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Dear Editor,

The response you got from Joey Jagan on the question of his "godfather" leaves me more in doubt than before.

I find it amazing that Joey Jagan never asked his parents. So, I am once more appealing to Mrs. Jagan to clear the air.

Yours faithfully,
Rupert Jacobs

Cheddi Jagan Research Centre

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Joey's godfather?

Dear Editor,

For sometime now I have been hearing that Joey Jagan was the "god son" of the late Mr Forbes Burnham. Joey Jagan himself seems to be encouraging the belief, probably for political reasons.

I have noticed in an extensive interview he gave in the Sunday Stabroek of April 10, 2005 this statement was made again.

I would like Mrs Jagan, to say if her son is Burnham's god son as is widely believed I am using this medium since I do not know how to get in touch with Mrs. Jagan.

Yours faithfully,
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Editor's note

We spoke to Dr `Joey' Jagan himself. He noted that he was born in 1949 and around that time Mr Burnham was a close political associate of his family. When he was a little older many people told him that Mr Burnham was his godfather and he continued to hear this throughout his life and accepted that it was so.