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PLOT ~~TO~~ UNCOVERED TO LAND MERCENARIES ~~XX~~ AT PEOPLES TEMPLE COMMUNITY IN GUYANA

or:

~~PLOT UNCOVERED TO SEND MERCENARIES TO INVADE PEOPLES TEMPLE'S GUYANA COMMUNITY~~

--Temple investigators have just established that Timothy Stoen, a leading co-ordinator of a campaign to discredit and sabotage its work, is ~~plotting~~ working on secret plans with the aid of a California-based "research" group to land mercenaries at the church's thriving, 1200-member agricultural community in the Guyana interior. ~~[illegible]~~

--The group involved is the Eureka Research Associates, (give street address in Oakland?) specializes in aerial reconaissance. Peoples Temple has documentation linking the group with mercenary operations in West Africa to overthrow the newly-independent socialist nation of Benin. Stoen has been in regular contact with the group, which, according to Temple investigators, "appears to be a CIA front." *Insert on back

~~The~~ Peoples Temple has alerted the Guyana government, ~~the~~ President Carter, ~~and~~ members of the U.S Congress, and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. There is strong suspicion that Stoen is interested in ~~causing~~ creating an international incident, but others speculate that the ~~heretofore~~ secret plot to land mercenaries may ~~also serve~~ have another purpose: to provide right-wing U. S. military intelligence with ~~an~~ a test of gauge the ability and willingness of ~~small~~ little Guyana to resist an illegal violation of its sovereignty. The Caribbean socialist nation has been moving decidedly leftward, and Prime Minister Forbes Burnham has just returned from a critical visit to Moscow and important negotiations with ~~XXXX XXXXXXXX~~ Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev.

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Title of Box: TRIAL RUN FOR DESTABILIZATION?

--A few weeks ago, a member of a Stoen-led group calling itself "concerned relatives" told a California newspaper of his desire that mercenaries be hired to ~~destroy~~ invade the Peoples Temple Agricultural community. ~~'[illegible]' [illegible]~~

--~~Peoples Temple,~~ In a release issued date P.T. charged that Stoen and his associates have been fronting for "a politically-motivated conspiracy, using former members ~~of Peoples Temple~~ who worked withing the church as agents-provocaturs." Its leaders, the release said, held "a Bible in one hand and contracts to hire mercenaries in the other." ~~At that~~

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Leader of Anti-Peoples Temple Plot

Evidence has been secured that links individuals in the conspiracy against Peoples Temple with ~~xxplanxtx~~ California-based "research" group that is involved in areial reconaissance. The group is connected with mercenary activity in West Africa, according to documents

Threats ~~of~~

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On date ~~that time~~, the 'Concerned relatives' group ~~had, under the rubric of 'concerned relatives,'~~ ~~staged~~ At a press conference ~~and~~ presented a document accusing People Temple leader Jim Jones of 'human rights violations.' The Temple called both the conference and document ~~statement~~ "a hoax," stating that there was not ~~lacking~~ "a shred of factual substantiation of a single charge." A series of public statements were quickly issued from people in the Guyana community, directly over radio-telephone hook-up, strongly repudiating the 'concern' of their relatives and denying that there were any 'human rights violations.' The Temple also ~~countercharged~~ added that it was actually "the accusers who are guilty of 'flagrant and cruel disregard' of human rights of their relatives (mostly adults) who have chosen a co-operative lifestyle and have openly and with clear conscience and no coercion, repudiated the value structure of those who profess such 'concern' for them."

--The Temple Charged ~~revealed~~ that the group, led by Mr. Stoen, (and "a gentleman who cannot stand the fact that his 24-year old daughter has asserted her independence from his emotional tyranny over her")

> has sent out agents to bribe people to lie about us; they have employed the divisive and dirty-trick methods of COINTELPRO that have been used repeatedly to crush a number of so-called 'radical' and 'black power' groups. They have tried a host of schemes: sabotaging our communications, instigating bogus investigations that have never turned up anything while getting headline media coverage; they have attempted to cut off pensions to elderly people in our church...."

The release further stated that Mr. Stoen and his associates "have tried to use the State Department, Congressional offices, the U.S. Consulate, everyone they could think of, to sabotage our work in Guyana, which has been described by hundreds of visitors as a model of co-operation, earning praises far and wide."

--"They have circulated lies about us everywhere," the Temple statement continued, "and even have tried to send undercover agents into Guyana to snatch away children illegally and violently from their rightful homes and parents, and have tried to pay off and bribe officials to help them. It is all documented fact."

Rev. Jim Jones, who has been co-ordinating the mammoth project early a year, calls the plotting to land mercenaries "dramatic of what we have been saying all along. I wonder when people are

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and lunatics

going to wake up to the lengths that ~~the~~ police intelligence forces in the establishment will ~~go~~ to ~~subvert~~ progressive movements. And where are Stoen and his pals getting the money to do this sort of thing? Where did the money come from over the past year to hire expensive public relations firms, fancy lawyers, and to fly people to and ffom Guyana and put them hp in ~~[illegible]~~ ~~the best~~ hotels? This is a stinking ~~right-wing~~ conspiracy that may start off with press ~~lies~~ tales and sanctimonious talk about us being some kind of menace to society. But when they can't get anywhere with ~~that~~ lies, ~~[illegible]~~ then the real dirty work begins."

Right-wing

Crush

They have out the heavy artillery, and

What else should be in this? Any more background?
More about Benin? A don't have the details -- where is the material that Dad read from?
Should there be a statement in this about the U S State Department willing to vouch for the community and that it is not listening to Stoen.

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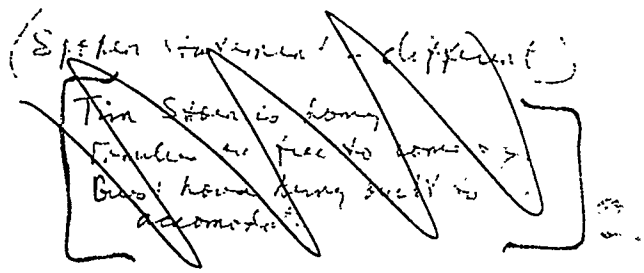
~~The purpose of the operation is to liberate people who are supposedly being held captive by the community.~~



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The operation has all the earmarks of a plot to assassinate Rev. Jim Jones, break up the Community, and perhaps seize certain residents.

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COMMENTS ABOUT JONESTOWN, GUYANA, FROM ON-SITE VISITORS

1. Frank Tuminia, Officer in Charge of Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. State Department: "Impressive work."

2. John Blacker, Charge D'Affaires, new assistant to U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young: "I am impressed."

3. Dr. Robert Baird, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, Guyana: "Impressive."

4. Fred Wills, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana: "Peace and love in action."

5. Vincent Teekah, Minister of Education, Guyana: "Very impressive."

6. W.D. Wyatt, Regional Development Officer, North West Region, Guyana: "Very progressive."

7. Gavin Kennard, Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana: "Very impressive, keep it up."

8. Richard McCoy, United States Ambassador to Guyana: "A very pleasant day in a very pleasant atmosphere."

9. Steve Naraine, Minister of Works and Transportation: "Very impressed with progress since I visited one year ago."

10. Basil Armstrong, Chief Official in the Ministry of Education, Guyana: "Very much impressed with everything, thanks."

11. Peter Gantry, British High Commissioner in Guyana: "A most impressive start and I wish you all success."

12. Dennis Irvine, Chancellor of the University of Guyana: "Impressive."

13. Q. Martyn D'Asram, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works and Transportation: "A wonderful experience, a model village community to be emulated."

14. John Worrell, Assistant Director General of National Service, Guyana: "Excellent."

15. Soviet News Agency Tass: "It's very, very impressive." "Thank you for this opportunity and best wishes."

16. Fitz Carmichael, Regional Minister, North West Region: "Keep up the good work."

17. Thirty-five teachers from the McKenzie District, Guyana: "Fantastic, beyond one's imagination, miraculous, beautiful, a true example of socialist living."

18. Dr. Joseph DaCosta, a dentist from India and founder of a dental school in Georgetown, Guyana: "The health care in the community is fantastic. Jonestown is a little bit of heaven." After examining the teeth of 87 children, he found only two cavities: "This," he said, "is unheard of."

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IMPRESSIONS OF VISITORS TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN JONESTOWN

4. —Richard McCoy, American Consul: "A very pleasant day in a very pleasant atmosphere."
5. —John Blacken, American Embassy: "I am impressed."
6. —Frank Tuminiaie, Dept. of State, Guyana Desk (U.S.A.): "Impressive work."
— Adeline R. Bacchus, Min. of Education: "Amazing."
Trenton London, Port Kaituma: "Remarkable."
Eloise Cubpepper, Port Kaituma: "Simply wonderful."
Donna Brown, student, Linden: "Fantastic."
Walter Thain, Cytologist, U.S.A.: "Incredible."
Compton Mahese, student, Linden :"Marvellous."
✓—Jennifer Cave, student, Linden: "Remarkable testimony of what our interior is capable of."
Steve Carlton Jones, student, Linden :"One of the most fantastic things I have ever seen."
✓ — Hollis Alexander, student, Linden: "Beyond one's imagination."
✓ — Malcom Johnson, student, Linden: "Magnificence is surely your motto."
Sandra Ferrier, student, Linden: "A very unforgettable experience."
Colin Albert, student, Linden: "Beyond my expression."
Sheik M. Ally, Student, Linden: "Simply beautiful."
Aubrey Quamine, student, Linden :"A true example of socialism."
✓ — Mark Denny, Amelias Warde: "It is the first large farm I have seen where everyone is doing his job without supervision."
✓ — Jasper Wayn, student, Linden: "Remarkable! What motivation!"
Orlando Goring, Burnham Ag. Institute: "Marvellous adventure."
14. —Mike Charles, store owner, Port Kaituma: "I love the people."
Anna Maratte, Linden: "The people are very friendly."
Dennis John, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent Co-operation."
Fitz Roy Warde, Burnham Ag. Inst.: "Excellent development."
15. — Vivian Davis, Professional Nurse, U.S.A.: "Beautiful People."
13. — Dr. Joseph D'Costa, Dentist, Georgetown (native of India): "A little bit of heaven."
7. — Frederick Wills, Foreign Minister, Guyana: "Socialism, peace and love in action."
Norman Adams, Office manager, Ministry of Regional Development: "Jonestown is most spectacular."
14. — Sgt. E. Gaskin, Matthews Ridge, Police: "A garden of paradise."
Mike d' Abreu, Texaco West Indies, Dist. Mgr.: "This is a fantastic project of hard work."
8. — Q'Martyn d'Abreu, Permanent Secretary, Min. of Works and Transport: "A wonderful experience. A model village/community to be emulated."
Diane Coltress, student, Georgetown: "Terribly original work and planning."
9. — Ethel Britton, Chief Community Development Officer, Min. of Co-ops and Nat. Mobility: "I am impressed with this new community and the way the members have adjusted and are making a living using the resources of this country. Congratulations and may your success and achievements be an example to all Guyanese."
11. — Norman Simpson, N.I.S., Matthews Ridge: "This agricultural project is just what our country needs."
Lloyd Shannon, Clerk General, Min. of National Development; "Good for a model farm."
10. — Gerald Fowler, Det. Chief Inspector, F Div. Hdqtrs., Eve Leary: "This is a living example to the people of Guyana, and a living exmaple to be followed."
Peter deGroot, student: "A very good effort. It is the best I've seen so far in Guyana."
Sraukleu Peters, Det. Constable, Mabaruma Police Station: "Setting an example to follow."
Chareles David, Public Health Inspector: "Very interesting and exciting."
Mary Haynes: "Extremely interesting and beautiful buildings."
Maoliayn Daniels, Senior Public Health Inspector, E.B. Demerrara: "Impressive and progressive for such a short time."
Crevelle Williams: "Impressed by the rate of production and with the general admin."

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Charles Garry, Attorney: "I have been to paradise. It's there for anybody to see ...I saw a community where there is no such thing as racism. ...There is no such thing as age-ism. ...I have never seen so many happy faces in my life as I did in Jonestown. ...Why are those people so happy? They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life."

Dr. Walter Thain, Cytologist & Radio Medical Network Co-ordinator of 800 physicians: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like a town in the United States-- and with all the public utilities."

Dr. Albert Greenfield, U.S. medical physician: "...Magnificent humanitarian efforts. I feel certain that if there were more such organizations with devoted and sincere people such as the members of your church throughout the world that this planet would indeed be a better place upon which to spend one's life. Dr. Schacht is, in my opinion, a modern-day Dr. Schweitzer."

Rev. John V. Moore, Methodist Minister, Reno Nevada (former Superintendant of Methodist Churches in Northern Calif.): "The quality of community life strikes me as most impressive. It is rare in the USA for c children, adults, and older adults to live in such close community. This is beautiful. Peoplex x xx whose contributions are regarded as minimal or unimportant in a mass society are included here and given a sense of worth. I think of people becoming 'somebodies' in this community... The people feel that they are participating in something great. When I think of the older people especially, I think of the prophet's vision of everyone sitting under vine and fig-tree in xx peace."

Barbara Moore, writer: "This a beautiful, heroic, creative project! It is absolutely miraculous. The lush tropical panorama is soothing to the eye and to the psyche. The mechanical ingenuity and utilization of all natural foods and jungle growth and processes are wondrous to behold. The agricultural and animal husbandry projects are worthy of a place in history and emulation x by all specialists in these particular areas of scientific research. The entire co-operative, organizational approach should be observed and put into practice by impoverished and third-world areas and nations....This is truly the "New Community" and covenant with the land and its people."

Vivian Davis, nurse (after visiting her children and grandchildren in April, 1978): "I was amazed. To see that people can live and work together and x build such a beautiful town out of what was nothing but jungle. I saw a community that had unity, love for fellow-man, and equality for all...children laughing, running, and playing with no fear or danger. You must see it to appreciat it."

Pop Jackson (Jonestown's oldest resident--64 years): "We came to build-- to make bad things good. I've been a slave all my life till I got here. Always in debt. Now I'm lookin' at my watermelon patch-- big watermelons. I'm gonna bring on a fall garden: mush-melons, squash, corn--I'm gonna make a clean sweep of it. How blessed I am. Go look at my house. And look at the kids-- they never knew no freedom till they got here."

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Impressions of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Jonestown, Guyana

Carl Blackman Associated Press & Gen. Mgr. of Guyana Chronicle: "An example for Guyana."

Harry Harewood, Radio Demarrara News (Guyana): "Astounding."

Dr. Carlton Goodlett, Phd., M.D., & President of National Newspaper Publishers Association: "I have lived today in the future."

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Selected comments of 35 teachers and students from McKenzie School District: "Remarkable testimony of what our interior is capable of." (Jennifer Cane) ..."Magnificence is super: your motto." (Malcom Johnson) ..."Beyond one's imagination." (Hollis Alexander) ..."It is the first large farm I have seen where everyone is doing his job without supervision." (Mark Denny) ..."What Motivation!" (Jasper Wayne)

Dr. Ng-a-Fook, Guyanese Dental Surgeon: "A first-class example of community life. I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily side-by-side."

Dr. Joseph D'Costa, Orthdontist & Dental School Director (Native of India): "A litile bit of heaven."

Sgt. E. Gaskin, Matthews Ridge Police: "A garden of paradise."

Dr. Peter Fernandes, Chairman, Guyana Livestock Corp. & world traveler: "The purest egalitarian society ~~x~~ I haveever seen."

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