

Wesley Curtain
Raul Blackman
w/ Mr & Mrs Moore
Deb T.
Terri Jones
Tim Jones

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- Wesley Curtain's father writes for
- They came over to the house unexpectantly and I invited them upstairs because the Moores had gone out to dinner, but when we got upstairs They had come back and were sitting in the Living room
- shortly after introductions they started asked a lot of pointed questions
- Raul asked how long were you in Jonestown?
- Mrs. Moore began by telling them of the beauty she had seen there.
- You've got them well programmed, Debbie, Raul said to me.
- I don't know what you're talking about I said, I haven't programmed anybody, shes speaking from whatshè has expienced.
- she agreed that that she was speaking for herself
- I will h~~o~~ to admit that I came with alot of skepitism, Mrs Moore said, of course I am a mother hen by nature, I like to have my children under my wing, but Mr. Moore is always telling me that I have to let go of my children sometime, and what's important is there happiness.
- ~~one~~ of them asked if they were happy?
- she said yes, she would have to say that her daughters were ve~~ry~~ happy.
- Mrs Moore went through every step of the farm, discribing it in glowing terms, at times she had to shout to talk over the constatnt questions thrown at her by the two of them.
- at one point she got on her knees and came right up close to there faces so she could get her point in
- Mr. Moore also spoke of the happiness of ther children and said he had alot of respect for Cde. Jim Jones and what he is trying to do. he said although we don't always agree with every thing, what he is doing is along the line of the way we brought our children up.
- What don't you agree on? they asked ?
- Well, he said he felt Jim was too (OPTomistic..he used another word that had that meaning), and although the Luthern church in the U.S was more liberal then most churches, beings that P.T. is a different denomination, we wishop a little differently., but other then that we basically have the same beliefs.
- Wesley or Raul asked if people could travel into Georgetown whenever they wanted to, lets say they got tired and wanted to take a vacation
- I told him Yes with in reason, but that we knew when we came to Guyana the type of work and lifestyle we had to lead to develop a model community, and people can't just travel back and fourth all the time or production woudl go down
- Mr Moore spoke up and said they had to have some form of dicipline in that respect, that's why they've built the community that they have.
- after a series of cannon ball questions and raised voices Wesley said he appreciated speaking to the Moores, he hopped they didn't think the two of them were rude, but they just wanted to ask alot of questions because there was still an empty space or a blank

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spot in terms of the P.T.. They said they wanted to go up there some time and see for their selves what is going on.

-I told him I was suprised for the whole of the evening because I thought we had gotton past that stage in the development of our friendship and I was suprised to here him saying that.

-(Note this was just after Olga left, and Wesley came to our home several times in the day and night, as well as called to locate Debbie, he said she had tried to get in contact with him and his father answered the phone, it was in the middle of the night)

-Terri agreed, she said that I had introduced her to them as friends and we don't say that about people easily

-Wesley made a remark that Karen had said she didn't trust the press

-Mr Moore said that was understandable in that we had received so much bad treatment by the press, naturally we would be suspicious of the press.

-I told Raul that they both should come in to J/town some time and see first hand what's going on. That would eliviate some of the questions they are always asking and they would have a better understanding.

-Raul & Wesley said you people have done alot for the image of Peoples Temple in our minds.

-The next morning as we were saying good-bye to Mr & Mrs Moore, she turned to me and said, you know, I'm glad those two young men came by last night. They helppe me realize how much I needed to come to Guyana.

-I thinkw convinced them don't you?

-I told her I did, at least I hopped we did.

-during the course of the conversation the previous evening, she told both of them, that if they go, it shouldn't just be for one day, it should be for a week'end at least. She said it took one whole day just to see the piggery.....

-Tim suggested that since they were always looking for a story, this would make a good story and

-Wesley said this was the type of thing we should do on our radio program, it would help our image immensley.

-Mrs moors s said I can just see you will be quoted as saying something and it will be taken out of context (to Mr Moore)

-I forgot to mention that Mr. Moore had said that he felt our co-operative could be a model for the third world, and that perhaps the Marxist Lennist theory could work for third world countries....

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