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Defense instructions for People's Temple found in vehicle

UKIAH, Calif. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy has found a step-by-step list of instructions for emergency defense of a People's Temple church in the trunk of a car his mother bought for him at a Temple auction.

The Redwood Valley Church named in the instructions was a retreat for the Rev. Jim Jones and his followers for a period in the early 1970s.

John Richardson of Ukiah said Sunday the instructions were scrawled in marking pen on small pieces of faded red cardboard. The smaller pieces were then stapled to one larger piece measuring about 2 feet by 3 feet.

Richardson said he found the cardboard in the trunk of a 1966 sedan bought last month at an auction of Temple assets. He said his mother paid \$105 for the car.

Richardson said he couldn't figure out the map and emergency procedures he found until his mother told him where she bought the car.

The militaristic directions outlined step-by-step procedures to be followed by Temple members in case of an unnamed emergency, and covered nearly every inch of the Redwood Valley property.

Members were organized into teams under the direction of "team captains, rovers and counselors," and were emphatically instructed, "If you have to talk to police or other outsiders, DO NOT give out any information about our situation without direct instructions from a team captain or counselor."

There were also special instructions regarding the protection of Jones' house on the Redwood Valley estate about 120 miles north of San Francisco.