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*Sent to all
ministers
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Dear

To keep you up to date not only with what is in the news about Peoples Temple but also with the American coverage of the referendum, I am sending you a couple of articles.

The first one in the S.F. Examiner is interesting because it indicates the kind of trickery that goes on to smear a socialist group, and calls a former charge against us correctly a "publicity ploy."

The second article in the San Jose Mercury, quotes the PPP and the Conservative Party New Force claiming that the Prime Minister was trying to perpetuate himself in power with the referendum. Since this paper is printed in California, and it is in California where the campaign against Peoples Temple was mounted, one can see that actually the attack is not just on Peoples Temple but on socialism in general.

All our best wishes to you and we extend to you our continued confidence in the work you are doing.

Cooperatively yours,

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INTERESTING TO NOTE: A month before New West magazine ran its big story on strange doings in Peoples Temple last year, reporter Phil Tracy reported a break-in at New West's office and said files of Peoples Temple material appeared to have been disturbed. Police investigated and concluded that the office had not been burglarized. We're not saying that was a publicity ploy, though some folks thought so at the time.

Now, a few days before New West plans to run a story by a writer not seen in print lately —

Armistead Maupin — there's a press conference in the mug's office. The story is about homicide cop David Toschi, who was pulled off the Zodiac killer case after Maupin gave police "fan letters" about Toschi that Toschi admitted writing. At the press conference, Maupin read a statement and then refused to answer questions. The reporters were unhappy. "Itip-off," they screamed. "Is this a publicity ploy?" they asked. "Not in any way," Maupin said.

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Guyanians approve constitution change

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (UPI) — The government announced Thursday that Prime Minister Forbes Burnham's proposal to change the constitution had won the approval of 98 percent of the voters in a referendum election.

National Assembly Speaker Sase Narine, giving the official results of Monday's referendum, said 397,577 out of 406,544 voters endorsed the measure to expand socialism in the country.

Both the Marxist People's Progressive Party and the Conservative New Force Party boycotted the referendum, charging it was a pretext for Burnham to postpone elections and to perpetuate himself in power.

The "yes" vote allows parliament to become a constituent assembly and draft a new constitution.

Elections, originally scheduled for October, will be postponed until the new document is drafted, probably within 18 months.

Opposition leaders have charged fraud and duplication in the balloting, but Home Affairs Minister Vibert Mingo said the allegations were "ridiculous."

The government said that public hearings will be held and a wide range of groups consulted before a new constitution is drafted.

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