30 March 1977

Reverend James Jones
Disciples of Christ Inc,
P.O. Box 15023
San Francisco, Ca. 94115

Dear Rev. Jones;

I have recently finished reading an interesting article in the Bay Guardian about your People's Temple.

Do you have any written material on your church? It certainly sounded worthy of a visit but I always like to know the identity of people involved in any movement.

I would request that you send me the names and addresses of your incorporators if you will. I am snelosing a self addressed stamped envelope for your use.

I am delighted that you have the courage tp attack the C.I.A. Certainly never in human history has such an incredibly corrupt organization operated with not only the consent but with the active connivance of the American government to betray and degrade men for a sordid economic purpose.

Do you have a schedule of the services since I felt it might be interesting to attend your church?

Very truly yours,

Jane Hurley

Jane Hurley

P.O. Box 372
Point Richmond, Ca.

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MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
433 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104
415/398-4626

ARTHUR L. FINE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

April 6, 1977

Dear Brother Jones:

Your generous donation of $200.00 toward the Street Peoples Committee's expanded Ex-Offender Jobs Program has not yet been negotiated. The expanded program has not yet been funded; however, the existing program continues to operate. May I share with you that to this point 192 ex-offenders have been placed in suitable employment opportunities.

It is not clear whether an expanded program will be possible, but it is clear to us that the current program ought to be continued. Accordingly, we request your permission to utilize your contribution of $200.00 to support the current program.

Respectfully,

ALF

Reverend Jim Jones
Peoples Temple
of the Disciples of Christ
P. O. Box 15023
San Francisco, Ca. 94115

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EVELLE J. YOUNGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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3580 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90010
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April 5, 1977

Mr. Richard D. Tropp
Executive Assistant
to Reverend Jones
P. O. Box 15023
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Mr. Tropp:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 1977 regarding my vote to confirm the nomination of Ms. Rose Bird to the position of Chief Justice to the State Supreme Court.

It was very thoughtful of you to take the time to write me as you did on behalf of Rev. Jim Jones and the congregation. Their support of my decision is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Evelle J. Younger
Attorney General

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March 12, 1977

Pastor Jim Jones
Peoples Temple Account
P. O. Box 15384
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Pastor Jones:

You helped raise $106,000 in 1976 for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund!

Your generous support of the Legal Defense Fund has been a major reason for LDF's effectiveness in fighting discrimination in employment, housing and education. We would like to tell you of a few of LDF's highlights during 1976, and a project we plan for 1977.

Lowell Johnston, Director Counsel of the Western Office is handling a suit for a black woman who was a sheetmetal mechanic involved in Equal Employment Opportunity activities at the Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF). She was laid off in violation of regulations governing reduction in force, and was previously denied promotions because of her race and civil rights related activities. This case, (Ellis v. NARF) will be one of the first class action trials on behalf of federal employees under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1972, the Act was amended to include federal employees. LDF is Co-Counsel with Alameda County Legal Aid Society and Howard Moore.

In July, William Turner argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for the right of black and Chicano employees to maintain a class action against their employers and union. In Roberts v. Golden Gate Disposal Co., LDF opposed Golden Gate Disposal, Sunset Scavenger Co., and the Teamsters on this very important procedural issue. LDF has taken the case to the Court of Appeals because class actions are the only effective device for rooting out discrimination in an across-the-board attack of hiring practices, job assignment wages, denial of promotions and retirement benefits.

Contributions are deductible for U.S. income tax purposes

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The tremendous demand for Title VII expertise has increased due to three major factors: the 1972 amendment to the Civil Rights Act to include federal employees; the general unhealthy state of the economy; and the knowledge that relief from employment discrimination has been and will continue to be available to those oppressed.

In response to this urgent need to capably handle Title VII litigation in the Bay Area, LDF has put together a program of cooperating attorneys. This program would enable attorneys in private practive to undertake employment litigation under the guidance of LDF's experienced staff of attorneys.

Already successful in other parts of the nation, (LDF's office in New York works with over four hundred cooperating attorneys in a most successful program) the Western Office would like to initiate a similar project, complete with a teaching component that would give pertinent instruction to those attorneys wishing to involve themselves in Title VII litigation. A more equitable distribution of trained attorneys able to handle these cases would enable LDF to multiply its effectiveness by broadening its own civil rights litigation.

Although LDF has requested the San Francisco Foundation to fund this program, we still will need to supplement the grant with individual contributions.

We have enclosed a brochure describing two types of discrimination cases LDF is handling in Mobile, Alabama - employment and housing. Jessie Stevenson tells his story in his own words - how he risked his job to challenge discrimination at International Paper Company in Mobile. Warren Dillon, a computer systems engineer at IBM suffered no discrimination on the job; however, when it came to finding a home for his family, it was a different matter. Not once, but twice, LDF attorneys went to court for the Dillons.

In all sections of the country, LDF attorneys are using the courts and the legal process to secure in fact what the law promises. The black men and women seeking LDF's help risk themselves to advance us all toward the multi-racial society we seek.

Many thanks for your support in 1976. We will keep you informed as to LDF's activities throughout 1977.

Sincerely,

Sally & Phil Lilienthal

Sally & Philip E. Lilienthal
Co-Chairpersons
Northern California Committee

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AN INVITATION FROM DR. GOODLETT

Dear Friend:

There is a rainbow in the sky! Vietnam, Laos, Kampushea, Angola, Mosambique, Guinea-Bissau, Greece, Portugal and Cuba are brilliant colors. The balance of world forces in favor of peace are big enough to make it more difficult than ever for imperialism to launch a third world war. That is the meaning of detente. Detente has been created by the struggles of the peoples.

The New Stockholm Peace Appeal initiated by the World Peace Council already has 400,000,000 signatures in over 100 countries of the world. Twenty-five years ago when the first Stockholm appeal was launched in the midst of the Cold War, five hundred million people--500,000 in the U. S.--signed the petition to demand the banning of the atomic bomb. The World Peace Council credits the appeal with having prevented the use of nuclear weapons by the U. S. in the Korean War and transforming public opinion.

But detente is in its infancy. The arms race is still a threat. The stockpiled firepower could destroy the world many times over. In the U.S. the arms race leads to the decay of our cities, devastation of social services, unemployment, inflation, repression and racism. It threatens civilization with doomsday war and drains our society of the wealth it desperately needs.

The new world situation has created new possibilities to ending the arms race and finding new solutions for the various problems facing the peoples of the world.

CARLETON GOODLETT, a member of the Presidential Committee of the World Peace Council joined by Albert Kahn call upon you to come to an urgent meeting (with a very short notice) on Monday, April 4th at his office at 1360 Turk St. at 7:30 to discuss some very concrete questions.

1. Plans for the up coming visit of the World Peace Council delegation to S. F. on April 17 & 18. On the delegation is a representative from the So. African Congress of Trade Unions, James Stewart and Karen Talbott, well known Bay Area peace worker, now secretary in the W.P.C. in Helsinki.

2. Preparations for the World Assembly of Builders of Peace in Warsaw from May 6 to 11, 1977. Two thousand delegates are expected. Discussion also on a world conference in June on South Africa and Apartheid to be held in Portugal.

3. Organizing the Stockholm Peace Appeal campaign into a mass movement and joining it with our own fight for the Transfer Resolution, Feed the Cities, Cut the Military Budget, etc.

YOU are getting this letter because you can be an important force and link to reach the people of the S. F. Bay area to build a peace movement. There never was a better time. Please consider this an extraordinary situation. COME TO THE MEETING.

Sincerely,
Carleton Goodlett
Member of the Presidential Com. W. P. C.

Albert Kahn
Member of the World Peace Council

(If you have any questions
call 552-3330 ask for Irma)

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Black Renaissance

P.O. BOX 12206
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112
415/584-4648

April 5, 1977

SAMUEL J. SKINNER, JR.

KFOG 104.5 FM
Weekly—Sunday: 10:30 p.m.
KBHK TV Channel 44
Sundays: 9:30 p.m.

Dear Jimmy:

It has been brought to our attention your organization, (or yuu) would be a excellent guest for our Sunday night show on KFCG-FM Radio

Since we tape our shows somewhat ahead of time we would like to know if you or your organization would be interested in doing a 30 minute radio interview.

If so please call and leave your name,phone number with station and we will return your call.

Await word from you.

Sincere thanks,

Sam Skinner Jr.

Samuel J. Skinner Jr.
Producer and host

P.S. If yuu perfer to leave your phone number with our recording service it would be easier in setting up the interview....584-4648

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DELANCEY STREET FOUNDATION, INC.

2563 Divisadero San Francisco California 94115

March 4, 1977

Mrs. Louise Peterson
1829 Steiner Street
San Francisco
California

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

I am always pleased to hear from friends like you, because it is only through sharing our concern for others less fortunate that we can hope to serve their needs.

Thank you, Mrs. Peterson, for your words of encouragement. They represent a gift beyond price to me as I am sure they do to your pastor, Jim Jones.

Warmest regards,

John Maher

JM:mn

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American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. Memorandum

PROGRAMMING

To: RUSS COUGHLAN AND THOSE LISTED

From: DON AZARS

Date: MARCH 15, 1977

Subject: NEW RELIGIOUS SERIES CONCEPT

Mike.
F.Y.I.
DA

FUNDAY GOOD STUFF

Proposed is a weekly half hour show based on the stories, characters, activities and kid related aspects of religion.

The series would be titled "FUNDAY GOOD STUFF", as part of an overall Sunday morning umbrella title "FUNDAY".

Hosted by five children between the ages of 6 to 10 years, FUNDAY GOOD STUFF would consist of three minute segmented series.

FUNDAY GOOD STUFF SEGMENTS INCLUDE:

1. Religious characters portrayed by actors would be interviewed by hosting children.

2. "My Church", would be a filmed tour of places of worship by the five hosts and other selected children.

3. Bible Stories would be told by contemporary personalities (i.e. Donny Osmond, Farah Fawcet, Lee Majors etc.) and either acted out by the costumed hosts or supported by various religious works of art supplied by children.

4. Newscasts manned by the hosts would report various news religious event in a "You Are There" fashion (the parting of the Red Sea, John Smith seeing the Angel Gabriel, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount etc.).

5. Advice to viewing children in answer to mail received would be provided on a spontaneous fashion from the hosts. Mail would be solicited from various churches for the first thirteen weeks and on the air for subsequent shows.

6. Outside films obtained from such organizations as Lutheran Television, Southern Baptist Films would be edited and serialized for presentation.

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7. Music will play an important part of FUNDAY GOOD STUFF. Performances by Bay Area children, professional performers, and the hosts themselves will be presented in multiple segments on a weekly basis.

8. Children who have a special role within the definition of religion will be guests upon occasion. Such "guests" would include, Little Michael, the boy evangelist, an average "PK" (preachers' kid), noted gospel singers, etc.

9. Holidays will be described and explained according to their religious significance. These segments will not necessarily be broadcast on or near the respective holiday, but will serve to provide an orientation of several religions.

10. The Ten Commandments will individually be dealt with in a yet designed fashion. Perhaps, one by one, a child host will explain what it means to him.

11. The "New Religions" are everywhere around us; Reverend Moon, Bahai, Hari Krishna etc., are among these. Actually they are not new at all. The children will learn about not only the difference by the similarities of these faiths.

12. Bible Games will be a series of "game show parodies" in which participating hosts imitate various game shows, (Hollywood Squares, Let's Make a Deal etc.), involved in guessing names, events, and creedos involved in religion.

These are just twelve segments; there can be additional such program elements.

All segments will use musical jingles, colorful set graphics and active participants.

Many segments will involve costumes, performances, comedy and endearing candor on the part of the five children hosts.

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PRODUCTION NOTES

1. All segments will be recorded on video cartridges. Thus thirteen versions of each of the above described segments (a total of 156 segment carts) can be programmed in variations composing individual programs. The results will be thirty nine weeks broadcast of thirteen weeks fresh appealing shows.

2. Each segment will begin with an audio visual jingle. Segment broadcast "back to back" will consequently be separated by music and graphics, helping pacing.

3. Each weeks shows will be sustaining in keeping with the NAB code on religious programming.

4. The hosting children will be presented in a fashion much like the "Zoom" series. The goal of which is to build five personalities appealing to viewing children and adults alike.

5. Production of FUNDAY GOOD STUFF would occur during June, July, August as a "summer job" for the hosting children. As part of the "FUNDAY" concept GOOD STUFF would premiere in September.

6. Production team members that produce CALIFORNIA COUNTDOWN, and YOUNG SOUNDS OF SPRING '77 would officiate; under the guidance of Executive Producer, Sam Ewing.

7. Cooperation in an active manner will be provided by the IFCC, with Ray Yeager willing and able to help in terms of research, contacts and liason with actual churches.

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GOALS

The goals of FUNDAY GOOD STUFF is to offer an entertaining and informative religious series that children will watch.

FUNDAY GOOD STUFF will involve all religions; Jewish, Buddists, Mormons, Catholics, various Protestant denominations, Bahai, etc., etc.

FUTURE

If well received, the growth of FUNDAY GOOD STUFF may include the usage of such animation as is used in Sesame Street, or Schoolhouse Rock.

Additional segment ideas will most certainly be developed for subsequently produced sessions.

NOW

1. This "prospective" is being circulated to the creative minds at KGO Television for expansion and development.

2. IMMEDIATE indication for each of you as to overall concept is needed prior to further consideration.

3. The IFCC has enthusiastically indicated their support and cooperation.

4. Budgetary and final content design is now deadlined for completion by April 15th. Meetings will be scheduled prior to start date for development purposes.

Thank you.



DA/cc

TO: Bob Mitchell, Bob Sunderland, Sam Ewing (3), Jim Stringer, Harry Irving, Cal Thomas, Dennis Fitch (3), Ken Ellis, Ray Yeager (IFCC), Dominic Battaglia, Bev Hayon, Mark Mandala

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WESTERN ADDITION CENTER FOR ALCOHOLIC PROBLEMS

1838 GEARY BOULEVARD
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94115
(415) 567-2821

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ernest Hill

March 14, 1977

Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ
Post Office Box 15023
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Gentlepersons:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Western Addition Center for Alcoholic Problems - WACAP and myself to you. WACAP is a state funded agency dedicated to serving the needs of the Western Addition alcoholic and his/her family. We provide confidential pre-treatment counseling free of charge. We make referrals to detoxification centers and recovery homes. We also give information on available social services, medical treatment, legal aid and job-counselling and placement for the recovering alcoholic.

In our efforts to counteract the problem of drug and alcohol abuse among our teen agers, we are showing free movies on alcohol abuse, and are offering alternatives to the over-consumption of alcohol.

If you would like we will be happy to meet with your group and show our films and distribute our material. In the meantime, however, we have scheduled a general film showing at Hamilton Recreation Center for Friday, March 25th.

Please post our movie notice and encourage your young people to attend. I am sure that they will find the evening interesting.

Thank you for the kindness and consideration that you have shown WACAP.

Love, Peace and Light,

NorVal K. Bhendra
Outreach Worker

NKB:hs

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March 22, 1977

Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find a press release relating to the "books for a Free Namibis" project. We hope you will use part or all of it to inform your readers or listeners. If you have any further questions regarding the information given in the release or background information on the project, please contact me mornings at the phone number given on the release. You can expect to receive further updating on the project as it develops.

A last minute development has been the decision of members of the Peace Ship Fri, currently based in Hong Kong, to also sail to Namibia on a similar mission to that of the Golden Harvest. The Fri plans to arrive in Namibia in Mid-September 1977. We will try to keep you updated on this project as well.

Sincerely,

Brad Burkhart

Brad Burkhart
Bay Area Namibia Action Project

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"Books for a Free Namibia"
The Voyage of the Golden Harvest

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OPERATION NAMIBIA
4811 Springfield Ave.
Phila., Pa. 19143

LOCAL CONTACT:
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Bay Area Namibia Action Group
2306 Market St. #309
S.F., Ca. 94114
415-626-3073

March 23, 1977

Sailing under the motto "Books for a Free Namibia", the ship Golden Harvest has just arrived in Dakar, Senegal to be refitted for the final phase of its 7,000 mile journey from Portsmouth, England to Walvis Bay, Namibia. The 9 member international crew consisting of 2 women and 7 men (from Australia, Britain, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, U.S.A., and Japan) will present 4,500 books banned by the South African Government but requested by the legitimate representatives of the Namibian people (the South West African People's Organization and the Namibian National Convention) meeting in Windhoek, Namibia in May 1977. The crew is openly challenging South Africa's illegal control in Namibia by delivering these books.

Like their South African neighbors, Namibians are forced by the government to live under the rigid apartheid system, which denies blacks their most basic human rights. Blacks are forbidden to travel about the country without a special permit, and are compelled to work in a contract labor system which requires that they leave their homes and families for periods of at least a year, to do hard manual labor for barely subsistence wages. As a result of poverty and lack of services, 50% of the children in Namibia die before the age of 5.

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South Africa continues to maintain this control over the Namibian people inspite of both U.N. and World Court edicts declaring it illegal.

In addition, thousands of books, many of them by African writers, are banned because they are political, critical of government policy, or about black culture. Even Black Beauty, a children's story about a horse, was banned at first because of its title; the ban was lifted because of embarrassing publicity about the incident.

The Golden Harvest and the banned books left Portsmouth, England on October 27, 1976, the tenth anniversary of the United Nations resolution declaring South Africa's occupation of Namibia illegal. The 69 foot sailing vessel called on the port of Santa Cruz, Canary Islands, in December to lead a seminar about Namibia at the University of Tenerife. The crew will continue to visit West African ports en route to Namibia to contact supporters and government officials and to build public awareness of their action. After a short layover in Senegal for the rerigging, the boat will next sail to Accra, Ghana.

This action, known as the "Books for a Free Namibia" project, is part of Operation Namibia, a transnational campaign supporting independence for Namibia. Since its conception in 1975, Operation Namibia has grown to include organizers and supporters on five continents. Locally the project is represented by the Bay Area Namibia Action Group. Other actions include a project focused on illegal corporate activities in Namibia.

In the U.S. the project has the support of the National Council of Churches and the American Friends Service Committee.

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ACLU
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.
814 Mission Street–Suite 301
San Francisco, California 94103
Telephone (415) 777-4880

March 29, 1977

Reverend Jim Jones
Peoples Temple
1859 Geary St.
San Francisco, Ca. 94115

Dear Friend:

This letter is written to let you know that the Coalition Against the Death Penalty is in the process of being revived and is organizing itself for action.

We would like to know your present position on the death penalty and whether your organization would like to participate actively in the Coalition.

Will you please let us know by returning the enclosed form as soon as possible. If you will join us, let us know who is your current executive director, who will serve as contact for your organization, where future mailings should be sent, as well as any address and phone numbers, and how you wish to be listed on Coalition letterhead. If you are not interested in joining us at the present time, let us know whether you wish to be included on a mailing list and whether you might wish to become involved at a later date.

Among the organizations which have already formalized their participation in the Coalition are the following:

Committee for Prisoner Humanity and Justice
Commission on Social Justice - Archdiocese of San Francisco
American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California
Friends Committee on Legislation
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
American Friends Service Committee

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Richard De Lancie, Chairperson • Ruth Jacobs, Helen A. Salz, Vice Chairpersons • Warren H. Saltzman, Sect.-Treas. • David M. Fishlow Executive Director • Charles C. Marson, Legal Director • Brent Barnhart, Legislative Representative (Sacramento) • Dorothy Ehrlich, Development Director

We are enclosing our first Newsletter and invite you to join us at our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the ACLU office, 814 Mission Street (4th and Mission), Suite 301. Coalition meetings will be held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Marlene De Lancie

Marlene De Lancie
For the Northern California
Coalition Against the
Death Penalty

Encl.
MDL/gs

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FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION OF CALIFORNIA
1107 - 9th STREET • ROOM 1015 • SACRAMENTO • CALIFORNIA 95814 • (916) 443-3734

April 1, 1977

Friends:

As you probably heard, the major death penalty bill (SB 155, Deukmejian) passed the Senate floor yesterday by a vote of 29 - 10 (two more votes than necessary).

FOR		AGAINST
Ayala	Nejedly	Alquist
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Garcia	Vuich	Mills
Gregorio	Wilson	
Holmdahl	Zenovich	
Johnson		

April 11th will be the next date for hearing in Assembly Criminal Justice. The hearing is set for 1:30 PM with a press conference scheduled for 1 PM. In conjunction there will be a vigil at noon at the 11th & L entrance to the Capitol Building.

The next meeting of the Coalition Against the Death Penalty will be held on the 13th of April, Wed., 7:30 PM at the ACLU offices in San Francisco (814 Mission, between 5th & 4th Sts).

Sincerely,

FCL

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES: • Laura Magnani • Ruth Flower • Gary Miller

Please return to: Marlene De Lancie
Coalition Against The Death Penalty
American Civil Liberties Union of
Northern California
814 Mission Street, Suite 301
San Francisco, Ca: 94103

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Executive Director: _____

Our organization opposes the death penalty ☐ yes ☐ no

We wish to participate in the Coalition ☐ yes ☐ no

Our death-penalty contact person (if other than executive director) is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Future mailings should be sent to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

We wish to be listed on Coalition letterhead as follows:

_____

_____

_____

You have our permission to use our name in publicity: ☐ yes ☐ no

We cannot join the Coalition now, but wish to be on your mailing list: ☐ yes ☐ no

We may become active at a later date: ☐ yes ☐ no

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We suggest that the following organizations and individuals be approached as likely supporters of the Coalition (please include name, address, phone):

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We are especially interested in participating in the following areas:

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Since we are organizing on a state-wide basis, with Northern and Southern California Coalitions, please list your organization's offices, chapters, branches, or affiliates in other parts of the state:

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NOTES FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION

Against the Death Penalty

MARCH 1977

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Both the Senate and the Assembly have been hearing bills that propose to reinstate the death penalty. At the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on February 22, Senator Deukmejian introduced his bill, SB 155, a comprehensive proposal setting up a three-phase trial for a variety of death-penalty crimes. First degree murder, sabotage, treason, train-wrecking, procuring the execution of an innocent person, bombing involving a death, and assault by a life prisoner would all be subject to the death penalty under SB 155. In the penalty phase, the presumption is that the sentence shall be death, unless the defendant is able to establish that mitigating circumstances call for leniency.

Deukmejian brought Evelle Younger and other state employees to the hearing who testified that the murder rate had gone up since the death penalty had been abolished in California, and that policemen's lives were endangered by fleeing felons. Opposing witnesses testified that the death penalty is useless as a deterrent, that it involves every citizen of the state in a killing, that it is barbaric, vengeful, morally unjustifiable and constitutionally unsound.

Testifying on behalf of the Friends Committee on Legislation, Isabel Bachels said "The legislature is embarking on a futile attempt to find the right way to do something that is fundamentally wrong. ...It is not surprising to see the crime rate go up when the United States spends time building up its armaments, when young men are required to give up years of their lives to learn how to kill, and when hour after hour of television programming is devoted to violence."

SB 155 was passed by the committee by a vote of 7 - 2.

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THE COALITION

It's time to meet again to stop the death penalty. A number of Northern Californians have formed a working group -- the Northern California Coalition Against the Death Penalty-- in order to pool our efforts to defeat death penalty legislation. Among others, the Coalition includes the ACLU, the Friends Committee on Legislation, the American Friends Service Committee, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the Northern Californians Against Repressive Legislation, the Committee for Prisoner Humanity and Justice, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the American Jewish Council, the Joint Strategy and Action Commission, the Commission on Social Justice of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the California Democratic Council and several dedicated individuals.

The Coalition has met three times so far to plan legislative, educational and community actions. We are in need of individuals who have time to do research, phoning, writing and mailing. We need to know of groups who would like to participate in coordinated demonstrations, be contacted about hearings, and work actively with the Coalition. Please contact Ruth Flower at FCL, 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco 94121 (415-752-7887) or Dotty Erlich at ACLU, 814 Mission, San Francisco 94103 (415-777-4880).

NATIONWIDE VIGILS AT EASTER

On Good Friday, many churches will commemorate the death of Jesus at the hands of the Roman Government. Since

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26 March 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

During the past ten months the National Newspaper Publishers Association--Black Press of America has attempted on three occasions to establish communication with you. In accordance with an NNPA tradition, you were invited to the 36th Annual Convention of our association, June 9-12, 1976, to use our 36th Annual Convention as a forum to address yourself to issues confronting the Black electorate. Your refusal to attend the Philadelphia convention was announced in a telegram, June 11, 1976, in which you proffered an alternative proposal to meet with representatives of the National Newspaper Publishers Association any time after June 15, 1976. Many efforts were made between your nomination by the Democratic National Convention and the Presidential election, November 2, 1976, for the Black publishers to confer with you.

Shortly after your inauguration as the 39th President of the United States, NNPA invited you to appear as guest speaker at the Sesquicentennial Banquet honoring the founding of Freedom's Journal, the nation's first Black newspaper. The first two unsuccessful efforts to meet with you occurred while you were an aspirant to the high office of President of the United States; we recognize that every candidate has the right to accept or ignore the invitations of those who wish an audience with him. Moreover, the President of the United States also has a right to decide with whom he will confer. But, during a period of approximately 45 days you and your staff played a cat and mouse game, neither accepting nor rejecting our invitation to be the only speaker at the Banquet, highlighting a three-day commemorative event. The National Newspaper Publishers Association considers your behavior rude and disappointing.

If the American Newspaper Publishers Association (the White Press) had invited you to be the main speaker at a banquet honoring the 304th anniversary of the

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founding of Public Occurrences, the first newspaper published in the American Colonies in 1673, would you have treated their invitation in such a cavalier fashion? Did your evening meal, March 18, 1976, with Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State, and your foreign policy advisers better serve the interests of the nation? Does the 39th President have two different standards for dealing with former adversaries: one white and one black?

After the '76 presidential election, I have accommodated to the reality that for the next four years Jimmy Carter is the 39th President of the United States. Apparently you find it difficult to accommodate yourself to the reality that the organized Black Press of America has only one president. Whether the President of the United States or the President of NNPA display traits of mutual admiration is not particularly important. The welfare and tranquillity of the nation suffer when the Chief Executive and the leadership of the Black Press are neither communicating nor coordinating efforts to rescue the nation from both the institutional and the individual ravages of racism.

If there is honesty in his interrogation, a President who asks the question, "Why not the best?" must understand and utilize the Black Press, the interpreter and chronicler of the Black experience. The officers of NNPA have been successful in their efforts to communicate with every Chief Executive since the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Of course, there have been many areas of serious disagreement between several of our presidents and the spokesmen for the organized Black Press. Yet, through all of these exchanges of ideas and the stating of seemingly opposite positions, your predecessors have never refused to reply to an invitation from the one sole Black-owned communication medium in the nation.

Hamilton Jordan and other members of your staff informed William Rowe, Acting Executive Director, NNPA, and John Smith, Executive Vice President and Editor, the Atlanta Inquirer, that we could expect a reply from your office seven days before the banquet event. Every effort on the part of our representatives to get a definitive answer to our invitation was strung along; at noon, March 18, in a telephone call to the White House, William Rowe was told that the White House's sending Vice President Mondale, as a drop-in on the NNPA convention luncheon, was the intended reply to our invitation to you. Moreover, your surrogates

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stated that the White House briefing, not scheduled on our program and indeed conflicting with our schedule of events, was an additional response to our invitation to you as the Banquet speaker.

Previously, I have been impressed that a deeply religious man, who was a Sunday School teacher, sought and achieved the position of 39th President of the United States. It was hoped that an individual committed to religious principles of morality in his personal life would be able to start the process by which morality could become a behavioral trait of the nation, reflected in more equitable and moral treatment of those citizens who daily endure the ravages of racism, sexism and classism in our society. Foreign policy is the mirrored image of domestic policy; therefore, a nation being led by a religiously committed president trying to implement the principles of morality on the broad terrain of our national affairs would be able to infuse the same national commitment to high morality and human dignity in the nation's policies in the international community. As a former Sunday School teacher and Trustee of the Historic Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, California, as one Christian I proclaim: "Your failure to reply either yay or nay to our invitation, thereby preventing the Sesquicentennial Banquet from having a featured speaker, was an evil deed not anticipated from a President who professes to march to the drumbeat of high moral and ethical principles."

From the distance, you appear to be a highly intelligent man using the rhetoric of concern for "the least of these," but the true test of what the 39th President of the United States is "all about" is neither your magnanimous behavior in the affairs of state with a world-wide public preview, nor your pious utterances in defense of human rights, but will be found in the petty little things which you do in your personal vendetta against the most politically important force in Black America, the press serving twenty-five million Black Americans, who are more numerous than the population of any of 157 other nations in the world.

For some 150 years this Black Press of America has struggled along Freedom's Road with a few friends and many mighty enemies. The Black Press of America would like to have a friend in the White House; yet, if the hand of friendship, extended thrice, is to be permanently refused, so be it! We shall always demand respect from our enemies.

There are many programs affecting the nation in the area of housing, education, employment, police-community relations, the four cornerstones of our racist society delineated in President Johnson's Commission on Civil Disorder's Report.

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Moreover, as a nuclear scientist you understand the futility and the insanity of the world's headlong ravaging of its resources in nuclear and military armaments. Not even the USA can endure the staggering annual expenditure of $120-plus billion of its economic resources in the folly of guaranteeing peace through strength. Many sacrifices will be required of our people. They must be told the stark reality; rich USA cannot provide both guns and butter for her people. A president castigated by the military-industrial-political complex as "visionary and naive" when he talks about nuclear and general disarmament is not a visionary, but a man possessed of the capacity to see the dire consequence for civilization. The American people must understand this President's mission to stop the madding international nuclear and conventional arms race; moreover, tens of millions of our people must rally to such a President's crusade to rescue a suffering humanity.

For 150 years the Black Press has struggled to articulate the needs of both the Black masses and the White majority which it serves. Proudly, we proclaim that some small service has been rendered to the nation by the Black Press. As it moves toward its bicentennial anniversary, this Black Press shall continue to criticize public and private officials, in high and low station, whose covert and overt behavior we deem inimical to the well-being of the people.

Mr. President, I apologize for having written two letters in one: one a protest of an insult to the Black Press of America, and the other a statement of concern for your search for a world-wide formula of nuclear and general disarmament. It is obvious that the first subject triggered the opportunity for a discussion of the second. Since the opportunities for an exchange of correspondence will be limited, I hope that my rationalization for this letter's length is understood.

In all probability the palace guard will not even deliver this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph.D., M.D., President
National Newspaper Publishers Association
--Black Press of America

cc: Vice President Walter F. Mondale
Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Organization
Jesse Hill, President, Atlanta Life Insurance Company

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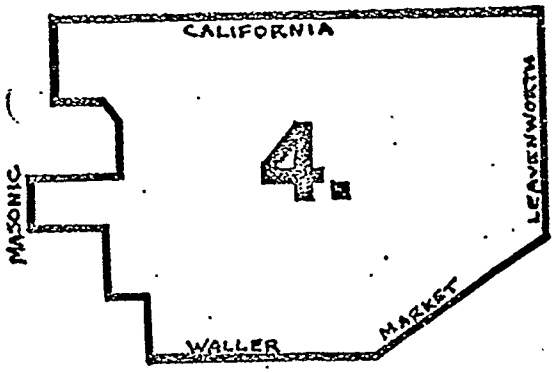

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COMMUNITY CONGRESS

Dear Tim,

Sorry it took us so long to scrape up the bucks to pay you all for your good work! We wonder why you don't have some sort of trademark to put on the posters you do saying "labor donated" so you can get dome credit.

I believe Neil spoke to you about possibly printing a tabloid as soon as possible. What are the chances of us putting down a $50 deposit and then getting the rest from our fundraisers later in the month? We also hope that once people read the tabloid they will send us donations. $50 is our whole treasury.

Please let Neil or myself know soon. If you can't afford to let us "pay later" we'll understand.

Yours,

Joanne Molloy

Joanne Molloy (626-2547)

(Neil's # is 626-2635)

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office for political prisoners and human rights in chile

February 16,1976

Dear Friends,

Since Laura Allende last spoke with you, we were wondering if you were interested in having other guest speakers, films, discussions about the situation in Chile? We have access to all these materials, just phone me at the office. Thank You for taking the time to write the fine article you did write when Laura Allende was here.

Yours for Humar Rights,

Maria Rodrigues

Maria Rodrigues

The office phone has been changed to 285-5929
Our address has been changed to: P.O. Box 40605
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March 31, 1977

Dear Board Member:

The Western Addition Project Area Committee (WAPAC) Board of Directors will be holding its last Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting (to be held on April 15, 1977) on Wednesday April 6, 1977 at the WAPAC office, 1956 Sutter Street at 7:30pm. All Board members are asked to please be present and on time.

Mary Helen Rogers by A.Z.R.

Sincerely,
Mary Helen Rogers

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It is a distinct pleasure
to invite you to attend
the ceremony
for the induction of
John E. Dearman
as Judge of the Municipal Court
for the City and County of
San Francisco

Thursday, April 7, 1977
at six-thirty o'clock in the evening
in the Auditorium, fourth floor
San Francisco Museum of Art
Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street

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San Francisco Tomorrow

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March 30, 1977

Dear San Franciscan,

San Francisco Tomorrow invites you, as a member of one of San Francisco's vital Commissions, Boards, or Committees, to be an honored (no-host) guest at our Annual Dinner Meeting, Monday April 18; Cocktails from 6PM, Dinner 7PM.

We know you share our interest in the future of our City, and we hope you will welcome this opportunity to exchange views with other appointed, elected, and concerned citizens in a convivial atmosphere.

We will be in McDowell Hall, built in 1854, and better known as the FORT MASON OFFICERS CLUB (entrance off Bay Street in the Marina). This site, with sweeping views of the Bay and the City, is now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, an example of a better San Francisco for Tomorrow.

This year SFT extends its recognition and gratitude to six citizens who have given their hearts and souls to San Francisco and whose actions, statements, (or votes) to enhance our City have demonstrated particular wisdom, courage, integrity, or some other sterling virtue.

Please join us as we present awards to these good people.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Jerry Levine

Jerry Levine
President

P.S. Please mail the attached acceptance, or phone George Raad at 781-4141.

To: San Francisco Tomorrow
9 First Street, Room 826
San Francisco, CA 94105

☐ I share your love for San Francisco and I'm happy to join the festivities. Please reserve _____ dinners @ $8.50. Check enclosed for $_____.

☐ I'll be there for the 6PM cocktail hour, but can't stay for dinner.

☐ Please send me information on San Francisco Tomorrow.

☐ I can't attend, but here is a donation to support your activities.

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April 1, 1977

Friends:

As you probably heard, the major death penalty bill (SB 155, Deukmejian) passed the Senate floor yesterday by a vote of 29 - 10 (two more votes than necessary).

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Johnson		

April 11th will be the next date for hearing in Assembly Criminal Justice. The hearing is set for 1:30 PM with a press conference scheduled for 1 PM. In conjunction there will be a vigil at noon at the 11th & L entrance to the Capitol Building.

The next meeting of the Coalition Against the Death Penalty will be held on the 13th of April, Wed., 7:30 PM at the ACLU offices in San Francisco (814 Mission, between 5th & 4th Sts).

Sincerely,

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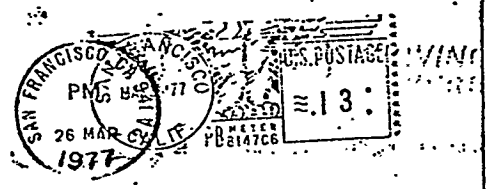

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March 28, 1977

The Reverend Jim Jones
Pastor
Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ
Post Office Box 15023
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Jim:

The enclosed pictures taken at the RIAL dinner on March 8 may serve to remind you of a pleasant evening. We sincerely hope that you and Michael Prokes found it to be worthwhile.

It was good of you to come and to share this meaningful occasion with many of the friends of Religion In American Life.

I am sorry that it did not work out for us to have a chance to visit with you. I understand you had a meeting after the dinner that prevented you from attending John Mack Carter's social hour. It would have been a good chance for you to get to know some of our people better.

I continue to be amazed at your accomplishments and your dedication. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

H. Newton Hudson

Enclosures

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You are invited to attend a dinner concert celebrating the first anniversary of Rick Stokes as commissioner, Board of Permit Appeals Thursday evening, April 14, 1977, at the Garden Court, Sheraton Palace Hotel.

Keynote Speaker: Massachusetts Representative Elaine Noble. Introduction by California Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy.

50. per person

6:30 Cocktails
7:30 Dinner

R.S.V.P. 563-4154
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Rick Stokes Anniversary Dinner/Concert
April 14, 1977
Garden Court, Sheraton Palace

Table ____ 50.00

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