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CABLE ADDRESS: "BEAJOHN"

August 4, 1978

Mr. Gordon Lindsey  
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8273 Sunset Boulevard  
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Re: Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

I have been advised by Peoples Temple that you contemplate writing an article about the Temple which will be published in the National Enquirer.

They have been contacted by several people whom you have already interviewed who have indicated that you attempted to "twist" their answers to your questions so that it would suit your purpose to create a sensational article.

I should explain that I am not their attorney and have never actually represented Peoples Temple in any litigation.

However, they have referred many of their poorer members of the Church to my office for legal help when those people had legal problems and could not afford regular legal fees.

All of my clients from the Church, without exception, speak in glowing terms about the Church and about the Pastor Jim Jones.

Further, not one of the members of the Church ever lied to me about any facts in connection with their cases whether civil or criminal. When one has been practicing law for over 30 years as I have, this in itself is a glowing recommendation for the type of Church that Peoples Temple is and the type of pastor Jim Jones is.

By the way, I agreed to help and represent the poor people of Peoples Temple at the request of Tim Stoen.

In conclusion, I wish to make it clear that if an article is published in the National Enquirer or any other publication that I feel is libelous or untrue regarding Peoples Temple, I shall represent them and file suit against you and the publisher. You are no

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doubt aware that the only defense would be the truth - and -  
under the recent case of Doctor "X" in New Jersey, the court has  
held that the writer of such an article and the publisher must pro-  
duce their files when properly subpoenaed or face charges of contempt  
of court.

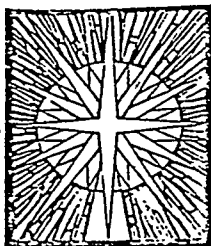
Very truly yours,

JOHN N. FROLICH

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cc: Publisher  
National Enquirer  
600 So. East Coast Ave.  
Lantana, Florida

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# PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,  
Pastor

August 14, 1978

*"For I was an hungered  
and ye gave me meat:  
I was thirsty  
and ye gave me drink:*

*I was a stranger  
and ye took me in;  
Naked, and ye clothed me;  
I was sick and ye visited me:  
I was in prison,  
and ye came unto me.*

*"Then shall the righteous  
Answer him, saying,*

*When saw we thee an hungered  
And fed thee?  
Or thirsty.*

*And gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger  
And took thee in?  
Or naked, and clothed thee  
Or when saw we thee sick?  
Or in prison.  
And came unto thee?*

*"Verily I say unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye have done it  
Unto one of the least of these...  
...Ye have done it unto me"*

Matthew 25:35-40

Mr. John N. Frolich  
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Dear Mr. Frolich:

We are in possession of a copy of your letter dated August 4, 1978, to the National Enquirer. In this letter you made it quite clear to the Enquirer that if they published an article which you judge to be libelous or untrue regarding Peoples Temple, you would represent the Temple and file suit against the weekly.

We have received further information that the New West magazine also has intentions of writing another article about Peoples Temple. This is the magazine which initiated the whole series of press attacks on our church in July and August of 1977, and whose articles were preceded by the obviously trumped-up "New West break-in." All Bay Area media covered this so-called break-in of the files of New West in which author Phil Tracy alleged that Peoples Temple had tampered with the magazine's files on the then up-coming article about the church. Rev. Jones called for a full police investigation of the incident, and the San Francisco Police Department concluded that no break-in had occurred at all.

Further investigation of the anti-Temple attacks in subsequent months revealed that the New West articles had been the culmination of nine months of work by private investigator Joseph Mazor, who was retained by an undisclosed source to discredit Peoples Temple.

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To that end, according to Art Silverman of the Berkeley Barb, Mazor hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco and asked them to coordinate a publicity campaign against the Temple and Rev. Jones. (Please see the attached article by Mr. Silverman.) Joseph Mazor is a highly questionable figure who has a 75 page criminal record including at least 8 arrests in 3 states for various bogus checks and fraud charges, and six convictions.

New West magazine also sponsored a press conference on July 20, 1977, to help promote their articles. At this conference a certain David Conn appeared as a sponsoring agent--the same man who approached Dennis Banks several months prior to the media smears with an attempted blackmail of the American Indian Movement leader. Banks had refused Conn's offer--which was to speak out publicly against Rev. Jones in exchange for consideration in Banks' then tenuous extradition status.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that the New West magazine intends to do anything but a continuation of the same sensationalized, malicious series it began a year ago. The conspiratorial overtones are quite apparent; we continue to believe that there is much more to the New West anti-Temple campaign than has been exposed thus far.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

*Morline Betts*

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