

HERE ARE TRIAL TRANSCRIPTS IN BOOK FORM OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY TRIALS THAT MADE HEADLINES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS. "... THE VIOLENCE THEY REVEAL IS LEGALIZED VIOLENCE - A RACISM THAT FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE." THE BOOK...



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# WHAT ABOUT RUCHELL?

## STATE REFUSES BROTHER RUCHELL MAGEE ACCESS TO NEWS MEDIA.

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on the face of the document filed by me and the factual issues raised therein. Judge Ginsberg found I have the right to see news reporters. That right is the right to equally answer to those false allegations published against me. He ordered San Quentin officials to allow me access to the press.

2. again, in a mad rush to keep me silent, the Attorney General filed an application for a stay of the Order allowing me access to the press in the District Court of Appeal. The District Court of Appeal illegally and unjustifiably granted the stay without reviewing the records in the case and without allowing me the opportunity to oppose the application for a stay. The grounds used by the Attorney General in requesting the stay are frivolous, outdated and insulting verbal trickery. The Attorney General states that no news media are allowed to enter San Quentin because of prison rules and regulations. This in itself is a lie because San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner and other white news reporters are continuously not only entering the prison but are interviewing inmates and prison officials at will. Incidentally, these news reporters are the very ones responsible for the adverse publicity against me. These same reporters attend the trial proceedings only to have half stories and adverse publicity published to defame my character.

3. the Attorney General and the courts are fully aware that they have used known fraud I.Q. documents. They are fully aware that they are illegally enslaving me on a conviction that rests on known perjury and false evidence and which they cannot support.

It is necessary that I see news reporters in order that the people may know the truth of what is going on in prison, to prisoners, and what is going on in my case. This point was made by Judge Ginsberg who issued the Order allowing me to be interviewed by the press.

Unless action is taken by citizens, and particularly by news reporters, the courts and the Attorney General will continue to illegally suppress the truth and defame those who have been falsely accused.

I need the support of news reporters in publicizing the actions of prison officials in hiding their illegal activity and in publicizing the actions of the courts and the Attorney General in hiding the facts in my case. All those concerned should review the records in the District Court of Appeal relating to the Attorney General's back door killing of Judge Ginsberg's Order allowing me access to the press and realize the mockery of it all.

# FREE FOOD ALL OVER MOTOWN!

1,500 COME OUT FOR DETROIT'S FIRST SURVIVAL DAY.

*Within the last eight months, the Black Panther Party has given away over one hundred thousand full bags of groceries. Understanding the very fundamental need in the oppressed community for food, free food programs have been implemented by the various chapters and branches of the Black Panther Party throughout the country. This is only one of the many Survival Programs the Party has implemented to insure the survival of the people to the point of complete liberation.*

*On May 20, 1972, the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party also implemented a Survival Day, initiating the Free Food Program into the Jeffries Projects. Seven thousand oppressed people live in Jeffries Projects, a great portion of whom are "senior members" of the oppressed community. The overwhelming majority of the people who live in Jeffries are poor people, who are either living on low income, or welfare. Many of the people, especially the old, were in doubt as to whether not the Black Panther Party would actually distribute free food there, because they had already heard all the promises of relief, dating back to the 1930's, to Hoover with his "chicken in every pot". People are tired of empty promises and empty stomachs.*

*On that day, May 20th, when the people of Jeffries Projects actually saw the food, many of the lies about the Party, itself, began to be dispelled. Over fifteen hundred people came to receive the over one thousand bags of groceries, with a chicken in every bag, and participate in the ceremonies. One sister from the community, Mother Waddles, from Mother Waddles' Mission, which has provided food for hungry people for sixteen years, spoke to the masses concerning survival. Mother Waddles commented, "There's no difference between our programs, because we both are trying to stop the oppression of our people." Mother Waddles went on to stress the importance of the survival programs and the need to unify around them, to combat that very old "divide and conquer" tactic used by our oppressor. Following Mother Wad-*



*Many of the seven thousand people in Detroit's Jeffries Projects did not believe the food would be free. They had heard for years the promises of "a chicken in every pot".*

*dles, the masses were entertained by various musical groups: "The Sins of Satan"; "The Skies Unlimited"; "Sharon Hicks, the Psychedelic Sister, Plus One"; and others. All of the people's entertainment was donated by Brothers and Sisters, who only requested a bag of groceries. Comrade Lonnie Dee, of the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party, also spoke to the people about the survival programs sponsored by the Black Panther Party and of the necessity of registering to vote and voting for candidates who are true representatives of the broad masses of op-*

*pressed people. Many of the older people who were skeptical about the program stayed long after the food was distributed, just to testify as to how they felt about the significance of the program.*

*Once again the importance of unifying all oppressed people around our survival was demonstrated. It will be through this kind of unity that our complete liberation can be won.*

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

# "GUNS IN THEIR HAIR"

## CAROLINA PRISON OFFICIALS REACH NEW LOW IN REPRESSION.



*North Carolina's Central Prison (in Raleigh) has devised newer methods of repression. In this new "Maximum Maximum" security unit "mentally disturbed" prisoners can be "calmed".*

At this very time, even though the repression in building ever higher, the prisoners at North Carolina's Central Men's Prison are organizing around the issue of survival with a Free Commissary Program. They are refusing to be defeated, even though presently at this largest and main state prison, located in Raleigh, fascist authorities have completed and begun using a new building which they are trying to pass off as a "medical center". Its actual use is a center for mental repression, for its main program is bringing under control "mentally disturbed" and "incorrigible" inmates. Of course, those Brothers who resist the fascism in the prison and refuse to submit to the out-right brutality and repression are those who are "mentally disturbed" and "incorrigible". To "help" them, they receive shock treatments. Shock treatments consist of wires being attached to an inmate's head and electric current being shot into his head. This treatment is said, by perverted prison authorities, to cause a "violent" or "disturbed" inmate to become "calmer", or what, in reality, amounts to an unthinking vege-

table. A person can easily be mentally incompetent after the treatment, with an unstable and wandering mind. However, the goal is accomplished: the prisoner does not have the will to resist anything, for he doesn't even care about anything.

That new wing has become so notorious that it is known as the "maxi-maxi" (maximum-maximum security) by the inmates. Naturally, individual selection for treatment at Maxi-Maxi is up to the whim of the racist prison authorities. Once termed "disturbed" or "incorrigible," a Brother may find himself incarcerated in "Maxi-Maxi" for life.

In May, Central Prison racists moved to institute still another type of repression. Finding nothing better to think of, Central's authorities decided to pass a rule which stated that no Brothers could wear an Afro, or "natural" hairstyle. Those already with long, natural hair were ordered to cut it. The prison had decided that long hair could allow an inmate to hide a weapon in his hair.

The Brothers still resist. Letters

have been smuggled out to expose the past viciousness of Central Prison: "Windows are broken out and cold air is always coming in, roaches are everywhere, and crawl all over your body while you sleep, and are often in your food. All the food is terrible. Punishment for not obeying a pig's racist commands is to be water-hosed and then beaten like dogs. One night, Joseph Wadell, a member of the Black Panther Party and one of the leading organizers of Central Prison said, 'All Power to the People', after all the lights were out. A pig immediately threw 4 cans of mace into his cell (one of which could have easily killed him). Afterwards, he was brutally beaten."

The Brothers still resist and the masses of people in North Carolina are uniting around the issue of the Brothers' survival in Central. All over the state, the free commissary program has grown, and defense committees for the Brothers are being organized everywhere. Donations to the Brothers' survival have been mounting, from individual gifts, bene-

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# FOUR MUST PAY FOR ONE GUARD DOWN ON ANGOLA PRISON FARM

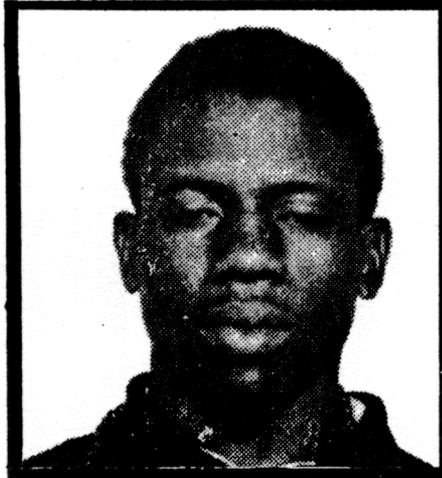
Typical of most Southern states, Louisiana has its share of small towns, reminiscent, today, of past Southern culture, customs and ideals. St. Francisville, Louisiana is just such an area. There is one important factor which differentiates St. Francisville from other "quaint" Louisiana towns. Within its borders is one of America's most atrocious death camps, known as a prison. To those who have known and know of its horrors, it is called "The Ponderosa"; to others, simply, Angola.

Angola's fascist administration, headed by racist Murray Henderson, as a history of sadistic and bizarre murders which never make it to the newspapers. However, countless acts of brutality and murder of inmates have been cited and told by Angola's few survivors.

The prison administration's latest plot unfolded when a white prison guard, Brent Miller, was recently found dead. He had been stabbed 32 times. Suddenly, Angola was wide open to press coverage. When pig Warden Henderson got enough attention, he pitiously reported how the guard had been found in one of the dormitory areas with a "hate letter" near him, allegedly proclaiming that Miller had been killed by "revolutionary justice" and that more would follow. Henderson dramatically emphasized that the letter was closed with "All Power to the People".

The guard was found dead back on April 17th. It was not until 2 weeks later that the racist administrators arbitrarily chose Brothers Herman Wallace, Chester Jackson, Gilbert Montegut and Albert Woodfox, all of whom are members of the Louisiana State Chapter of the Black Panther Party, to suffer for pig Miller's death.

Although Henderson had carried out well his duty to American Fascism, the other white guards at Angola felt that Henderson vacillated too long in charging the comrades. Therefore, these low-ranking fascists decided to conduct their own reign of terror, and had the gall to go on strike to dramatize how they felt about pig Warden Henderson's "leniency". Louisiana state troopers instantly re-



*BROTHER HERMAN WALLACE was "selected", like the other three Brothers, to pay the price for one of Angola's own.*

placed their emotional cohorts. The guards, now calling themselves the "Freemen", attacked one of the wardens to show their indignation. Their outrage was supposedly over how one of their numbers had been the innocent victim of an attack and since "nothing" had been done about it, they wanted to be assured of their own future "protection". They were far from



*BROTHER GILBERT MONTEGUT became another innocent trapped by the pigs' vendetta.*

being victims; and the real story of pig Miller's killing can concretely attest to that. Comrade Brother Shelly

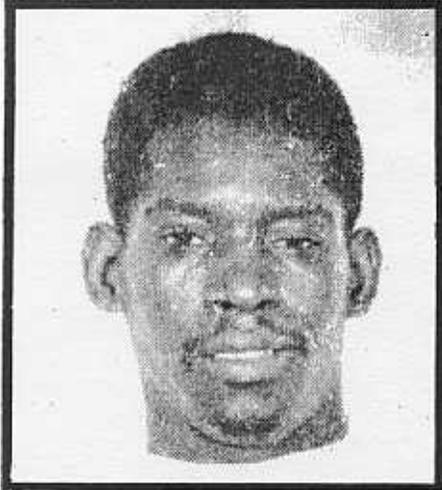
Batiste, also incarcerated in Angola, give this account:

"On Monday, April 17, 1972, a member of the reactionary oppressive state apparatus was found dead. As a consequence, all known Black resisters of Angola's vicious repressive tactics were kidnapped off the big yard, beaten unmercifully and locked in the maximum security section (CCR), left to suffer from head and body injuries and acute burns with no medical attention. We were all locked in 5' X 8' cells (in groups of four, five and six, etc.). We are unable to sleep because there is only one mattress in each cell. The food is cold and has been cut. We only receive a tablespoon of whatever is on the menu of each item. We aren't allowed to shower. Some have been in the dungeon known as CBD administration lock-down for two and three weeks. The guards have come to the dungeon several nights, in consecutive order, dragged Brothers out of their cells, through arbitrary selection, for looking like what they have termed militant and then have beaten these Brothers unmercifully. One Brother in Angola, Wayne, was so viciously beaten he had to be taken to a hospital in Baton Rouge, and a guard checks his cell every hour to see if he is still living. The others who weren't beaten nearly to death were made to sit while 2, 3, or 4 pigs cut their hair in all directions, then made to crawl back to their cells. Their shock treatment consists of baseball bats, iron pipes, pick handles, gas and mace sprayed in Brothers' faces, so those who attempt to fight off the blows can't see.

"The Brothers who weren't locked down, but continued to work in the fields are being worked seven days a week; shots are being fired at them. They can't get out of line, they're beaten with bats and forced to say they are 'whores'; and after these sadistic accomplishments, they are forced to finish working in a badly bruised condition."

The four Brothers, Comrades Wallace, Jackson, Montegut, and Woodfox,  
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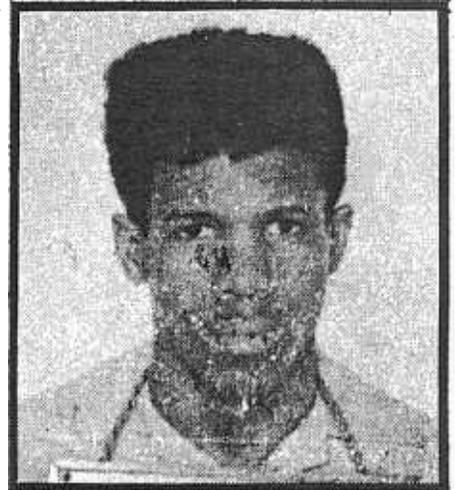
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**BROTHER CHESTER JACKSON**

have been indicted in St. Francisville, Louisiana. This place is infamous for lynchings, "legal" or otherwise.

Just as in the case of our beloved Comrade George Jackson, Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party, the State will try to eliminate these four revolutionary Brothers for resisting the bitter repression to which they are subjected in Angola Prison Camp. The state of Louisiana has certainly not repealed the death penalty, and these Brothers, therefore, face execution at the hands of the State. The "Angola Four" must have the support of the people in order to have justice rendered to them. It is only with the support of the people that these Brothers will be set free.



**BROTHER ALBERT WOODFOX**

**FREE THE ANGOLA FOUR  
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS  
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

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who are members of the Black Panther Party and innocent victims of the fabrications of racist Warden Henderson and his fascist associates,

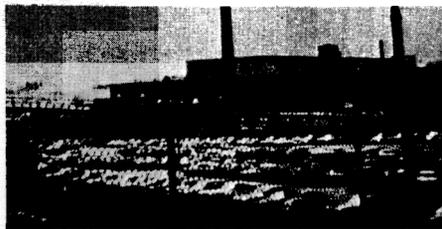
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fit rallies, benefit dances, etc. A big dance was given for the inmates, in fact, on May 25th. "The Blenders" played for the inmates' survival and "Genesis" sang. The Brother who owns the Golden Stag Club where the benefit was held had even donated his club for the evening.

All of this had culminated on May 20, 1972, when progressive Black organizations from all over North Carolina met at the North Carolina Conference on Dual Justice and Political Oppression, to unify around the issue of the unjust and brutal North Carolina prison and court systems. Church leaders, elected officials and political activists all condemned the "vicious



*Now they're banning Afro's.*

criminal system in this country which has the nerve to call itself justice." Courses of action were discussed, to work for the defense of political prisoners in North Carolina, particularly Rev. Ben Chavis, Jim Grant and the Wilmington 11. Comrade Russell McDonald, of the Winston-Salem Branch of the Black Panther Party, put forth

the suggestion that persons working to help political prisoners organize free commissary programs. The Conference called for: an end to excessively high bail; a rally at Central Prison in support of the rights of Black prisoners, to be held in conjunction with a state-wide convention of Blacks in Raleigh, in late June; and a reversal of the recent ruling forbidding "Afro's" to be worn by Central inmates.

The Black community of North Carolina is uniting around the freedom of Central Prison's political prisoners. In unity, there will be complete liberation.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

# HOLLYWOOD, SI ! CUBA, NO !

## U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSPIRES TO KEEP REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN FILMS FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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a direct loss of \$28,000.00 on the organization. This was the amount the organization had paid in advance costs for theatre rental for the ten day festival, advertising and overhead costs. For a small non-profit organization such a financial loss is tantamount to a direct attack by the government to put the organization out of business, the leaders of the organization said. In view of the fact that American Documentary Films was the pioneer organization distributing films on social and political problems, and the fact that their

films on Vietnam have been seen by over twenty million people in the last few years encourages the spokesmen for the organization to believe that the action by the Treasury Department was more than just a coincidence.

The leaders of the organization were hopeful that the hearing in Federal Court will result in an injunction against the Treasury Department and thereby allow the Cuban films to be widely seen in the United States.

The screening of the films for Congress was organized with the pur-

pose of demonstrating, whatever the merits of the blockade against Cuba at an earlier date, that the use of government regulations to prevent the free flow of ideas between nations and national cultures is not in the interest of Congress or the American people.

Further information on the film screening may be had by phoning Representative Ron Dellums office in Washington, D.C. (202) 225-2661.

"For the First Time" is a six-minute short showing Cuba's mobile cinema truck, bringing Chaplin's "Modern Times" to a tiny mountain community which has never before seen a movie. We watch the audience react. The film was produced in 1966.

"Memories of Underdevelopment", directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea in 1968, is a sophisticated full-length study of the difficulties of a middle class intellectual in an effort to adjust to the new revolutionary Cuba. Both of these films have won several international festival awards.

Senator Fulbright's complete remarks on the Cuban Film festival are printed in the Congressional Record, 4/19/72.

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# BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM

## MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

### WHAT WE WANT

1. WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that Black and oppressed people will not be free until we are able to determine our destinies in our own communities ourselves, by fully controlling all the institutions which exist in our communities.

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every person employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the American businessmen will not give full employment, then the technology and means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules were promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million Black people. Therefore, we feel this is a modest demand that we make.

4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR THE SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

We believe that if the landlords will not give decent housing to our Black and oppressed communities, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that the people in our communities, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for the people.

5. WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If you do not have knowledge of yourself and your position in the society and the world, then you will have little chance to know anything else.

6. WE WANT COMPLETELY FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL BLACK AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

We believe that the government must provide, free of charge, for the people, health facilities which will not only treat our illnesses, most of which have come about as a result of our oppression, but which will also develop preventative medical programs to guarantee our future survival. We believe that mass health education and research programs must be developed to give all Black and oppressed people access to advanced scientific and medical information, so we may provide ourselves with proper medical attention and care.

7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

We believe that the racist and fascist government of the United States uses its domestic enforcement agencies to carry out its program of oppression against Black people, other people of color and poor people

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

inside the United States. We believe it is our right, therefore, to defend ourselves against such armed forces, and that all Black and oppressed people should be armed for self-defense of our homes and communities against these fascist police forces.

8. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL WARS OF AGGRESSION.

We believe that the various conflicts which exist around the world stem directly from the aggressive desires of the U.S. ruling circle and government to force its domination upon the oppressed people of the world. We believe that if the U.S. government or its lackeys do not cease these aggressive wars that it is the right of the people to defend themselves by any means necessary against their aggressors.

9. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK AND POOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE NOW HELD IN U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND MILITARY PRISONS AND JAILS. WE WANT TRIALS BY A JURY OF PEERS FOR ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH SO-CALLED CRIMES UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY.

We believe that the many Black and poor oppressed people now held in U.S. prisons and jails have not received fair and impartial trials under a racist and fascist judicial system and should be free from incarceration. We believe in the ultimate elimination of all wretched, inhuman penal institutions, because the masses of men and women imprisoned inside the United States or by the U.S. military are the victims of oppressive conditions which are the real cause of their imprisonment. We believe that when persons are brought to trial that they must be guaranteed, by the United States, juries of their peers, attorneys of their choice and freedom from imprisonment while awaiting trials.

10. WE WANT LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, PEACE AND PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CONTROL OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.



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# PEOPLE'S PETITION

**FOR IMMEDIATE PAROLE OF BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND WITH A RETRIAL JURY OF HIS PEER-GROUP.**



*WE THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY INTERCOMMUNALISM, DO HEREBY REDRESS OUR GRIEVANCE AND PETITION THE COURTS OF AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT AND PAROLE BOARD: THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON INCARCERATION IN THE CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES ON PAROLE OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND.*

*BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD, POLITICAL PRISONER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, WAS IN FACT WRONGFULLY CONVICTED ON FALSE CHARGES BY A PREDOMINATELY WHITE RACIST JURY, AS ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND BLACK COMMUNITY WERE SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATED FROM THE JURY SELECTION PROCESS IN HIS TRIAL.*

*IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREFORE PETITION THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE GRANTED HIS HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THAT IS, PAROLE FROM PRISON OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND BY THE AMERICAN COURTS PENDING APPEAL OF HIS CASE BEFORE HIGHER COURTS, AND THAT HIS RETRIAL JURY BE OF HIS PEERS, A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.*

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