

Conversation with Mauric Harrisson, owner/manager of Design & Graphics 13/4/78

* I dont know exactly how we got on polttics, I believe we were talking about the black-outs and he was telling me how things were going downyill in the country. He said that the government wants people to increase production, and yet there were thousands of workers out of work because of the power failure. (For background: Harrisson is the official design and layout and ad man for the government, and has been for years. He is very well known around town, expelcially in party circles.)

-he mentioned that he had heard about the foreign exxchange scandal. He said it was 22:million dollars in US ~~off~~ foregin exchange ~~that~~ that had been stolen from the government. I asked him if he had heard any names. He said Hope, King, and Noel. King is the one who ~~is~~ is the most deeply involved (that is Frank Hope, Minister of Finance, Goerge King, Minister of Trade and Consumer Protection, and I dont know who Noel is.) This coincides exactly with something that Wills told us, which supported the original thing we had been told by Vincent Hines. Hines didnt give us any names, but Wills filled in the ~~the~~ details.

-Harrisson get his information from someone high in the party. He said that sometimes people in the party know things that are going on that people in the government dont.

-when I asked him to tell me frankly how Shirley-Field-Rifley felt about Peoples Temple, (he has to work with her quite often, directly) he told me that she does not like people who are white, and if you are white and American "it's 200 times worse."

-he said that Hoyte is a "bitch" and is not very popular at all in the party. He said that he knew that several years ago Hoyte was very ancious to leave Guyana. ~~px~~

-He said that Burnham is worth 54 million dollars, he said most of which has been accrued since he has been in office. He said that he knew that Burnham hardly had money enough to pay for his car being repaired when he was not in office.

-he told of a story where he was in a meeting with Green, Burnham, and ~~a~~ some others and Hoyte came in and asked what he was doing there and siad he should leave. Harrisson said that he told Hoyte off in front of everybody. He said that he has done jobs for the PM and others ~~n~~ for years, and had sat in meetings, and he wasnt going to let "that bitches ass" do that to him

-Harrisson liked the show very much. He is very very positivie to the project, and loves our radio shows. He did not like Mike's speech, but other than that thought the show was great. He also didnt think we need any outside entertainment.

-he said that he thought the person who is maneuvering into position to be the next in line was Viola Burnham. He said that she is getting involved in eveyrthing, and if you compare herposition now to ~~k~~ what it was ~~tax~~ several years ago, ~~ad~~ she is much more powerful.

-he said Dr. Reid was the most commiteed person in the party ideologically. (several people have ~~mx~~ made this comment. It is a prevalent opinion, among pro and anti PNC people.)

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