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6 April 1977

Dear Ms. Brown,

I appreciated your letter of 29th March 1977 which described the current campaign to discredit Rev. Jim Jones. He is a man whose vision and actions I much admire. His life is evoking the same kind of response as did the Master's whose disciple he is.

After receiving your letter this morning I phoned Peoples Temple. You were not in, so I spoke with Jane Mutschmann. I told her that I have twice received materials through the mail that were sent to me in envelopes with no return address on them. Both had a Pinole postmark. They were sent to my home address (1950A - 15th Street, SF 94110) under the name: Sister Joan F. Burke
S.F. Archdiocese.

That is not the usual way I identify myself; but, I do think that it is in fact the information that I gave when I registered at the Martin Luther King, Jr., observance on January 16, 1977.

The first article I received was on South Africa... the tone was rather neo-fascist, and I threw the paper away without reading it all the way through. It had no accompanying letter with it. There were a few lines typed anonymously at the top of

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the first xeroxed page.

I am enclosing here the second article exactly as I received it earlier last week.

If any additional materials come to me, I will forward them directly to you.

I hope that you will succeed in tracking down the source of these mailings.

Please give my best to Johnny Brown whom I met during the planning sessions for Martin Luther King, Jr., observance.

I appreciate very much the work and witness of Peoples Temple in this city. Thank you. Keep heart, courage. Carry on with the work of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Burke, snd-n

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April 5, 1977

Jean F. Brown
Peoples' Temple Board of Directors
P.O. Box 15023
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the harassment of Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples' Temple. I will be happy to help in any way I can, and will certainly notify you if I receive any correspondence of the type you describe.

Please convey my deepest concern to Rev. Jones and my sincere hope that he will soon be back on his feet to continue his most important service to the people of San Francisco.

Best personal regards,

Bob Mendelsohn

ROBERT H. MENDELSOHN

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April 1, 1977

Board of Directors
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P.O. Box 15023
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Friends,

We are disturbed and most deeply concerned to learn the extent of the threats and harassment to the Rev. Jim Jones and his family, as well as the surveillance action against Rev. Cecil Williams, Yvonne Golden and other socially concerned people in our community.

You can be sure that we will let you know should we come across any communication or action discrediting or mailgning the Rev. Jones or the Rev. Cecil Williams or any of our courageous colleagues in social ministry.

If we can participate in any community effort to counter such malicious activities, please include us.

With best wishes for the Rev. Jones' rapid and complete recovery from his recent collapse and our hope that he can get away for a little time with his family and relax.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Ahern

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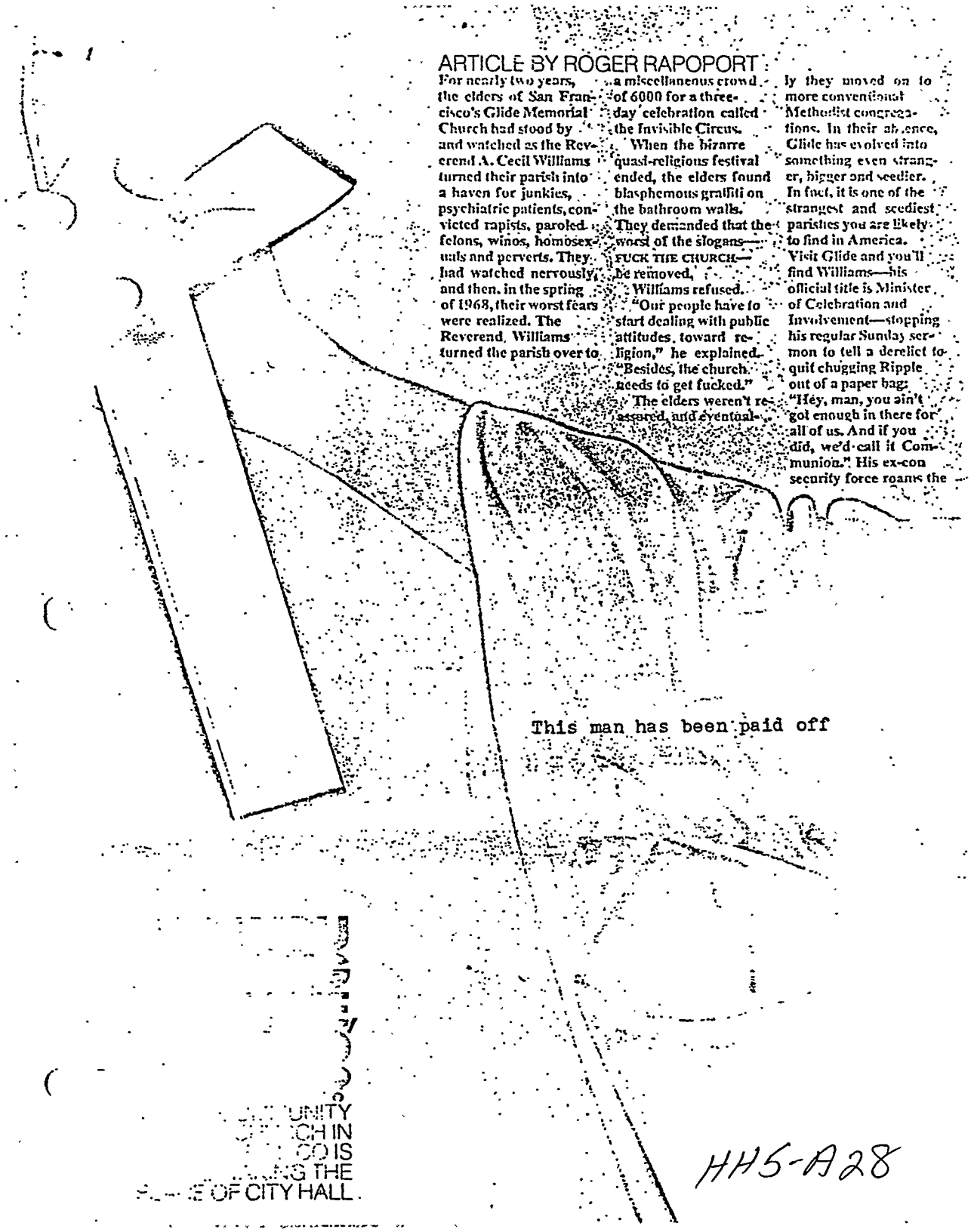
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cc: Rita Semel, S.F. Conf. on Religion, Race & Social Concerns

P.S. Later this morning, we received the enclosed article by mail. The envelope in which it arrived is also enclosed. It gives us no clue as to whom it's from - except that it was mailed from Pinole.

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Msgr. James B. Flynn, *Chairman:* Mrs. Sylvia Alvarez, Mrs. Olga Becali Mrs. Ann Bryant, Rev. John R. Coleman, Sr Felipe De Beck O.P., Rev. Joseph J. Farraher, S.J., Abraham A. Flores, Jr., James D. Kilty, Sr. Jeanette Kimball, R.S.C.J. Rev. Donald Mackinnon C.Ss R Caffrey Mamou, Jose Medina, Rev Cuchulain Moriarty, Mrs. Emma Salaza: Mrs Marj Segal: Jack Ahern *Executive Director*



ARTICLE BY ROGER RAPOPORT

For nearly two years, the elders of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Church had stood by and watched as the Reverend A. Cecil Williams turned their parish into a haven for junkies, psychiatric patients, convicted rapists, paroled felons, winos, homosexuals and perverts. They had watched nervously, and then, in the spring of 1968, their worst fears were realized. The Reverend Williams turned the parish over to a miscellaneous crowd of 6000 for a three-day celebration called the Invisible Circus.

When the bizarre quasi-religious festival ended, the elders found blasphemous graffiti on the bathroom walls. They demanded that the worst of the slogans—FUCK THE CHURCH—be removed. Williams refused. "Our people have to start dealing with public attitudes toward religion," he explained. "Besides, the church needs to get fucked."

The elders weren't reassured, and eventually they moved on to more conventional Methodist congregations. In their absence, Glide has evolved into something even stranger, bigger and seedier. In fact, it is one of the strangest and seediest parishes you are likely to find in America.

Visit Glide and you'll find Williams—his official title is Minister of Celebration and Involvement—stopping his regular Sunday sermon to tell a derelict to quit chugging Ripple out of a paper bag: "Hey, man, you ain't got enough in there for all of us. And if you did, we'd call it Communion." His ex-con security force roams the

This man has been paid off

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April 1, 1977

Dear Jean:

We have not received any of the materials described in your letter of March 29, but I will of course send you anything that comes in.

Please give Jim our best wishes for his recovery and my personal regards to Gene Chakin.

Sincerely yours,

David

David M. Fishlow
Executive Director

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April 1, 1977

Jean F.Brown
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Dear Mrs. Brown,

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 29, 1977. We have not had a great deal of contact with Peoples Temple but what we do know of Reverend Jones and the rest of you is extremely positive. We are greatly saddened to hear of these attacks and wish to offer our support.

If there is anything that we at San Francisco Educational Services, Inc. can do beyond what was asked in your letter, please call upon us.

Regards,

Mike Fairchild

Mike M. Fairchild
Executive Director

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