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Joseph P. Freitas
Office of the District Attorney
Hall of Justice
850 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA. 94102

Dear Mr. Freitas:

I am highly supportive of the work of Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. I first became acquainted with Jim Jones when he and his church came out early for my defense when I was unjustly accused and in prison, at great risk to himself and his church because my cause was not a popular one in church circles at that time.

Then, and since that time, I have found him to be an ardent spokesman for justice who will speak out whenever he sees individuals or groups unjustly harassed or persecuted. He is a humanitarian in the broadest sense of the word, who renders assistance often at great personal sacrifice. He is a great champion of the poor and oppressed of our country, who has been able to organize and mobilize people to struggle for the racial equality and social justice which is our only insurance of freedom in the days to come.

It is for the reasons above, and none other, that I believe Jim Jones has undergone the merciless attacks levelled at him in the City of San Francisco. I understand your office has found no evidence to support any of the allegations made against the Peoples Temple, which is not surprising. But still the harassment seems to continue.

Now there is the custody case which Tim Stoen is bringing against Jim Jones in Guyana. I understand there may be an effort underway to put pressure on the Guyanese courts to decide on behalf of Tim Stoen. If you know the true facts of the situation, you can relate to the pain this is causing not only Jim Jones personally, but his many thousands of members and supporters who are prepared to stand by Jim and his son all the way.

It should also be considered that the Guyanese government is very supportive of the agricultural program founded by Rev. Jones, and, like any struggling Third World nation, resentful of unwarranted interference in its internal

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affairs.

I urge you to give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Y. Davis

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