

Report on Debbie Blakey
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-I saw her at the post office with Daniel Webble and asked what had happen to her, I told her we were really worried, she just looked at me very coldly. Dan Webble gave me a very hostile look and said nothing.

-I asked if she was with him.

-she said yes.

-I said oh-oh, something's wrong, what's wrong Debbie?

-she said I'm leaving, I'm sorry, I know it comes as a shock to you, but I just can't take anymore.

-Take anymore of what?, I said.

-I just can't take anymore of the whole thing.

-Why didn't you just say you wanted to leave, you could have gone. people have left before, but all Jim was is that you tell him what is wrong, so we can correct our mistakes.

-She said come on Debbie, you know better than that.

-I said people have left before Debbie without any problem.

-Why, what's the matter, I asked.

-Well the breaking point was when I couldn't meet my sister in Trinidad.

-What are you talking about? I asked?

-My brother in law is going to be working in Guyana, and my sister wanted me to meet her in Trinidad and then we would come back from there.

-I told her I didn't know what she was talking about.

-I spoke to Dan Webble, asked him how he was doing?

-"fine" he answered with icy coldness.

-I then called home and asked for instructions on what to do? and was told to go back and see if she would talk to Jim before she left.

-I asked her if she would at least talk to Jim, tell him the reasons why she was going, and that she had caused him to have a heart attack and that Jim had.. I told her the desire.

-I'm sure, she replied, I did.

-she answered as though she already had taken that into consideration.

-I asked her if she would write a note or something if she wouldn't at least speak to him personally.

-What do you mean personally? I can't do that, you mean go back up there? I can't do that.

-Would you at least speak to him over the radio? I asked.

-Maby, she said, I don't know, baby I'll do that, you mean come by the house and talk on the radio, I can't do that.

-I told her well call then and she could speak over the radio to you.

-she said o.k. she would.

-I asked her if she wanted to write a note or something just in case so at least Jim would have some idea of her feelings.

-I'm not going to write it, you write it, she said. I'll tell you and you write it down.

-QUOTE:

-I have nothing vindictive against the church, just tired, I thought it was unfair to have crisis when there wasn't one, and I think others are getting tired too. People can't live on a string. I know he has, but I'm not Jim, and I know a lot of people. I just want to be able to leave and settle down. I know it doesn't make much sense

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but it's true. I know it sounds crazy, this is the happiest she has ever been in her life. (Who I asked? Lisa, she said) and in no way do I want to hurt her. I don't think it's helpless either but.. A lot of things have been handled wrong, and a lot of times it would have been taken as a trator. A lot of times when he says people give your opinions, they are put on a list,...to be watched. I didn't want it to turn out like this at all. If we move to another country I'd like to go. I don't like the U.S, but if I left the group and stayed here, for your own sake, you'd have to say it was a provocation. I've been in enough sessions, tanknowitisims I say won't be taken to heart. I've seen people be talked lovingly to to get people here and and confronted then. I felt I would be confronted.

Next, I think Jim believes in what he stands for, but it's gotten too structured. constantly confronted, if you're trying to do right you might be a trator. You get into the swing of things and you wonder what they did it for. In the U.S. it wasn't so structured and I think it was better. The structure shocked me. I didn't know it was going to be the housess of work. If someone was slower they got confronted. I think we got caught up in more progress and structure then people. A lot of people I care for, I always had the feeling I wouldn't explain myself well and it would be the learning crew. If I didn't get my traffic across.... I would not get involved in parents united. You should change the codes on the radio, and call Bacchus Travel Agency.
-why should we change the codes? I asked
-You know, because I'm leaving. she said.

-She said she told the embassy she had left her passport in the interior so she could get another one (she had her old passport in town.
-she said she had to feel trusted and she didn't
-she always felt that Sharon Amos thought she liked Wesley Curtain and was telling Jim this.

(I think she told us to change the codes, because she knew she was going to set us up, but she may have felt some preservation, the last minute guilt, and she hoped we would change before she called so she wouldn't know them if she had to explain)

-I asked her if she was going to call anyway, she should at least let him know direct.
-She said she would
-I left for a phone to give this message and the car was gone when we got off the phone (U.S. Embassy car)

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George Lina : Caribbean - Cuban Press

was speaking very briefly & Ray Van Dyke - she was wondering when Debby T was & this little mustached man butted into the conversation.

He sd "Debby - every body in P.T is named Debby or Sharon?"

I turned & asked his name.

He was vague & ~~asked~~ said Sam.

I asked his surname & he sd Kennard. I'm a horticulturalist.

I asked was he a relation to the other Kennard & he sd no.

I found Debby she looked at him - sd it wasn't minister Kennard.

I later saw Ray Van Dyke - he sd that the guy was not Kennard - he was Cuban Press.

They were evidently friends - as this George guy, would not leave with out Ray (drunk as hell)

because of his condition. And they got into a verbal fight over it.

He (George) was concerned at Ray being so drunk.

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To Jim,

Re Conversations with Debbie.

She told me that she thought Sharon would tell you about the night she had played at the Belvedere some time in the past who made some pass at her some time ago. She thought that Sharon would write her up for compensating when she explained to me she was just being nice. On 3 different occasions she asked me if I thought Sharon had told you about Vicky Curtis taking her. He said she had told him twice she was married and what more did Sharon want her to do. She said except he come over Sharon would watch her like a hawk. She asked me if I thought you would believe Sharon. I told her that you didn't just listen to Sharon's report only that if he were concerned you would ask her directly. I told her to write up her side of the thought you were going to get the wrong view. She didn't like anything of Sharon's view Debbie would say when we went to P. R. He would always have like an apology tone in her voice. She would call her very expensive pick up inside the table to let you know. He said she was vindictive, too rational and like there was always a secret and mysterious end. She said Karen was a piece of trash and if she did as much work as she did watching people (talking about herself) she'd get something done. She said she hated her guts. I was surprised and I said I thought you were close to her. She said I was wrong. I said I've never been close to her but I think she's done about the best job of anybody trying to keep this place coordinated.

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(under 2nd)

When we were in the job office that day we had
the conversation about if you died the whole group
would disintegrate. ~~she mentioned you fishing deep would never be~~
~~with her mentioned you fishing deep would never be~~
I think we got on this conversation because
she was saying how much I hated I suppose for what
she did to her. She asked me if I knew what I suppose
wanted me to feel. She said yes and it made me
sick. I said I suppose I would not try you
in different ways but I found her in excusable after you
being her Dad. I said I am glad he isn't under that
kind of pressure now, and then she said after fishing
deep would mean she was probably no but
it wasn't like it used to. I have no idea what
that she was talking about.
She liked Mrs. D. Costa and I told her I thought
she was a bitch in how she cut down I suppose she
was very sympathetic to her and told me she understood
how she felt since she had a weight time when she
came to Huppone ^{meaning Mrs. Costa}
Debbie, Debbie B. and I had talked about
going swimming in the ocean. I said I thought
she was sharks she said no. She said she hadn't
done anything fun since she left. I said
Alma Babin and her are very close, in fact they will talk
a great deal in a very nice way. I said I might
not have seen the total cause but I certainly
reinforced her negatively by my mouthings off.
I have mouthed off since then so I am
willing to report to you. I was very upset
when I got a message from Mike P. saying
Chae OK was to come in for medical reasons
1-0-ET&B immediately (this was before Alma I would understand
about Alma) BB-3-0-2

Since Debbie left I wasn't trusted in town w/ my baby
so you had to send some special message. When I asked
Paula to clarify ~~it~~ ^{why} and why I couldn't have received
the message myself she said you weren't around so I
gave it to whoever. Then when the morning Sandy's son came
in she told me again. She ok was to come out (after I asked first)
then I hear they are coming in well I thought he was now
I was considered shaky, then I had to take you and you said I
could keep him. Then the next day I'm sent home so I felt for
sure (until you talked to me on the radio) ^{you go} ^{except in fact thought}
I was just like her ^(crazy) I bitched this to Maria and I said
Paula needed to be kinder & more aware of how she talks to
people and she didn't know when talking on the radio where people
heads are at. Maria didn't react w/ me at all she told me to
write it up. If I'm fact I thought that's why I was sent home
because I was so shitty about this subject. I also quickly wanted
that Sharon. Karen & I all came in & worked in radio room, but I wasn't good
enough. I'm sorry about this, I always write them up, because as soon
as I reflect and think logically I am ashamed because the
problems & realities of life & people all over the world makes me
sick when I think how much I have, how much more than
so many. I don't deserve to be suspicious over petty bullshit.
Unfortunately I mouth off fast before thinking and ^{there's} like Maria,
I always know Debbie was more trusted, therefore closer to you
so I felt more justified to talk to her about things. I give
you my word I will stop gossiping. and I am very sorry you
had to ~~be~~ ^{go} through my shit. I hope you believe me
when I say I have worked through it, because I have! I
know it's my fault

Lucy BB-3-P-1

~~2-15-68~~ ~~Blackbeon~~ ~~100 lbs~~ ~~3230~~
~~2-15-68~~ ~~Blackbeon~~ ~~100 lbs~~ ~~32200~~

20 lbs
c/o Carolyn

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5/24/78

TO: DAD
FR: DEBBIE
RE: DEFECTOR

EVERY SINCE THE DEFECTOR LEFT, I HAVE NOT
BEEN ABLE TO GET IT OFF MY MIND. EVEN THO
YOU HAVE NOT SAID WHO IT IS, I FEEL CERTAIN
I KNOW. YOU SAID IF WE HAD SOME ASPECT
OF THE PERSON WE "THOUGHT" IT MIGHT BE
(THAT IS IN ADDITION TO PERSONALITY TRAITS,
RASINS ETC) FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
LET IT BE KNOWN.

FIRST I FEEL IT IS DEBBIE BLAKEY. I CERTAINLY
WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED AT ALL. SEVERAL
YEARS AGO ON BUSY, ON A TRIP, I WROTE
HER UP. I EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY HER
OBVIOUSNESS. SHE TREATED ME LIKE
SIT ON THAT TRIP + LATER ADMITTED TO
ME THAT SHE DID IT ONLY BECAUSE SHE
THOUGHT DOROTHY BRADY + I WERE ALLYING
AGAINST HER. SHE ^{NOT EVEN SO} MADE UP LIES +
LATER TOLD ME SHE DID IN THE LAW OFFICE.
WHEN I GOT BACK FROM THE TRIP, I
WROTE IT UP BUT IT ARRIVED IN YOUR HANDS
AT A VERY BAD TIME. YOU WERE UNDER A LOT
OF PRESSURE BUT I DID NOT KNOW THAT

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AT THE TIME I DID NOT HEAR THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT IN THE LAW OFFICE. AS A RESULT OF
YOUR PRESSURE + NOT KNOWING THE FULL
TRUTH ABOUT Debbie, YOU BLASTED ME ON THE
LOUDSPEAKER. IT TORE ME APART + IT WAS THE
CLOSEST I EVER CAME TO LEAVING THE CHURCH. I
HAD ALL MY SUITCASES PACKED + IN THE CAR
BUT THE POINT IS, I DIDNT LEAVE + POLLED MYSELF
TOGETHER + UNDERSTOOD YOU DIDNT UNDERSTAND. I
LET IT DROP EVEN ~~THE~~ AFTER Debbie ADMITTED TO
ME SHE WAS WRONG. I NEVER TOLD YOU!!

ANOTHER THING - I SUSPECTED Debbie BECAUSE
OF HYPOCRITICAL INTEREST IN JOHN JOHN + KIMO,
I COULD SEE RIGHT THRU IT + SEE IT WAS NOT
REAL. I SUSPECT (NOW) ANYONE WHO CTERS
TO YOUR CHILDREN (LITTLE ONES) IN AN ATTEMPT
TO IMPRESS YOU! YET I NEVER SEE THEM SHOW-
ING INTEREST IN OTHER CHILDREN SO ITS HYPOCRITICAL
BULLSHIT!

Debbie WAS VERY SEXUALLY WRAPPED UP IN
YOU I MADE A MISTAKE ONCE IN TELLING HER
(AS LATE AS GEORGETOWN WHEN I WENT TO
DENTIST) THAT I HEARD YOU SAY ONCE THAT SHE
WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN (YOU DID SAY IT).
I SAID THE SAME THING TO HER IN S.F. ONCE
ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO. I KNOW SHE WAS SEXU-
ALLY WRAPPED UP IN YOU BY A LONGING
GESTURE SHE MADE TO ME WHEN SHE SAW
A PICTURE OF YOU IN MY ROOM THAT

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I HAD PERSONALLY TAKEN. SHE HOPED SHE WAS NO 1 BUT WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED WHEN SHE WAS SENT TO THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE AWAY FROM YOU. LATER, SHE WAS AGAIN DISAPPOINTED AT THE possibility OF HAVING TO MOVE OUT OF S.F. Temple INTO A COMMUNE WHICH DIDNT TAKE PLCE. LATER YOU CAME HERE - THEN MARIA CAME + Debbie TOOK MARIA'S PRCE AFTER YOU HAD GONE - ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT. THEN CAME HERE WHERE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE WITH YOU LIKE MARIA, THEN TO GEORGETOWN AWAY FROM YOU - ALL DISAPPOINTMENTS. HER DEDICATION WAS BASED SOLELY ON IMPRESSING YOU + BEING NEAR YOU... NOTHING ELSE.

I COULD NOT SEE THESE TRAITS IN Debbie IF I DID NOT HAVE THEM IN MYSELF. I WATCHED HER A LOT.
* I WOULD FOR SURE WATCH THOSE
* WHO NOW SHOW INTEREST IN JOHN JOHN
* + KIMO YET THEY PASS OTHER CHILDREN BY.

I HAVE A SPECIAL AFFECTION FOR KIMO BUT RARELY SHOW IT FOR THE
(OVER) BB-3-8-4

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REASON'S STATED HEREIN IS QUEN & though
it is VERY PAINFUL AT TIMES
I see so much hypocrisy in those
who pretend to be good

See Curt
5/24/78

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Fr: CRL

JJ:

I am not fishing for verification but I think it is Debbie B. and she expressed conflict - she wanted to live w Phillip but felt that you disapproved and backed out with what I thought was conflict. She also had conflict about being exposed for being helped sexually and was interested to know that you had told me that I could become involved with someone if I wanted to. I feel that she (if it is her) may be alienated because when in G/T it became difficult not to be paranoid with you here, and knowing you are trepidicious of people there.

That they are not taking \$ could indicate that the relative is funding them and would mean they are more dependant on the relative (in her case a vicious dad). It would almost seem better if they had stolen a large sum to make them independant of family.

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May 18, 1978

Dear Dad,

I would have written this sooner but I didn't want you to think that I was being nosey. After you left San Francisco, Debby Blakey was supposed to visit her dad. She wanted me to straighten her hair so that it wouldn't look like an afro. I told her it looked really cute and stylish, but she was upset and worried that he would be upset. This concerned me and I wouldn't do it. Also, she stated publically in a meeting (I think it was a Wednesday night meeting), that she had been "very happy" before coming to Peoples Temple and had really enjoyed her life. (This really flabbergasted me because she was so miserable when she came.) I also think she has a lot of hostility for her mother. She told me during this same period that her mom had wanted her to have surgery on her lips at one time because she thought Debby was ugly. Also Debby told me that she had had a lot of trauma because she (Debby) had hair on her breasts. (She seemed to be less concerned about the hair.

I would like to tell you, Dad, that most of the people that left absolutely could not stand me. They seemed very uncomfortable around me and at the time I couldn't understand it but then when they would leave, I would. Maybe they were afraid I would find out their shit. I don't know.

I wish to thank you for the love and respect that you show all of us, Dad, even though many of us don't deserve it. I thought I was one of the few that had ran. It is so beautiful the way that you pave the way for people to come back. I felt so guilty, Dad. I thought that you would never trust me again....I remember when you said to everyone, "Why don't you make yourself trustworthy?"

I hope the above information is of help to you, Dad.

Penny.

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