of things on file in Washington. Frank Dominion showed him. Dick is taking Frank Dominion's job. Frank speaks suribokrosh

-Dick-Yogoſlovia has capitalism in fact, they have alot of theory, but drive mercedies benze, there are some in upperclass, so Dick used to tease them, not everyone has jobs, depends on the republic, about 16% unemployment. They have a welfare system theoretically. Have free medical care, some are good facilities, some aren't, but there system is better than some because they allow for some freedom of expression, they're tough people, he was very impressed with them. there's a certain oppressive police system, couldn't live there all his life. In terms of criminal law, that's different, but in terms of politics, they are much tighter. Dick said there were three nuclear reactors in Yogoſlovia from the U.S. also Petro state Chemicle, and American Co. in Hungrey

-as well. We have a certain amount of military systems in Yogoſlovia. He mentioned something about Tito as one of the three leaders of the non-aligned policy, -they were the corner stone of our Eastern-Policy...I didn't quite understand this part...

-Sharon asked what he thought the decision would be. Dick-Stoen ask me that, everybody ask me the outcome. It was mentioned that Chief Justice Bolders was at our program. Dick said he knew.

-Dick-I think it is up to Joyce Touchette, one of these says she's going to have to appear in court and testify. Dick said "Sharon, I can't see where any country would go against it's foreign policy in a dispute where none of it's citizens were involved. To them, (Guyana) it's a simple case of four or five people. If we don't pressure them, and it comes from this side, don't forget the government has enemies here too. We as the U.S. can't go to the Guynese Govt. and say, hey, we want that child to be given back to it's parents. Suppose Touchette has custody and Stone's go bizerk, how does the Embassy prove that the Embassy didn't have political intervention. He told Stoen to send him something in writing.

KOREAN EMBASSY/CDE. JOE & CDE. LEE...Visited by Sharon, Deb T., Marceline, -Ava, Mike P, Kim Yoon Ai,...Cde. Lee mentioned to Marceline, "you said the U.S. Embassy had given assistance to you", in what way?"

-Marceline-only in that they visited our project and when families asked about the welfare of our children, they kept us from any harm in this way.

-Lee asked about project location, how close to water, they said they would like to travel together with us to J7town, they offered to take the tapes to our house in their car because they said our car was crowded.

- Lee said they may go up in May or June, Lee thought Jim had strong asiatic features. He asked Kim to come next time with her husband, and that Lew come with wife and child. Wanted photos of Jim Jones, family & sons, Kim's children and husband. Asked ge of Stephen, told him another son was married to Sandy, Avas sister.
- Lee wanted to know the educational level, all could read and write?
- Do we have primary and secondary schools, did we intend to establish a college?
- Would we send our children to the U.S. colleges or a school here? or in another Socialist Country
- Asked if we were self sufficient in food. We explained we have enough, but all is not producing yet.
- What do we sell on the market?
- Sharon said we were sorry we didn't introduce Marceline to your Ambassador.
- Lee said the Ambassador was engaged and would see us another time.
- Asked if we've performed at another place besides the Chinese Dragon.
- He said their natural resources were-gold, zinc, copper, magnesium, in abundance and they had over three hundred minerals in Korea, they are referred to as the "S-rcple of Minerals".
- they showed us a couple of films on Korea, as we left, the Embas ador came agreeted Marceline and all of us good by, sent good wishes to Cde. Jim Jones in his endeavors.

RON VAN DYKE/MIN OF INFORMATION. Visited By Sharon Amos & Deb T.,

- Ron said he would like to meet Trop, after we presented an article Trop wrote.
- had not done anything in writting for us as to weather there was a press stand-off on us or not, said he would speak with Shirley and Mingo and get back to us.
- He said he liked Tropps style, "When I'm finished with the article, I think I'll use it. The article on Medicine will be published and Peoples Temple will be mentioned. He said that was something they wanted to do. We invited him
- We invited him to dinner and he was very evasive, set a date finally, ,, he didn't show up

Ron Van Dyke: visited by Marceline, Sharon, Deb T., Mike P.,....

- Ron-Guynese people are very simple, can easily be swayed. Government wants them to know the first is to have safe development. When you have other organizations that push their own lines, Govt. has to draw the line somewhere.
- Marceline-are you refering to Min. Hoyte.(the article) "No, coming from Min. Hoyte I didn't expect anything better" Ron said. Marceline-What are you refering to?
- The content of the news must be the same, he didn't want us to invite individual news persons, but go through him. Ron-people say America is God's own Country.
- were moving from one system to the next, they build around themselves artificial constraints out of fear, fear of making decisions (ref. to standoff from the press) he said he was cut off from the office for a long time, people were afraid to give information, maby because it comes from higher up and they would get into trouble. (On the phone to someone he said he wasn't well) .
- Ron-Min. Mingo will be in at 3:00 today, the m n who I was suppose to get your letter from (ref to stand off), made a phone call about an appt. with Min. Mingo.
- Sharon said, "If your going to put us in a skitsophrenic bind... Ron said I don't care..I'm not trying to tisk..tisk..tisk.. (if conversation doesn't make much sense to you, it didn't for us either, Ron's voice was cold, unattached, and hostile, he was trying to ~~lay some~~ stir emotion with intellectual coolness.)
- Ron-he thought the cultural presentation was good. then.. "Frankly I don't think you would appeal to anybody."

- Sharon asked him for direction, Ron said our direction shouldn't come from him. He said he was supposed to be our advisors. Sharon asked why,
- he said Sharon would make a lousy diplomat, he said sometimes he couldn't even help himself because of the pressures.
- Sharon-are we that contrivertial? Ron-No, "I have to be very careful of decisions that I make, I have to weigh everything. I don't think you're contrivertial, I don't think the Government would like to make special previledges be it religious or a foreign.
- Ron-If I had my way, nobody would get into the Goddamn paper anyway.
- Ron-"People think you are inthuisiastic, you came into the country and started with agriculture, you're doing more than your allowed to do." He said our activities would have interferd culturally, we are an imported alien culture. He said he would tell us what he would do...Sharon brokedown and started crying, Ron refused to talk to her, he said thats why I like talkin to men, "Look at her isn't she a pretty sight.. he made a couple of other critical remarks, but I didn't catch them, we all begin to yell at him, Marceline told us Jim risking his life, being shot at, adopting children,
- Ron-Guynese don't know the man, what is Jim Jonas to a Guynese? I re-emphasized some of what Marceline said, told of young people being saved from fine cars and fancy clothes, while living in Ghettos, unable to change because the media had so brainwashed us ect.
- Ron-Pointed at me, "I don't want to talk to that girl,..ever". I told him he was going to here what I had to say.
- Deb-Some people often accuse us of being emotional, but one thing they can count on, if theyer ever in need of someone fighting for their rights, we'll fight just as hard for them, ~~as we do for them~~ as we do for the rights of others.
- Ron-shook everybodies hand but mine as we were going out the door,
- Deb-I told him if he had that much hate towards me, I didn't care if he didn't shake my hand.,so he shook my hand briefly. He said he wanted to meet with Mike alone, we told him we didn't work that way.

Ron Van Dyke?Min of Information; Mike, Tim, Deb, Sharon,...April 4, 78

- He made an appointment for two oclock in the afternoon, he didn't show up until around 8:pm, during a blackout infact.
- I sat down beside him on the couch, because it was the only seat available, he looked at me as though he would throw-up right there. I greeted him,
- Ron-are you still alive? I thought you'd be dead by now.
- Ron-I came here because I want to get to know you people, I didn't have to come, he implied he had to make a decision (which may include us) and wanted to know more. then..I don't care anything about you, I don't care what you do, just want to know what you really are.
- He came from a middle class back ground, he said, has traveled to many countries including the united states, has relatives in the U.S.
- Married six months, broke up, got drunk on eve of wedding night didn't show up to ceremony. regretted his mistake,(hates wemon,) he said he couldn't deal with wemon, he has a sister, and he can't deal with her.
- *Sharon said don't. let's just be people., He said yes, he should do that.
- Kept asking Mike to meet with him alone, to come to his office alone, no wemon.
- Sharon responded to a comment he made about not knowing Jim, talked about the Humanitarianism,
- I added that you had to protect your children from bullets and..
- Ron-told me that I was to shut up, I was ther to listen and keep quiet.

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THE FOLLOWING:
MIN. MINGO
MIN WILLS
MIN JACK

- MINGO: Visited by, Sharon, Deb, Mike...
- people wanted to know what their attitude should be toward P.T.
 - we have a public relations campaign like never before seen in Guyana, (in terms of intensity)
 - Question raised by Mrs Burnham...Mingo said he wasn't criticizing, but since we have contacted the people, they want to know.
 - Dr.Reid explained we were brought to Guyana by Worrell and welcomed, said all the rumors were checked out and were unfounded.....
 - a) People not able to get into your project, fences,
Dr.Reid said if you go to the U.S. you'll find that all people have gates.
 - b) Planes landed on the project
Mingo explained we came through immigration
 - c) We have a heavy P.R campaign, we go to many Ministers, we approached Mrs. Burnham, she wanted to know what her reaction should be.
ans. by Parliament, we are welcome in Guyana. (Govt. Position is)
 - Dr Reid said when he was Min of Agriculture, he was introduced to the P.T.
 - Mingo said he felt that the P.R. was stepped up because of the case (Stones),
 - Because we weren't sure of our future in Guyana.
 - Mingo said to us only, if you go to other people like you do to me..meetings, letters,
 - then people become afraid.
 - what matters is what the present administration feels about you, you're officially
 - accepted.
 - Mingo agreed that not having parameters could be the weakness of the whole thing.
 - He wasn't telling us to slow down on P.R.
 - Mike Prokes asked about Ron Van Dyke, had he seen Min Mingo about us?
 - Mingo said he had not, he was a liar if he said so.
 - Mingo said he was surprised Jim had not come.
 - Sharon said he came but in Cognito, because we approached Mingo for a final word - and he couldn't give assurances, only about the police, not a private citizen
 - In Confidence said, Mrs Burnham was advised not to meet with Jim, not to burden herself with this...so the burden would fall on Mingo.
 - Sharon, are we considered persona non grata?
 - Mingo, no, not necessarily.
 - Prokes mentioned Oliver situation..
 - Mingo, write a formal complaint about this to Min. Mingo and send a copy to the commissioner of Police
 - Marriage situation, has not come back from Registers office yet
 - License to solicit funds, Commissioners office said he thought we had gotten that already
 - Stoens situation, Mingo said he didn't know about John not being allowed out of the country, this was the first he had heard of it...this is how the U.S. embassy works. It could be a lie or they could have got on to this. Mingo had not seen the Judge at all
 - Customs, Mingo asked about the situation now,
 - Mingo said some people are not willing to bend back to give help, Min Hope is kind of difficult. let me speak with him, he called Min Hope while we waited
 - Mingo told him we had some outstanding matters with finances, we had something to bring in.-agricultural equip., med,..he said somebody has these things close to you, look at it, please expedite it.

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-Mingo said "I would defend your campaign, I advise P.T. to contact as many people
-as possible to see our project.
-Mingo-where did we get our agricultural background, Mike told of agronomist & amerindians,
-and local help.
-he said(Mingo) Min. Greensaid the Chief Medical officer was impressed with our facilities.
-Sharon told Mingo we invited Cde. Racheed (works at parliament build, senior officer),
-Mingo, has he been?
-Mingo said he was glad Shirly Field-Ridley had seen us, we had nothing to worry about
-Mingo-I'm almost certain the people who matter except you.
-Mingo-said they would be doing polls soon (said this in confidence) and we could
-help by helping in the election. They will meet on Mon to decide if the constitution
-should be changed for Guyana.
-Mingo said people anti-Govt, would be anti-peoples temple, (regarding Ron Van Dyke)
-we did not mention who was doing the questioning, and neg. to the govt.
-Mingo asked that we talk in a discreet way, not over the phone, and don't mention
-names even when in his office, he warned Sharon that if she talked while he or
-someone was on the phone, that person would be able to hear. Mingo said he would
-act accordingly.
-He said it was raised by Dr.Reid that there has been rumors of P.T. and he
-did this to give explanation, that there had been rumors people are holding against
-people against their will, and this has been unfounded.

I SENT THIS ON THE PLANE IN A HURRY, SO I WILL FINISH IT LATER.

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