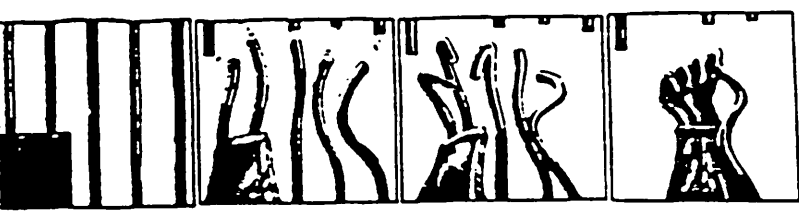


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COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN

Dear Friends,

The obscene brutality at Marion continues as the sixth anniversary of the lockdown draws near. We are more determined than ever to deal with this terrible situation and hope that you too will continue your participation in the process to end the lockdown.

As you can see from the enclosed leaflet, our annual conference to commemorate the anniversary of the lockdown will be held on November 4, 1989. The keynote speaker is Judge Bruce Wright from New York, a national leader in the pursuit of Black human rights. We are fortunate that he has agreed to come to Chicago for this event. In addition, there will be several interesting and timely workshops. The "war on drugs" and its preposterous solution of still more prisons will be engaged and thoroughly discussed. There will also be presentations on police brutality, the Supreme Court, and much more. We hope that you will be able to attend this important event.

This has been a very full year for us. Since the last conference, we confronted Michael Quinlin, the director of the Bureau of Prisons, at the American Criminology Association, and instead of answering our questions, he literally ran from the room. Then in the spring, 250 of us went to southern Illinois and demonstrated for eight hours at five different locations, including Marion prison, the federal building, and Crab Orchard Lake, the source of the contaminated water that the prisoners are forced to drink. In addition, we have kept up with our voluminous correspondence and worked with the Progressive magazine as they published a major expose of the water at Marion. We have also published a detailed analysis of CEML's five-year history and perspective. Finally, we have initiated a sustained campaign to rid Marion of the contaminated water. We are enclosing a petition against the water that we hope you will have completed and returned to us.

Of course, none of this could be done without all of you. We hope to see you at the conference. We also hope that you will be able to help us financially. One ironic aspect of our work is that the more we do, the poorer we become since none of our projects are able to pay for themselves. Please check one or more of the spaces below, and become even more involved.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

___ Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____.

___ I would like to arrange a showing of the Marion video.
Please call me at _____ to make arrangements.

___ Let me know when and where the committee meets. I am able to attend some meetings.
Please call me at _____.

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