

Sharon Amos

LUCKHOO 13/4/78 (Debbie, Sharon, Mike)

- asked him what would happen if it went against us, what would happen before an appeal/ said we absolutely wouldn't compromise on this but want to know/ told him we'd rather die than have the child taken etc.
- he said that if they decide against us, he would ask for a stay of arrest orders, nobody ever turns such a thing down/ I asked if it was a legal thing or just precedent/ he said it was precedent/ he's never known it to fail, it's granted automatically (I asked a couple of tiems about this)
- regarding the possibility in a loss of the case that the arrest order against JJ could be activated/ he said the case is not against JJ/ it's Joyce who has been intervened/ JJ is not a party to it and Joyce ~~xx~~ can always say, "I don't have the child"
- the Marshall will not execute any orders because the registrar told Luckhoo this
- they court could have acted a long time ago on this if they wanted it ~~activated~~
- they ~~are~~ stymied (Stoen) as no order is being served
- regarding: could he delay for a long long time, the judge/ he said the judge must eventually give a decision/ he ~~will~~ should give it before the end of the month but if he doesn't Sir Lionel will ~~speak~~ speak to him/ Sir Lionel ~~will~~ could go to the Chancellor or the Chief Justice ~~xx~~ if something isn't doen
- if they wanted to do anything, Sir Lionel felt they would do it now but the Registrar said he was told by the Chief Justice not to serve the papers
- ~~xx~~ regarding possible pressure on the case, he pooh-poohed that/ said "no-one has even asked me about the case" it's "forgotten"
- he said we were unnecessarily concerned
- said re immigration that he doesn't know about that order to stop John/ Sir Lionel said he himself couldn't ~~x~~ get the info
- first he said that order would have had to come from Fred Wills/ later when I said it might have been recent and came from Shahabadeen, he didn't argue that
- ~~x~~ he said "no-one is interested in doing anything to hurt you~~xx~~"
- he said he hasn't seen the PM in 3 weeks
- he doesn't think the Stoens will come here

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LIONEL LUCKHOO
APPT W/ SHARON AMOS
MIKE FROKES
DEBORAH TOUCHETTE

DEBORAH TOUCHETTE
APRIL 13, 1978

- Lionel said if the answer was "no", in favor of Stoen, he will ask for a stay of execution on the arrest order.
- He said if the orders are there they can do anything they want to.
- said no, this is not a case against Jim Mones, Touchette has interviewed, he doesn't know how they have an arrest order, Jim
- is not a party to the child, said Barnwell won't give any orders.
- said there was no written law that states he has a limited time to give a decision, but he can be pressured through the legislature.
- Sharon asked if anything could be done if Jim came to G/town and someone saw him who was a rep. of Mass, or didn't like Jim?
- Lionel said nothing could be done. The legislature General has been instructed not to serve anything.
- Lionel said he didn't know about the order of not being able to take the child out, said the order could only have come from Min. Fred Wills.
- He said "I don't think there's anyone at all interested in hurting you in Guyana.
- Sharon ref. to pressure of black outs, would there be pressure on us?
- I don't know, I haven't seen the P.M. in three weeks, I don't think so, but I don't know.
- Lionel said we were making ourselves too important, people weren't as worried about us as we thought.

OPINION:

Luckhoo was irritated at the questions asked. I think it's because he not use to having his opinion questioned so thoroughly, we ask the same questions over again, (out of concern and necessity) and because we don't pay a greater amount of money he shows impatience in giving us his time. Mike Frokes felt Sharon was too pushy in asking questions, but I don't feel she was. We wouldn't have gotten any answers if we didn't probe. I thought she conveyed concern, but was not confrontative. Mike argued the point a lot, disagreed with me on this. He pointed out that Luckhoo didn't even say goodbye. (someone came into the office as we were leaving and Lionel was talking to them and didn't acknowledge Mike Frokes good bye) I don't know if he heard him or not, but I thought we should do something for him, like take him some scotch, or some baked goods to his home because the man was irritated and I don't think we can afford for him to get hostile against us?

(We didn't ask the same questions over and over in this meeting, but asked questions that had been asked in previous meetings)

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Sharon Amos

Lionel Luckhoo Meeting with him 212/8/78 Maria K and Sharon

- he said he was disgusted with Judge Bishop because he handled the case the way he did
 - he said he's always told us as a matter of law we can't lose tho in the beginning decision he thought we would lose
 - but he felt that Bishop was embarrassed to say he made a mistake and in court has said that the attorneys were not at all in fault but that he had received influence from abroad/ letters, phone calls and so he was going to send it back to the Chief Justice
 - Lionel said that if he was going to do this he could have done it long ago instead of waiting six months because now the case has to start all over
 - he said it is ~~axine~~ assine, illegal and purine??? because the judge can't admit he was wrong
 - he said the whole thing now goes over from the beginning
 - I asked if he could ask ~~ax~~ Bollers how long it would take/ he said he couldn't do that but if JJ goes out of the country for medical care then he'd ask Bollers
 - he said JJ should go right away out of the country for medical care/ there is nothing that the govt. would do to harm him and he shouldn't wait
 - he said JJ could even come to Georgetown
 - I said we were waiting for some kind of written assurances ~~ax~~from the govt/ as we had gotten verbal assurances but we had thought that might be why they were doing the decision
 - regarding the case being sent back to the Chief Justice / it would be for re-assigning it, but when I asked if Bollers would take the case/ he said maybe Bollers would take it himself
 - he said Bishop has botched this up more than he could believe in that he has delayed so long and now won't give a decision
- I was wondering what our relations should be with Bollers~~x~~ as I am afraid if Hughes hears we see Bollers socially he might say Bollers shouldn't be on the case.

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TO: HILL

FROM: MARY RUTH

1. I think Lionel's examination of the case is perhaps much more clear than anything we could have given you, however I will add a few of the details I know in case ~~at~~ left them out.
 - A. The Prime Minister, Fred Wills, and the Chancellor of the Judiciary J.O.F. Haynes (top post in the judicial system) are advising Lionel how to handle the case insofar as Lionel does the research and they say whether it is good enough to present in court. The Prime Minister has called ~~Wills~~ four times according to Lionel to ask how the case was going (which is why I think Lionel has taken such a sudden interest in it). The Chancellor has called him several times but Lio has had to call Wills.
 - B. The court is going to nullify all of the orders for arrest of child and arrest of you and enter at the same time that Jeffrey Haas is not even qualified to represent the mother as he has no authority. If the Judge which Joyce appeared before on Friday remains hostile, then it will go before the Full Court and if they won't throw out the orders, then it goes before the Court of Appeal (which is the Chancellor) and he will throw it out. The Judge Aubrey Bishop asked Minister Wills why he didn't tell him government was interested. Wills, according to Wills, informed Bishop that whether government was interested or not, "bad law was bad law." There is no reason to believe that Judge Bishop will be on our side. If he finally agrees, it will be done quickly; if not it will just take a little longer. It is assured that we will win the case as it stands now.
 - C. The procedure could be drawn out, however, Wills did indicate that it would be finished before October 6.
 - D. Wills is keeping a very close eye on the matter. He even knew that Karen was waiting outside of the courtroom when Joyce was inside. However, so was Richard McCoy and his assistant Dennis Reese.
 - E. I have enclosed a letter which was sent by Luckhoo to collect fees.
 - F. Karen has not been approaching Langley at all recently because of two reasons. We ascertained that he really didn't have any large amount of money that he would be willing to spend on her, and then after getting that message, we stopped. It was very difficult to keep up with that anyway because we didn't have much spare time. However, to even get some of those outrageous fees cancelled would be quite a savings.

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TO: JIM
FROM: PAULA

COMMENT ON LUCKHOO

1. I think that we were dooped by Luckhoo over this Mazaharally issue. Luckhoo had told us that Reid had said that we were not to be touched which is exactly what Clarke is saying that Reid said. Then later & Luckhoo who had told us this and who was also the legal representative for Mazaharally said that we had to settle or they would get another lawyer and take it to court. He advised that we settle and we did.

DENTIST:

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LUCKHO Monday x (this week)

- said that he didn't know ~~where~~ where we'd get blood tests etc for Jim to prove paternity, we'd have to call the pathologist (we'll do that)
- he ~~said~~ said if we wanted to sue re Bedford trucks & (apparently you really didn't mean trucks but wanted to know about suing a newspaper so we'll have to ask again), we'd have to go to England and get a lawyer, he couldn't recommend one/ or we could give a report here to the British High Commission
- he said that any press now wouldn't have any affect on the case
- he has heard nothing about the case
- regarding the PM and seeing him in the US, the PM didn't say anything about seeing us/ Luckhoo just has the feeling, he'd be easier to see if someone from the US contacted him when he was in the US, but we shouldn't try to set it up here / Luckhoo could tell us when PM ~~is~~ leaves for the us

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LIONEL LUCKHOO TALK

-Joyce's contest is based on the Father contesting it; it will be difficult to hold the child without the legal father's consent.

1-they cannot make headway if the child is in Guyana and not where service is accessible or with the cooperation of the government so no papers can be served.
2-unless there is service they can do nothing

The Registrar, Chief Marshall has no intention of serving the papers without telling us.

-we are buying time which could work for 2,3,5 years
-adoption is the only thing that is irrevocable.

3-Luckhoo feels that TOS should contest the action up North, otherwise they are going to be giving custody to the mother by default.

-McCoy told Luckhoo that he had visited our project and found it satisfactory and that he was reporting that to Washington. He said adverse publicity has caused some of our problems. His attitude w/ Luckhoo was that he was not interfering on their behalf. (Obviously we don't know that, in fact it looks the other way)

-Luckhoo has read the Observer and Newsweek stories on us.

Elements in the case that are in our favor:

- 1 she has sworn to no affidavit here
- 2 Hass has not shown authority or even that he is really her attorney
- 3 he has filed no power of attorney here although he had some paper on her behalf
- 4 His affidavit is pointless -mother, father???
- 5 The affidavit is inadmissible-heresy
- 6 There can be no substitute service in this case
- 7no legal service has been made

Hughes knows he has not followed the procedure. He wanted Luckhoo to go to the States so that he could get paid more. He did not elaborate on this point and just implied Hughes was out for a buck.

Basis of our case is that we are holding on to a valid custody documentation.

- asked about if she rescinded it--then we are depending on the father
- technically since both signed it, both should rescind it
- if she goes x-partie, the court may award her provisional custody

If Grace gets absolute custody and rescinds her order

- Grace could get a Habeas Corpus here against Joyce and JJ
- the papers would not be served
- we are buying time as they could come back again and again

Luckhoo suggested some way to buy her out .

-he says if you pay her, to make sure it is traceable. I didn't understand all the reasoning behind this and would have to discuss it further if we decided to do this.

-he suggests communicate to her: JJ of course is the father, and he will fight to the end. If you want a major skirmish here or there, keep it up.

We will go public on everything. --mentioned a legalistic concept of blackmail (he says --keep the threat of going public as an ace use it.) In other words don't go public until we have tried this as leverage on her.

-you should adopt if that occasion is ever possible, say they will make an unholy stink about it

-Hughes does not know the paternity of the child

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LUCKHOO

- said Hoyt is a good lawyer, very cleaver
- he has a good reputation with the government
- he said legally you have a perfect case, unlikely the judge will have the courage to change the situation/ in the meanwhile you can do nothing
- Luckhoo said he himself is not a member of govt or in any way associated with govt.
- Luckhoo said he spoke to Wills and Wills is a strong supporter of PT, he said that he believes our relationship with Reid is good (Wills told Luckhoo this several times before the article was written)
- we should write for an appt with Hoyt,
- your position is not any different (dispite Wills * resigning), the govt has permitted you to come to Guyana and stay
- k when ~~asked~~ told we could never give up the child, he said - then don't, if you take the child across the border, the govt ~~wouldn't~~ wouldn't do anything, he didn't think
- he said Hoyt situation, * you can do nothing by belaboring the issue

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See pg 3 Positive

Sir Lionel 17/2/78 Sharon, Tim, Jocyn??

- said that it is good if ~~Viki~~ Viola comes to visit in March
- Burnham is going to the US in April/ he told Lionel he had a very tight schedule because soon after the budget he's going abroad
- Sir Lionel has heard nothing new about the decision
- he still feels we aren't going to win the first time/ he knows Fred Wills ~~was~~ always very optimistic
- It involves Judge Bishop's personal pride
- if you don't want to return the child you won't do it
- don't ~~x~~ tell people outloud of the support you have from the govt. - doesn't know if Wills being out of office will change it
- ~~he~~ can't comment about Minister Hoyt, he's his own boss, he took exception that it was suggested that we were the only facility/ "let sleeping dogs lie" if you try to cure a small ailment it becomes big (later we found he was the attorney for Hoyt)
- Hoyt won't write another letter
- can only advise us on the legal situation not on the political trends
- he has some ideas about Wills resigning, but can't say
- legally will help you, can't give you assurances, can't tell you ~~isolation~~ whom to talk to
- re having him talk to the PM, if you are in difficulties Lionel can help you but can't be your advocate with the PM without ~~x~~ reason/ if you were in a major problem Sir Lionel would go to see him for us
- see the PM only when he calls Sir Lionel not when Sir Lionel wants to see him
- he knows that when the case was beginning before they granted the joint custody (Joyce and JJ) the PM was very favorably interested
- can't ask the judge when the decision will come/ after 6 mos. ~~they~~ then can say his clients are anxious but it isn't even 6 mos. yet
- didn't agree that we should get in touch with Hoyt/ let it ride

BB- 31-a-13

MONDAY, JAN 23

To: Jim

FROM: PAUL

(GIVEN OVER RADIO)

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LUCKHOOD

1. He called Monday Jan 23 to say that he wouldn't give details but it came from the top that we are not to discuss with anyone government's support for us in these custody matters. He said, especially not with the Americans and Dick McCoy.

2. I told Lionel we never have and that from the start McCoy was saying that he was getting involved because he thought government was leaning toward us. I said McCoy is trying to start something to make it difficult for us that we have never discussed anything with him. Lionel said he explained that we were not doing so to the man he spoke with but he said he just wanted us to be careful to not step on the golden goose (or some such anecdote). Lionel was very optimistic and sounded more confident about government's support and he alluded that it was the Prime Minister he spoke with.

3. My ~~conclusion~~ various conclusions or opinions are as follows: P1 - 2 - 1E - 88

(A) CYNICAL - WE ARE BEING PREPARED FOR GOVT.

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HAVING AN OBT BY STATING WE BROUGHT IT ON OURSELVES. THIS IS A POSSIBILITY - NOT A CONCLUSION.

(B) U.S. EMBASSY IS USING DEVISIVE MEANS TO REACH THEIR RESULTS BY STATING WE ARE BRAGGING ABOUT GOVT. SUPPORT.

(C) FRED WIGGS HAS TOLD THE P.M. SOMETHING ABOUT US BEING DIFFICULT.

(D) BONNIE MANN HAS TOLD THE P.M. THAT WE ARE BRAGGING GOVT. SUPPORT AND PERHAPS WE ARE BEING WARNED TO NOT TALK TO MANN BECAUSE OF HIS ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S.; OR MCCOY IS TELLING MANN WE BRAGGED GOVT. SUPPORT AND MANN IDENT TO THE P.M.

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Luckhoo meeting 17/1/78*

(Re being able to sue ~~Barry Bannister~~ Haas for saying PT paid off the judge)

PT is not an official person, so can't sue

-if said a particular person JJ gave officials money, then could sue, but would need witnesses and would need to know when it was said

-the arrest order of JJ is not stayed tho it is not served

-Re having the case tried in California. he said it's a law of form vs a law of origin. Conflict of laws doesn't arise if being heard here. but it could be tried there in Calif. also, couldn't hurt. Affidavits are not tenable from the States. ~~but~~ if you try it in the states as well as here, could use it as a subsidiary argument that it was tried in US. It isn't automatic that it would influence the decision here but couldn't hurt. Luckhoo doesn't have the books to research Calif. law. Grace filed her affidavit for divorce but it wasn't looked at here as it is Calif. paper tho it had custody awarded in Calif.

-Luckhoo said he doesn't know when he can fly to Jonestown as he has murder cases he is dealing with, maybe the end of the month

PT being incorporated

-have to register thru the Beeds Registry. No-one can bring action against us now/ or could register under "friendly societies" - welfare organizations have limited powers, could sue and be sued.

-any publishing of statements that Guyana govt. is corrupt (or takes bribes), by Haas or other people should be brought to Luckhoo's attention

-could write and make a formal protest with Wills because of Haas making his statement of corruption to an American Official

-Stoens can bring this case up again

-if we want our questions answered, he said to write them out, or our attorneys can write out their questions and he'll answer them in writing. then there would be no misunderstandings.

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of acres have been planted in crops such as yams, corn, sweet potatoes, citrus, and avocado.

In addition to the agricultural and livestock programs is extensive community development. Three houses, a workshop, an equipment maintenance station, a warehouse, a shoe repair shop, and a church/community center have been built by the Peoples Temple mission workers. The cooperation and assistance given by this fine government's agricultural advisors, as well as from many other government departments, has been invaluable.

Pastor Jones extends his gratitude to all of our Guyanese brothers and sisters for their interest and encouragement. Although he hasn't much time for travel because of his busy and hectic schedule ministering to the three large United States based churches, he does enjoy hearing from you and gives every letter he receives personal attention.

May God Bless You.

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Please feel free to write:

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Guyana, South America

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Conversation between Lionel Luckhoo and Karen
October 1, 1977

Court went all day. He will finish tomorrow.
Bishop (Judge Bishop) is taking the case quite well.
Lloyd also spoke to Judge Bishop and gave his presentation, as did,
Edward, who is Lionel's nephew.

Bishop (Judge) has already ordered the charges against JJ dropped, as he
admitted they were wrong.

Conversation between Lionel & KL on October 2, 1977

He said they concluded the orders made by the judge affecting the child.
After a number of days of arguments and authorities, Hughes will commence his
reply on Monday. The judge seemed very favorably inclined when Lionel said
he pointed out that a chain was as strong as its weakest link, and that a chain
for the creation of the writ of habeous corpus had ... tissue thin links which
broke under scrutiny.

Points made:

- 1) Abdication (sp?) can only be made under the law by the mother, father or
guardian and this was not done.
- 2) One of them would have to swear to show the child was unlawfully detained.
- 3) There is no affidavit in court by Grace Stoen.
- 4) Judge Bishop has agreed with us that Grace has not made an affidavit because
it had to do with the matrimonial situation between her and Tim, and was not
relevant to the present situation with John.
- 5) The affidavit by Haas transgressed all laws of affidavits in that he repeated
heresays without giving the source of the information, and he said that he
believed it
- 6) Haas was dishonest in court. There were features that should have been
brought to the court's attention, such as Grace Stoen having come to
Guyana, John having been here off and on for 3 years,
and the fact that the custody papers were in the hands of Mrs. Touchette.
- 7) Lionel said they also attacked the service of events which he said must be
personal.
- 8) The return of service was bad by Haas in that he swore that JJ could not
be found. He would have to show what efforts had been made to find JJ.

Lionel cited a large number of authorities from the United Kingdom and the
Dominions and elsewhere which all confirmed the points he made.

Lionel feels that Hughes is conscious of the weakness of his position and it
would not surprise me if they were to capitulate at a later stage.
Lionel feels what they are about is to have it drag on till Oct. 6, and
then get the courts in the US to move for contempt against JJ to get an order
for his arrest in the US. That order would have no effect in Guyana but
it seems to Lionel that TOS should resist the actions being brought by his
wife and he could ask for the adjournment of the case by citing the unfit-
ness of Grace.

Since JJ has received no papers, Charles Garry could state it's not possible
to reach him.

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Lionel Luckhoo
31/7/78
Sharon, Maria

We only talked to him for a few minutes. He agreed to write the letter to Iverson requesting that he get TOS to take a paternity test. He said he has never recieved a reply to the last letter he wrote him. We asked if he had heard anything more about the case and he said no, but that he had talked to Frankie and asked him to talk to Terrance about it. He thinks this is the only way anything is going to get done. Sharon asked him if he thought Frankie would actually talk to Terrance about it and he said yes. Luckhoo said Rudolph is a very irresponsible person and he does not like the way he handles things. He had just gotten back to his office from court where K&H Rudolph had said he was going to give a decision on another case and then did not do it. He said he does not like the man.

Ray Fernandez said that ~~xxx~~ there is going to be a very severe food shortage because farmers are refusing to replant. He said he is glad that we are getting to be self-sufficient because food is going to be very scarce. Even now, things are very hard to get and there are long lines to get certain items like split peas. The other day there was a near riot as people were waiting to get split peas. The name of each person who purchase split peas and the amount they buy has to be turned into the Ministry of Trade because they have become a black market item.

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...bella. go to embassy here and explain...
that one time. Trying to save expenses, etc. Also she should get doctor's letters.

(Thru photos) - ask Kiro dno Plasandero street.

Harry said Luchoo didnt do well for JJ. That is confid. ~~talk~~ Luchoo we don't believe it. Desmond said we were the ~~xxxxxxx~~ victims of a conspiracy. We don't know what to believe about McCoy because we don't believe what he said about you but in the second breath he said all matters like Phillip were worked out in favor of the residents. It is contradictory. He also said apparently sympathetically, it would be alright as long as the matter didn't go more than five months. He may have been wanting it done for Stoen, but he said if it was decided within five for JJ it wouldn't matter. If it went after five, the club would be interested all over again.

We have still been getting positive reports about John. We were told confidentially by someone important (don't name their name) k in an official position (two of them) that Bunny Mann would work for any side. (don't mention his name). One would do anything for money but in the long run it would make no difference. (refer to one as an important elder in Rev. Lucas's church.) k But we did not want to ask any more questions as per your advice. Therefore, we just ~~wax~~ wanted to see if you still think it's going the same way. We heard you may get an important position in the gov't and we just ~~wax~~ wanted to know if you'll still be able to handle it because we have the most confidence in you. (It's the position that Abraham declined.) I lay the Dr. Moore tape to him who is a firm believer in God and would support ~~wax~~ no one that didn't believe in God. He held a press conf. when he got back.

Haven't Bunny Mann said that there were no problems with the D.A. and thus there would be no problems for JJ's family. This came as a response to Martha and Rudi's question that you will stand behind JJ won't you? We don't expect unqualified answers but when your dealing with a consp., even tho they've manufac. nothing for a year, we dont want our support based on that kind of statement about the D.A. We don't understand why fox folks of Cassanova's persuasion would be concerned if the D.A. did not like Cassanova's people (like Jesse) It should be understood if that the D.A. if he ever did attack someone of ~~fox~~ persuasion, which both Cuvna and JJ are, it should be expect for the D.A. to attack them. We have no info. of the D.A. doing anything, but if he did it would have to be manufactured. And we don't like support to be conditional and linked to the D.A.'s mood.

powerful
I have plenty of friends and money and I will take care of Jesse--implication that engineers will do it. Yasan should be told to keep this confid. This was verified. He said don't bother with ~~xxxx~~ Jordans. We have a pic of Grace and Smitty coming out of their home going to work together which should be given to Luchoo. Show to Yasan because Tim and Grace claim to be together again. TOS wants to get at our thru suits. Tell Allison about ~~the~~ Peggy's call and what was implied about mercenarism. TOS said ~~xxxx~~ there was an overreaction that they were counting on. He said for instance that they thought that Ellie was working with Peggy (TOS said this to the caller) He said "they're overreacting." Peggy did not say one way or another but the implication was that she was not.

Get Hassan opinion of the sign carrying. Ask him about this

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Things that need following up:

Lionel Luckhoo: Play Interview with John Moore and wife (on cassette). If he says he doesn't have time to hear it, show him their written statements. Also convey information for him from attached typed notes. Be sure Eric knows that Luckhoo plans to talk to the judge about making the decision, since so much time has passed. (He said this when I asked him if he had heard anything new, just after giving him flowers for his illness).

Mohammad Hamaludin: Wants his copy of the petition back. I've been trying to get an appointment with him first to give him background on the "concerned relatives." We've been putting him off by saying the report was sent in to the project for our attorneys to review and our boat hasn't come back yet. He was asking for a response to it. Rex Mingo, in the meantime asked him why he was doing this. Hamaludin then asked us why we told Mingo about it. He said Mingo came to him and asked him why he was harassing us. It evidently had its effect because at that point he said he ~~didn't~~ had not decided whether he was going to do a story about it. Up until then he said he wanted to do a story that gave both sides. We said that would cause people to have doubt about us because some people are always prepared to believe the worst. He disagreed with that and so we went into a 10 minute harangue to try to convince him that what we were saying was true. He didn't defend his position after that, but we still don't know, at this point, what he intends to do. Tell him ~~no~~ no socialist or ~~black~~ black press took it (the petition) seriously. They have given us article after article that has been positive. Show him the State dept. report where it says people are not being held against ~~their~~ their will. Make him think he would be playing into the hands of a reactionary element that automatically attacks socialist groups and persons who live in the U.S. Ask him how he can presume to write an article without seeing what we are doing in our community.

Find out what to tell Tufail, if anything. Do we follow Eric Clarke's advice?

When Dr. Baird gets back, ask him what has to be done for us to be able to perform autopsies if someone dies in our community.

Ask Dr. Harry at Min. of Health on Brickdam what forms Joyce must fill out for '78 registration. Can we get them from her to take in to Joyce?

Council of Church Board meeting at St. Andrews Church-- 9:30. We haven't been attending lately. It's quite possible that the referendum will come up. Do we want to send someone or play it safe?

What do we tell D/Costa about ~~Debbie~~ Debbie B. He's asking for her address?

Does Terri Carter have a book that the D'Costa's gave her. The daughter would like it back since it doesn't belong to them.

Follow up with Charles Hines, Nurse Noel and her assistant regarding situation with Joyce dispensing in Port Kaituma.

For Sunday 11th meeting in Kitty where PM will be speaking. How much do we get involved. Do we help get people out. Do we put the poster on our house as was requested. How visible should we be at the rally?

Call Prime Minister's Office and see if there is a response to the attached letter re: the protest petition we propose to send to certain countries. The petition was sent with the letter.

DU/PA-31-a-37

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October 1, 1977

Court went all day. He will finish tomorrow.
Bishop (Judge Bishop) is taking the case quite well.
Lloyd also spoke to Judge Bishop and gave his presentation, as did,
Edward, who is Lionel's nephew.

Bishop (Judge) has already ordered the charges against JJ dropped, as he
admitted they were wrong.

Conversation between Lionel & KL on October 2, 1977

He said they concluded the orders made by the judge affecting the child.
After a number of days of arguments and authorities, Hughes will commence his
reply on Monday. The judge seemed very favorably inclined when Lionel said
he pointed out that a chain was as strong as its weakest link, and that a chain
for the creation of the writ of habeous corpus had tissue thin links which
broke under scrutiny.

Points made:

- 1) Abdication (sp?) can only be made under the law by the mother, father or
guardian and this was not done.
- 2) One of them would have to swear to show the child was unlawfully detained.
- 3) There is no affidavit in court by Grace Stoen.
- 4) Judge Bishop has agreed with us that Grace has not made an affidavit because
it had to do with the matrimonial situation between her and Tim, and was not
revelant to the present situation with John.
- 5) The affidavit by Haas transgressed all laws of affidavits in that he repeated
heresays without giving the source of the information, and he said that he
believed it
- 6) Haas was dishonest in court. There were features that should have been
brought to the court's attention, such as Grace Stoen having come to
Guyana, John having been here off and on for 3 years,
and the fact that the custody papers were in the hands of Mrs. Touchette.
- 7) Lionel said they also attacked the service of events which he said must be
personal.
- 8) The return of service was bad by Haas in that he swore that JJ could not
be found. He would have to show what efforts had been made to find JJ.

Lionel cited a large number of authorities from the United Kingdom and the
Dominions and elsewhere which all confirmed the points he made.

Lionel feels that Hughes is conscious of the weakness of his position and it
would not surprise me if they were to capitulate at a later stage.
Lionel feels what they are about is to have it drag on till Oct. 6, and
then get the courts in the US to move for contempt against JJ to get an order
for his arrest in the US. That order would have no effect in Guyana but
it seems to Lionel that TOS should resist the actions being brought by his
wife and he could ask for the adjournment of the case by citing the unfit-
ness of Grace.

Since JJ has received no papers, Charles Garry could state it's not possible
to reach him.

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