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Dear Friends:

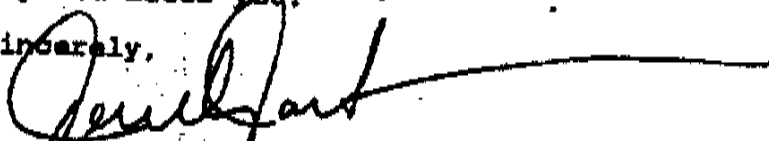
Please know that although I cannot be physically present with you this evening, I am with you in spirit as you gather in memory of the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and babies who died 16 years ago in the Jonestown tragedy.

The 1970's represented a trial by fire for the citizens of the United States -- a trial of societal evils -- evils which sent many people in search of a soothing balm to lessen the pain of the burn. I would like to say that society has evolved to a level in the 1990's when similar fires do not rage, where glorious warming breezes blow, and a calm fills all households. But, it is not this way. The cold of winter is coming. There are homeless families on our streets. We cannot send our children to school for fear of gun violence. We continue to search. Our searches may lead us to Waco and the literal fires of death or cause us to join forces with Luc Jourret in Switzerland. We are like sheep who have gone astray.

Your mother may have died in November of 1978. Your sister may have perished with her. But, the memory of their lives will live on. The Jonestown Memorial Wall will help to insure that they are not forgotten. I commend your efforts, and offer my heartfelt prayers that 16 years from today, society as a whole will have evolved to the point it readily accepts all of God's children.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,



Reverend Jesse L. Jackson

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