

Janet Jagan.

Deputy Speaker, House of Assembly

TEL: 344

97 Lahmi Street,
Georgetown, British Guiana.

Oct. 9, 1953

Dear Folks,

No doubt you have had all the news reports about J. & J. Grew ^{appearing in} the paper today & an interview with Jim. Give him my thanks. Very fine comment he made. The British are real dogs and have shown the world what they really are. Nothing at all has happened here. When the troops landed they wanted to know where the use was. The troops have come to provide the people & stand by while they rob us of our Constitutional rights. They perjured the Constitution today and disgraced the Ministers. They will, I suppose, set up their own government later and in the meantime the Governor will run the whole show.

There is rumour that some of us will be arrested. It is difficult to know.

However, it is nothing to worry about.
Concerning your visit, I suppose you'll
have to postpone consideration until
you know what the situation is
here. Up to now, nothing at all has
happened here.

Joe is fine. I gave him the little
automobile today & he was delighted
with it. I was planning a birthday
party for him next week.

Did I tell you I cut my hair? Looks
awful.

Love,
Janet

Oct 9, 1953

Dear Folks,

No doubt you have had all the news reports about B.G. I saw a piece in the paper today of an interview with Jim. Give him my thanks. Very fine comment he made. The British are real dogs and have shown the world what they really are. Nothing at all has happened here. When the troops landed they wanted to know where the war was. The troops have come to provoke the people and stand by while they rob us of our Constitutional rights. They prorogued the Constitution today and dismissed the Ministers. They will, I suppose, set up their own government later and in the meantime the Governor will run the whole show.

There is rumour that some of us will be arrested. It is difficult to know. However it is nothing to worry about.

Concerning your visit, I suppose you will have to postpone consideration until you know what the situation is here. Up to now, nothing at all has happened here.

Joe is fine. I gave him the little automobile today and he was delighted with it. I was planning a birthday party for him next week.

Did I tell you I cut my hair? Looks awful

Love,

Janet

(Jim was Janet Jagan's brother who lived in Chicago. Joe was Janet Jagan's young son)

Copyright © Nadira Jagan-Brancier 2009

Janet Jagan

Deputy Speaker, House of Assembly

97 Lahmi Street,
Georgetown, British Guiana.

TEL: 344

Oct. 15, 1953

Dear Folks,

Received your letter today. I suppose you are still wondering what is happening. On Tuesday the Police raided most of our homes, Party office, the surgery, etc. Since then nothing much has happened. Cheddi & the Party Chairman Burnham are trying to go to London to represent the case. The Labour Party has got Parliament to discuss the issue on Thursday. They are being prevented from leaving by refusals of governments to allow them to enter in transit. Don't know yet if they'll get away yet.

There is a lot of talk about arrests, but nothing has happened yet. There is nothing against us, which they are perfectly aware of. All nonsense about plots & all that is ridiculous. We have done nothing but attempt to carry out our election manifesto, which was an open book. Because we refused to be stoops, as all other colonials

have done for decades; the colonial officials
were angered. They know as well as we that
we have bottled constitutionally all the
time and have refused to sell out. What
the British have done in bringing troops here
and suspending the Constitution is unparalleled
in history. Strong British opinion is behind
us.

Joe's birthday was yesterday. Had a party
and they all had a great time. He liked
the "atomic gun" you sent very much & played
with it all the time. Evelyn gave him a lovely
toy - a thing to push around and carry boxes.
Refuters have been besieging us. They are
quite bewildered that nothing much is going
on - no bloodshed, etc. to warrant the British
Army's presence.

I saw another ^{news} report of a statement by Jim.
It was pretty good. You say my pictures he showed.
I suppose its because of my hair style.

Love, Janet

Oct 15, 1953

Dear Folks,

Received your letter today. Suppose you are still wondering what is happening. On Tuesday the police raided most of our homes, party office, the surgery, etc. Since then nothing much has happened. Cheddi and the Party Chairman, Burnham are trying to go to London to represent the case. The London Party has got Parliament to discuss the issue on Thursday. They are being prevented from leaving by refusals by governments to allow them to travel in transit. Don't know yet if they will get away yet.

There is a lot of talk about arrests, but nothing has happened yet. There is nothing against us, which they are perfectly aware of. All nonsense about plots and all that is ridiculous. We have done nothing but attempt to carry out our election manifesto which was an open book. Because we refused to be stooges, as all other Colonials have done for decades, the colonial officials were angered. They know as well as we that we have battled constitutionally all the time, and have refused to sell out. What the British have done in bringing troops here and suspending the constitution is unparalleled in history. Strong British opinion is behind us.

Joe's birthday was yesterday. Had a Party and they all had a great time. He liked the "atomic gun" you sent very much and plays with it all the time. Evelyn gave him a lovely toy – a thing to push around and carry boxes.

Reporters have been besieging us. They are quite bewildered that nothing much is going on – no bloodshed, etc. to warrant the British army's presence.

I saw another news report of a statement by Jim. It was pretty good. You say my pictures are horrid. I suppose its because of my hair style.

Love,

Janet

Copyright © Nadira Jagan-Brancier 2009