

January 6, 1977.

Peoples Temple Agricultural Project  
P.O. Box 893  
Georgetown

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We wanted you to be posted of Stoen's background in case he should try to contact you, as it is evident he is coming in an attempt to stir trouble and garner more negative publicity against us and Guyana. (The proper authorities have been notified and Stoen's visa is being revoked.) He is capable of being extremely devious and will likely employ devious tricks to manipulate uninformed persons.

We appreciate your taking the time to consider this matter.

Co-operatively yours.

*Mike Prokes*

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Associate Minister

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June 1978

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Cdr. G. Perry  
General Manager  
Gyana Telecommunications Corp.  
97 Brickdam  
Georgetown

Dear Cdr. Perry:

We understand that most other churches and organizations in Guyana do not have communications links up into the interior region via point-to-point radio. We would like to consider this for our organization because of our need for 24-hour communication with our agricultural project field clinic at Jonestown.

Many people are coming to our clinic from all over Guyana for treatment everyday. We have had a number of medical emergencies necessitating that we contact the Guyana Police Force to come in with a mercy flight. The fact that we have not always had contact with Georgetown by means of amateur radio could easily have meant the difference between life and death as you no doubt are aware, amateur radio permits communications only during certain hours of the day. Therefore, we wish to get set-up as soon as possible for 24-hour communications. Accordingly, we are requesting any relevant information about point-to-point radio, such as costs, equipment, technical requirements, etc.

Anything you can do to expedite this request will be greatly appreciated.

Co-Operatively yours,

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Associate Minister

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4 June 1978

Peoples Temple Agricultural Project  
P.O. Box 893 Georgetown

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Public Buildings

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

We wish to extend an invitation to you (and whoever you may wish to bring along) to come to visit our agricultural project and medical clinic in Jonestown. In case you are not aware of it, our school has been officially accepted into the Guyana school system, which we are very proud of.

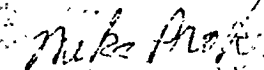
We've heard through a couple of different sources that you were recently planning to pay us a visit. Please know that you are always welcome to stop in at anytime.

Within the last month we read in the Chronicle that there is a plan to resettle white bigots from South Africa in certain countries of Central and South America (such as Costa Rica, Bolivia, and Brazil, to name a few). Enclosed is a petition that members of Peoples Temple have signed, opposing such a plan. With your permission, we would like to send this petition to the United Nations and the countries involved.

We wanted to check with you about this first because, naturally, it does reflect upon Guyana.

We appreciate what you are doing to promote socialism in Guyana and other Third World countries.

Very respectfully,



Cda. Mike Prokes  
Assistant-to-Cda. Jim Jones

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25 May 1978

Ministers of Government

From Peoples Temple Agricultural  
P.O. Box 893 Georgetown

Dear Comrade Minister:

As you are probably aware from previous correspondence, there is a vicious element of Nazi-like thugs that has been attacking Guyanese organization. They are press headline seekers, and they hold demonstrations to attract publicity. Recently, they even shoved a black woman, which was witnessed by an officer who warned them to straighten up or they would have to leave.

A man by the name of Timothy Stoen heads this bunch (Stoen was once a member of Peoples Temple—undoubtedly an agent-provocateur as he attempted to put our organization on a violent course). He hasn't been able to get much attention in the press, particularly as of late. The last demonstration attracted no coverage to speak of. (It is the little papers—such as the U-ish Daily Journal—which this type of element controls, and these papers don't mean much.) It is not so popular to attack us anymore, since much of the punch has been lost.

One of the press owners—Rupert Murdoch—has aligned himself with reactionary forces in attacking all socialists. It is a return to McCarthyism ("red-baiting") politics. One group—Syrenco—which is known and respected for its rehabilitative work—was not even socialist. But they were too progressive and they were closed down by the same type of reactionary forces working in league with a segment of the press. (We can provide other examples of socialists and progressives who have been victimized by press attacks if you are interested for any reason.)

We possess political significance to them, other than that we are socialists and we were popular (something which evidently couldn't be tolerated.) But the expressed attempt to destroy our organization has failed, though the attempt apparently continues. Recently our detractors issued a wordy statement filled with lies, distortions, innuendo, and hypocrisy. It was issued under the banner of "concerned relatives" and contained the signatures of a few dozen persons, most of whom have been here. Among the persons who signed it are several known convicted criminals.

We filed thousands of signatures in support of our organization with the insidious bigots who only could muster a meager 30 signatures. Copies of our support petition to the U.S. State Department and the National Human Rights Commission. It was signed by our supporters from the Eastern, Mid-western, Southern, and Northern U.S. Should you be with the outlandish document sent out by our detractors, we will have for anyone to see, copies of our petition (over 100 pages of signatures as telegrams of support and good wishes), statements of relatives of residents (these are relatives who visited the project, all of whom had a point-by-point answer to the accusations and falsities about us, which are clearly exposed. (The Ministers of Home Affairs and Development have already been sent these materials.)

A friendly editor-reporter of one of the large newspapers in Guyana who is familiar with our work, told us that the true story will now

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... in the ... from in California, ...  
when a very climate is created, the press doesn't want to change it. ...  
said it would hurt the ... reputation to reverse itself by printing the  
truth, after a false climate has been established. She said once the press  
has created an image of something, it is too arrogant to admit it even  
in making that (false) image, even though one day they will be caught. ...  
journalist called it a veracity conspiracy against us and said that if she  
were to print the truth about our good work, she would be fired. We would not  
her news, but we're reluctant to ... because if she is quoted, it  
could cost her job. However, we will provide it on an individual basis  
because we feel they need it for good reasons.

To paraphrase what many who have stood through the years for social  
justice have said-- this is an intentional campaign to destroy a program  
organization that has been effective in helping accomplish hundreds of projects  
indefinitely of our ... We are an open book and have nothing to  
hide and we will be happy to answer any questions that our friends and colleagues  
wish to ask. So please don't hesitate if there is something about our  
organization or work here in Guyana that you wish to clarify.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the issues that I've ...

Co-operatively yours,  
*Mike Prokes*  
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Associate Minister

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