Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Office of the Prime Minister
Government Buildings
Georgetown, Guyana
South America

November 3, 1977

Honorable Prime Minister Burnham:

I am a personal friend of Bishop Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. I also have first hand knowledge of the pattern of conspiracy prevalent in this country today to prohibit the effective organization of poor and oppressed people. As the leader of the American Indian Movement, I have witnessed numerous cases of premeditated harrassment and persecution of my people. I have witnessed directly how this conspiracy to frame and destroy Peoples Temple has been enacted.

In February 1977 I was approached by a man named David Conn, who said he was working with the U.S. Treasury Department, an IRS agent and two men from the San Francisco Police Department and offered a "deal" if I would denounce Bishop Jones and the Temple. I was then, and still am facing extradiction to South Dakota for my activities in protesting repressive policies against the American Indian people. I was assured by Conn that if I publicly denounced Jones and the Temple, that the rulings in my extradiction would go in my favor. So this was definitely a deal that I was being offered. Because it was not just a matter of Conn indicating that it would go well with me if I co-operate, it would go badly for me. I have stated many times publicly, that for me to be returned to South Dakota, would be certain death, as I would be killed by racists there. So, this was clearly a threat and an obvious attempt to blackmail. I was warned by this man not to tell anyone about the proposed deal, since it would "blow his cover".

Jim Jones has been a true and honest friend. He has helped me in desperate times for both my family, and the American Indian people. I have found him to be extremely principled and wholly dedicated to freeing the oppressed peoples of the world. He has taken stands for the rights of others, even when it mean t his own safety was in jeopardy. In the light of his effectiveness, and his singleminded purpose of total equality for all people, it becomes very obvious why the reactionary forces have launched such an extensive campaign to destroy Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

I hope that you and other leaders of Guyana can see the devious methodology and purpose in the recent attack on this organization. Jim Jones is a well-respected leader among the Third World community here in the United States. His reputation and good works are widely known and acknowledged. He and Peoples Temple have much to contribute wherever they may be.

Sincerely,

Dennis Banks

DB:kp
cc: U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young

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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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August 9, 1977

Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister, Guyana
Government Buildings
Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Sir:

I have been familiar with the career of Rev. Jim Jones for many years. He has done outstanding work with our troubled youth, the needy aged, the sick and the poor.

I feel he is under attack because he has chosen to question the system that breeds the above adversities. If the Rev. Jones spoke for the corporations and not for the people, he would not find himself so bitterly assailed by our press.

We hear great things of the Peoples' Temple Project in Guyana. We are grateful for your government's kindness and cooperation. I hope it shall continue.

Respectfully,

Vivian Hallinan

Vivian Hallinan

S.F. Chairwoman of Womens International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF)
National Board WILPF - Womens Political Caucus
National Coordinator "Feed the Cities: Not the Pentagon"

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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH NAACP

August 2, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Buildings
Brickdam, Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

I am President of the San Francisco Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the oldest civil rights organization in the United States. We have fought many struggles in the courts and in the streets over the years, in our efforts to bring about racial and social equality for blacks and other minorities in the United States.

I am writing to let you know about the outstanding work of the Peoples Temple here in the San Francisco community. Rev. Jim Jones has been a friends to hundreds of youth in the city, and his church has rehabilitated many from drug use, helped young people out of legal difficulty and anti-social patterns, and brought out the finest potential in people who were held back due to the hardships and oppression of their lives. He has established tutorial and educational programs, opportunities for youth to receive free job training, and legal and medical services for the indigent. His church has taken in senior citizens cast aside by their relatives, and children abandoned by parents and unwanted by agencies. He has provided a wholesome environment where people are accepted and made to feel needed and productive regardless of race, sex, age, or educational or religious background.

Many organizations and community leaders are highly supportive of Rev. Jones and the work he is doing, and it is always a joy to visit the Peoples Temple for meetings and special events. He speaks very warmly always of the Guyanese government, and the great strides you are making in cooperative socialism. He is deeply grateful to you, the Guyanese leadership who have made his people so welcome there, and for the opportunity to work side by side with the Guyanese to build a better world.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Hall,
President

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August 2, 1977

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Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
Government Building
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Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by the People's Temple to convey my impression of them and their work to you. I am happy to do so.

I believe their church is one of the most important organizations in California. It conbines strongly progressive social policies with a spirituality that makes our common humanity felt rather than simply known as an abstraction. The shortcomings of pure politics is precisely that it does not have content. The limits of pure spirituality are that it removes people from the world rather than connecting them with it. It seems to me that their efforts to conbine the material and the spiritual into real existence, to effectively recognize the humanity of all races and ages, to realize the capabilities of everybody, to take care of each other and to take responsibility for the world in which they live, follows the grain of what must be done to build a fully human world.

I have attended three of their services, the first over ten years ago in a remote rural section of California where I worked as a researcher and therapist in a large mental hospital. Their services are a unique blend of joyous music, intensely focused concern for suffering individuals, and attacks on the injustice that is part and parcel of our social order. I have known members of the church and one who left the church; he was a former drug addict who felt that he had gained immeasurably by his association with the People's Temple. I have also followed their work on behalf of people who were being unjustly treated and seen their efforts to unify the poor and dispossed of this country into an effective force. They are a warm, energetic, and progressive group of people.

In my judgement, the Agricultural Mission in your country established by the People's Temple is a fortunate blend of healthy development and a frontier for many people who were locked into destructive lives of passivity and despair in the land of their birth. You have my respect and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Snedeker
Attorney at Law

cc: Deputy Prime Minister
cc: Parliment

HH-1-P12

GAY ACTION/LABOR COMMITTEE

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August 5, 1977

The Right Honourable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister of Guyana
Government Buildings
Brickham
Georgetown, Guyana

Sir:

I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW TIMES magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works of People's Temple continue uninterrupted that I am now writing you.

For many years now, I have been a socialist and trade unionist, an anti-war organizer and active supporter of the Black, Latino, feminist and gay movements in the United States. In that time, I have witnessed a host of smear campaigns against all these movements. People's Temple is only the latest victim.

They are now an object of right-wing attacks because they practice what they preach--solidarity with the oppressed and exploited of the earth. The Temple's consistent struggle on behalf of democratic rights and against social and economic inequality is without parallel, even in San Francisco, historically a center of progressive movements. I am one of many thousands in this city who take pride in counting Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple among my friends.

Please be assured that the land you have so generously provided their agricultural mission serves to provide desperate youth with a new faith in humanity. By their shining example the Temple has earned not only hatred from the forces of reaction, but great love and respect from the victims of injustice.

Respectfully,

Howard Wallace

Howard Wallace, Organizer
GAY ACTION

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what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

If there is any way that I can assist you in helping to expose the falsity of the vile attacks against you, please do not hesitate to call on me. It would be but small repayment for the debt that the people of this area owe you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Roberts

DR: vv
cc: Sun Reporter

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August 31, 1977

L. F. F. Burnham
Prime Minister
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Brick Dam, Georgetown
Guyana

Dear Sir:

A perfidious campaign against Reverend Jim Jones and People's Temple has come to our attention. Sensationalist press, immoral journalists, corrupt and decadent magazines are trying to misrepresent the work of People's Temple and to taint the honor of Rev. Jones. Our organization, which organizes community schools at the elementary, secondary and college level, wants very much to dispel the effects of this infamous campaign and to give People's Temple our total support.

We know of the activities of People's Temple through our association with Ms. Yvonne Golden, a distinguished American educator who pursues an active role in the public schools of San Francisco, bringing hope and vitality to otherwise impoverished students from humble families in our city. She speaks highly of People's Temple, and we know her to be an extremely honorable and truthful person.

So, Mr. Prime Minister, People's Temple is not just a charitable organization. It is an active alliance of the members of our community working to bring to our society not only the most ample democracy but, at the same time, a spirit of social justice that is the very essence of Christianity. Self reliance, hard work, discipline and, above everything, a profound respect for human dignity is the essence of People's Temple's work. Our organization cannot let this occasion pass by without supporting this most significant movement in our country. As you know, sometimes dull and uninspired journalists find in cheap sensationalism a way to sell more papers. It is unfortunate that in this case they have chosen to attack a most noble and singular organization. We are sure that you, as head of an enlightened government, know some of the most ugly aspects of the so-called freedom of the press.

Above everything, People's Temple will continue helping people, working with them and bringing hope to all citizens. We hope they will receive your support.

In the name of our Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

F. Gonzalez

Fernando Gonzalez
Regional Director

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August 3, 1977

The Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
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Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Not surprisingly, the metropolitan media have singled out Peoples Temple for scrutiny and criticism.

This unusual attack on the Church is the cause of great concern and anguish among the friends of Peoples Temple. However, I am pleased to report that those of us who have looked at the great work of Bishop Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him.

My former colleague in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given much assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Reverend Jones who is Chairman of the San Francisco Housing Authority. The Chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus and its members are strong in their support of the Peoples Temple and, so is the President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), Carlton Goodlett.

This attack is no different from attempts recently by the United States media to discredit Guyana and Jamaica. We are now experiencing the same phenomena here with Peoples Temple. The reasons are obvious.

We are hoping that you will continue to give your support to the Mission and again I wish to express my deep gratitude and admiration for your efforts in Peoples Temple's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mervyn M. Dymally

MERVYN M. DYMALLY.

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c.c. Dr. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister
Members of the Cabinet

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JULIA HARE
Director of Community Affairs

August 10, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Building
Brickdam Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Honorable Forbes Burnham:

The Reverend Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple have recently come under what appears to be undue fire from certain quarters.

I have visited Reverend Jones' church and was struck by the spirit of the services, the compassion and goodwill displayed, the apparent good work, the use of Afro-American culture as I have never seen it before. Outside the church in the community at large, I have seen young black men and women members of the church, once crippled by feelings of inferiority, now walk with pride and dignity and a positive bearing with a clear sense of purpose.

Reverend Jones' baptism by the fire of reactionary wrath was of course predictable. Long before Socrates and Jesus Christ to Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy, men and women have been persecuted and gone to their deaths whenever they show promise of organizing people and society--successfully--for human good. Today, as we now know from COINTELPRO and the confessions of the FBI, the CIA and the Watergate burglars, persecution incorporates official and scientific prosecution whose method is infiltration.

Members of the black bourgeoisie complain that his membership is predominantly black and in the black community where he should have no place. Nor would he, if the black ministers were not failing their roles. The thing that most came home to me on my visit to the church was a sense of the failure of black church leadership. Reverend Jones has provided them a model of their mission in life, God's mandate to them, their call to preach. In terms of cries

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that the temple operates with the heavy hand of discipline and financial demands on members, I can testify that I have witnessed in churches throughout the country, including an Anniversary celebration of the president of a major black denomination where he stood and milked contributions by the hundreds of dollars each from elderly women pensioners and widows. And there is far more than I could say out of my experience and observations since early childhood, variously as member, organist and minister of music, the latter for the oldest black church in the United States in Petersburg, Virginia.

The Reverend Ike openly demands high pay from his followers and flaunts it. Why is there not an investigation and witchhunt of Reverend Ike?

When people speak of politics in church, I am reminded of Hemingway's remark in, I believe, A Farewell to Arms, that there is politics in all religion and religion in all politics.

When I interviewed Reverend Jones for my hour-long radio program, I noted the public response was overwhelming and positive. Why are those who resist freedom for Afro-Americans so bent on nailing Jim Jones to the cross?

Sincerely,

Julia Hare

JULIA HARE

bcc: Michael Prokes
Marsha Jones

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ALBERT E. KAHN
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July 21, 1977

Deputy Prime Minister Ptomely Reid
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Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Reid:

I am writing you at the request of associates of Reverend Jim Jones in connection with the current attacks that have been launched upon him and his organization, the People's Temple, in the San Francisco press.

I became acquainted with Reverend Jones more than a year ago, and in the intervening period I have been much impressed with the assistance he has given to the peace movement in this area, to Chilean political refugees who have settled in the region, and to the care and welfare of underprivileged citizens, not only among his own followers but also in the general community.

It is my opinion that in all likelihood the present charges being made against him are, besides sensational journalism, in part the result of the work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

May I take this opportunity to send you my warm personal greetings.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Albert E. Kahn

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August 3, 1977

The Honorable Forbes Burnham,
Prime Minister of Guayana

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I want to give my heartiest personal endorsement to the inspirational work of the Reverend Jim Jones in his California Churches and in his agricultural mission in Guayana.

I want to assure you of the appreciation that the progressive community in San Francisco people who would identify with the progressive policies of your government, and working people in this area have for the religion practiced by the Reverend Jones and People s Temple, true religion, in the sense of the Apostle James.

I hope that you understand that the media attack on Rev. Jones is part of what appears to be a coordinated right-wing propaganda offensive aimed at dividing working people that is currently sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitic,"new" Right and racist organizing - in a period of extreme economic crisis when such periods classically appear in monopoly capitalist societies.

Knowing of the internationally coordinated Fascist plot which overthrew the government of Salvador Allende in Chile, I cannot but be sensitive to the totally contrived and subversive nature of the media smears against this exemplary man, Jim Jones.

I hope your country and government continues to offer him every hospitality and courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Briody

Charles Briody
(Former National Chairperson of the Presidential Campaign of the People's Party candidate in 1972, Dr. Benjamin Spock)

cc.Dr. P. A. Reid, Deputy Prime Minister
cc. Parliament of Guayana

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Sylvester Herring
Commissioner
Human Rights Commission
2563 Divisadero
San Francisco, California 94115

August 13, 1977

Prime Minister Forbs Burnham
Government Headquarters
Brickdam Georgetown
Guyana

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a member of the Human Rights Commission in San Francisco to indicate to you my personal support of the Reverend James Jones who, with the permission of your government, has established and operated an Agriculture Mission in your country for a number of years.

Mr. Jones is also the pastor of the "Peoples Temple" Church here in San Francisco. I have observed a number of services at the Peoples Temple, and witnessed the extensive activities of community service engaged in by the Peoples Temple to the poor in this city. The Reverend Jones' church provides a wide variety of services, including free medical and food programs, which have been a great service to our community. In essence, Peoples Temple seems to me to be a church involved in what Christianity is all about: people of all ages working and living together in harmony and serving the community.

Our reports of the Peoples Temple activities in Guyana are, that the church is involved in similar activities of service through a progressive Agricultural Mission which is also providing great benefits to the people of your country.

These outstanding contributions of the Peoples Temple lead me to share with you, my impression of our mutual benefit from the services of Peoples Temple and to urge your support of their activities in your country.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Herring

Sylvester Herring
Commissioner
Human Rights Commission

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August 2, 1977

The Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Building
Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana
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Dear Sir:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverand Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California, U.S.A. Reverand Jones' church is located in one of the lower socio-economic areas of San Francisco. His membership seems to consist of members of all races creeds and colors. Reverand Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away . The People's Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

It is also my understanding that wonderful things are being done in your country by the Reverand Jones and members of Peoples Temple. I have often heard speeches given by the Reverand Jones in which he expresses great admiration for the government of Guyana and the great cooperation your country has given the People's Temple in the worthwhile project the Church is sponsoring in Guyana.

May God continue to bless your country in its continued progress.

Sincerely yours,

Margie Baker

(Mrs.) Margie Baker, Supervisor
San Francisco Public Schools

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DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION, INC.

2563 Divisadero San Francisco California 94115

August 8, 1977

Hon. Forbes Burnham, Prime Minister
Government Building, Brickdam
Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Your Excellency:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Reverend Jim Jones and the People's Temple. The People's Temple has established an agricultural school in your nation, and I have noticed that they have come under severe attack and criticism in my country. I would like to clarify and clear the record.

In the United States some politicians have a tendency to behave in a way that our former Senator McCarthy behaved. That is to lie, to cast aspersions and generally degrade any religious leader whom they perceive to be, as in the case of Reverend Jones, a stumbling block to their personal ambitions.

I have seen the charitable work of the People's Temple as I am involved in similar work myself, and the poor people of San Francisco look to the People's Temple as the source of the highest quality services dedicated to furthering their cause that our community has to offer.

I am confident that if you check with the Mayor of our city and our Sheriff they will give you a far clearer picture than is discernible from the rantings of our local lunatics. I realize how difficult it is for someone who lives abroad to perceive the subtleties of California's various power structures. Reverend Jones and his people have simply become a political football so that others would not have to address themselves to the issues. I believe the reason is that the bulk of Reverend Jones's congregation is black and that his enemies have been avowed racists.

It is my firm belief that some elements of the press have been unwittingly misled by the smear campaign, but I hope you will judge these issues in their true perspective.

Sincerely yours,

John Maher

JM:mn

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August 2, 1977

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
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Dear Sir:

I have know the Reverend Jim Jones of the People's Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplifies the life and teachings of Jesus Christ: What is the need, and what can I do to help.

For this Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King were persecuted, and many others were condemned without having done any evil.

I support the Reverend Jones in his work for humankind and sincerely hope his association with you will be a long and prosperous one.

Sincerely,

Enola D. Maxwell

Enola D. Maxwell
Executive Director

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e. robert (bob) wallach
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August 3, 1977

The Honorable Forbes Burnham, Prime Minister
Republic of Guyana
Public Buildings Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana

Dear Prime Minister Burnham:

I appreciate this opportunity to direct your attention to the work of the People's Temple of San Francisco. At the request of Gene Chaiken, Legal Counsel for the Temple, I thought it appropriate to extend my personal appraisal to you of the work they do here in San Francisco so that it may add to their credibility in their efforts in your own country.

As a matter of introduction, I am a past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco (1975), a professor of law at Hastings College of the Law and Consultant to the Dean at that school. I am a lawyer in active private practice. I do not belong to People's Temple and my only contact with them has been as a result of our shared interests in a variety of community projects in this city.

I have had an opportunity to meet and talk at length with Reverend Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of the People's Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the People's Temple makes a major contribution to the social wellbeing of this city, particularly among the disadvantaged, minorities and disabled within our community. Those individuals who often find it difficult to assemble support for their position as they seek to obtain lawful and appropriate rights from our society find a strong and giving ally in Reverend Jim Jones and those with whom he works.

In any community such as ours, there are bound to be those who express concern, and even disapproval, of the work performed by the People's Temple. By and large, I am forced to conclude that most, if not all, of those who criticize the work of the People's Temple do so from a vantage point of ignorance and without a full understanding of the major social objectives and significant daily contributions made by the Temple to the personal lives of thousands of individuals living in our city.

I prefer to believe that if they had a full opportunity to understand the work being done that it would allay their suspicions and put their fears to rest.

While I do not have personal contact with the work being done in your Republic by the People's Temple, I have had it fully described to me and most certainly believe in both the concept and the realization which appears to be a daily event. Projects designed to provide a new life for people without hope demand our full support, yet seldom receive

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August 3, 1977

Connie Williams
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San Francisco, CA.

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham
Government Buildings
Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana, South America

Dear Mr. Burnham:

By way of introduction, I own and operate Connie's Restaurant in San Francisco and I am writing to express my feelings about Bishop Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the U.S.

Because Jim Jones has boldly defended the rights of the poor and oppressed in this racist society, he has suffered continuous harassment and persecution. It is not only difficult but dangerous, as you might well imagine, to stand for Socialist principles in a capitalist society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted and, in the face of it all, proceeded with his work.

As a black woman who, through my business, has met the most sensitive and humane people in San Francisco and many from other parts of the U.S., I can tell you that Bishop Jones and Peoples Temple are viewed with utter respect and admiration for the incredible work they have done in bringing dignity, health, and well-being to people from destitute backgrounds.

I have heard Bishop Jones speak with the greatest respect for your leadership and program in Guyana. I wish you the best of luck in achieving the goals of your Socialist revolution there, and thank you for allowing Peoples Temple to take part.

Very respectfully,

Connie Williams

Connie Williams

P.S. Additionally, for your interest, I am President of the West Coast Caribbean Association which works to unite people here from Caribbean countries with other black and Third World peoples.

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it from the established governmental facilities.

You are to be congratulated and emulated in your contribution with the People's Temple to convert hopeless lives into persons of contribution and significance.

If I can provide any additional information to you at any time, please don't hesitate to let me know. Best regards.

Very truly yours,

e. robert (bob) wallach

erw/bk

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August 9, 1977

Mary Helen Rogers
1824 Buchanan Street
San Francisco, Calif.
94115

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a representative in the black community, and as Chairperson of WAPAC, Western Addition Project Area Committee, an organization representing the vested interests of minorities residing within an undeveloped section of San Francisco.

As a community organizer for many years I realize the need for progressive change. Rev. Jones is attempting to enlighten the community, of which he has made himself a part, in order to bring about constructive change to the present repressive conditions in the community of mankind, and, as a means of assuring change in the conditions of the exploited masses of the third world community in which he serves.

Organizations such as WACO, WAPAC, which I have been a part of, and the Black Panther Party, etc., have in the past attempted to administrate programs which reached out in the community meeting the many social deficits facing the poor. Each organization faced the attacks of the press and each organization subsequently experienced systematic eradication.

Rev. Jone's work, by all means, in coordination with the support of the Guyanese Government, must continue. No diabolical scheme of the press should stand in the way of man's dedication to the struggle of the oppressed.

Thanking you for your attention, I remain,

Yours in the struggle,

Mary Helen Rogers

Mary Helen Rogers.

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DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION, INC.

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August 8, 1977

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Guyana, South America

Your Excellency:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Reverend Jim Jones and the People's Temple. The People's Temple has established an agricultural school in your nation, and I have noticed that they have come under severe attack and criticism in my country. I would like to clarify and clear the record.

In the United States some politicians have a tendency to behave in a way that our former Senator McCarthy behaved. That is to lie, to cast aspersions and generally degrade any religious leader whom they perceive to be, as in the case of Reverend Jones, a stumbling block to their personal ambitions.

I have seen the charitable work of the People's Temple as I am involved in similar work myself, and the poor people of San Francisco look to the People's Temple as the source of the highest quality services dedicated to furthering their cause that our community has to offer.

I am confident that if you check with the Mayor of our city and our Sheriff they will give you a far clearer picture than is discernible from the rantings of our local lunatics. I realize how difficult it is for someone who lives abroad to perceive the subtleties of California's various power structures. Reverend Jones and his people have simply become a political football so that others would not have to address themselves to the issues. I believe the reason is that the bulk of Reverend Jones's congregation is black and that his enemies have been avowed racists.

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It is my firm belief that some elements of the press have been unwittingly misled by the smear campaign, but I hope you will judge these issues in their true perspective.

Sincerely yours,

John Maher

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