

AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BHARRAT JAGDEO OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

Dear Mr. President,

I must apologize in advance for copying this to the OAS, UN, & Human Rights Watch - and using this medium to get your attention - but I honestly feel it is the only way I can receive justice, I have more faith in the media than in the law courts most of the time; the 'Court of Public Opinion' - I believe that is what they call it.

Your Excellency, I sent my Guyanese Amerindian wife back (from Barbados) to her home village in Guyana since the second week of December 2006, our 5th child was born on tribal territory (as I try to ensure that my children's roots remain well planted in the Arawak tribe) in January, and I just returned from spending 5 delightful days with the wonderful people of my children's birthplace. Once again, someone in the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs has done something very despicable, this person has paid a poor Amerindian US\$100 (GUY\$20,000) to give false testimony against me, I know because the person who was paid to lie came to me and confessed, saying he accepted the money but cannot go through with his end of the bargain because he remembers the kindness I have done for his family. Murder attempts, slanderous rumourmongering, bribery to produce false charges - and more I face.

Those who know me all over Guyana - remember the school uniforms, plane tickets back home (from Georgetown to the interior) to escape from abusive non-Amerindian husbands and human trafficker employers, Hospital bills in Georgetown that were paid, food rations, pocket money for school, clothing, utensils, funeral expenses, baby items, etc - and they know who it was that paid for all of that from his own pocket; I assure you they do not consider those acts 'Exploitation'. Verily you will never see the day when another can come forth and honestly claim to have done more with their own resources than the man who did - and continues to do - all of the above.

These sorts of dangerous plots directed against me have been orchestrated from within the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs since the time of the previous Minister Mr. Vibert De-Souza (whom I had to complain to International bodies about after a young Indo-Guyanese man who claimed afterwards to have been paid by the former Minister, attempted to stab me to death - but was wrestled to the ground and disarmed by my brother-in-law who is an ex-soldier).

I attempted to give a statement to the then Police senior rank Floyd MacDonald in the presence of Inspector Shorey - but they said and I quote "As long as those people are in power they cannot do anything".

I have been subsequently targetted in 'character assassination' efforts by the current Minister and her staff and I am quite fed up by it, instead of people looking at the big picture and thanking me for paying out of my pocket for a website (www.guidedcultural tours.com) each year since 1999 promoting Guyana as a Eco-Tourist Paradise - that saw it's 100th visitor arrive in December 2006; visitors who on average spend not less than US\$500 each while in Guyana I might add.

On the contrary Sir, instead persons from the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs have been travelling the length and breadth of Guyana telling Amerindians that I am 'Exploiting' them, if

Guy\$2,000-\$4,000 per day take-home-pay (no matter age or gender) for my Amerindian workers is exploitation, then what do you call it when ALL the other Eco-Tour Operators in Guyana routinely pay them much less? Or is more about being 'out to get me at all costs' because I have no master and speak my mind freely - supporting and opposing the powers at be - depending on whether I think they are doing right or wrong? I hope it is not because I am a Barbadian by birth or because I am of mixed descent (like the person persecuting me I might add). Was my saying that the Amerindian Minister will not be legitimate until he/she is elected by a democratic majority vote of Amerindian Village Chiefs in Guyana - instead of the present political appointee system - a reason to kill or incarcerate me on bogus charges? What happened to the democracy Dr. Jagan fought so hard to achieve?

My letters highlighting many wrongs done to Amerindians past and present (in all of CARICOM not only Guyana) are testament to whether I am genuinely trying to help or harm my maternal people (I am of Guyanese Amerindian descent myself), they are on the internet (at my expense) for all the world to see at <http://www.pantribalconfederacy.com> .

I am also fervently committed to seeing my beloved Guyana continue to prosper and grow economically, Guyanese are good people at heart, and I will not let an ignorant, Jealous minority who are political appointees living comfortably at the Guyanese taxpayers expense - put stumbling blocks in my way; this is supposed to be the 'enlightened' Internet age. I am almost finished accumulating Amerindian books to open an Amerindian Library in my wife's Amerindian Village so the youth will be able to learn about the achievements of their race throughout this Western Hemisphere; and I will open the first Trading post in the same village - whereby poor Amerindians may purchase goods with trade items such as craft, farm produce, fish etc, instead of cash only, no-one wants to tell you about these things I do, only vitriol and lies.

Former President and father of Guyana's Independence - the late great Cheddi Jagan - had dinner with my father and 9 other prominent businessmen in Barbados who were interested in promoting Guyana in every way possible; and President Jagan was very supportive of my efforts, he even arranged for me to meet with the late Minister of Tourism Michael Sree Chan (I met with him 3 times) - and Mr. Chan was also an enthusiastic supporter of me, it appears that since they have passed away a very low calibre of persons have risen to the fore and I am beginning to wonder if their actions are in actual fact being directed from above - as I see no attempt being made to put a halt to their nefarious scheming against me.

Mr President, if you cannot halt their neverending plots against me I will have no recourse but to highlight even more the various schemes affoot by the persons in that particular Ministry - everytime I attend Organisation of American States (OAS) and United Nations (UN) forums (currently 6 times per year), furthermore - I shall be meeting the Amerindian President Evo Morales of Bolivia in March 2007 - and would not enjoy having to inform him of the sinister calibre of persons staffing the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs in Guyana.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Damon:

My name is Madeline Henriquez. I am a Boricua Graduate Student at Stony Brook University, New York. I am a Biologist. I have been studying Taino Art and the new studies in Ethnobiology from Boricua Prof. Juan Carlos Martinez Cruzado and his work toward the Taino Revival. In that thread, I have come across the work that you do attending the forums of the UN OAS and informing brother and sister Amerindians about what is going on. Reading about what is happening to you, makes me feel very sad, because there are not many people like you in the world. You are very special. I am praying for you, brother. Keep up your faith. I am going to mention your plea in my thesis. May Yocahu watch over you.

God Bless you,

Madeline