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To the Sisters and Brothers who have Supported me

I first want to thank you for all the support that you have given me and secondly to say right on to the stand that you have taken against the government's persecution program against Black revolutionaries. By supporting me and other revolutionaries you have taken a stand against racism, against sexism, against oppression, against capitalism, against imperialism and against the genocidal war being waged against Third World people. By supporting me you are supporting Black people's right to national self determination and the struggle to acquire that right.

From the beginning, we knew that it was highly unlikely, if not impossible for me to get a fair trial in middlesex county, n.j.

One--because the constant co-optation by ruling classes of the masses of working peoples, coupled with their complete control of technology and information, makes the so-called democratic process null and void and thus created the hysterical, slanderous and racist press coverage that surrounded this case.

Two--because of the press coverage, over 70 percent of the people in racist middlesex county were already convinced of my guilt.

Three--because the judge was racist and blatantly prejudiced in favor of the prosecution.

Fourthly--and most importantly, because there is no such thing as justice in america, especially for Black and poor people. History clearly shows that in the course of the development of modern western society, the code of law is the code of the dominant and most powerful class, made into laws for everyone. Law is never impartial, never divorced from the economical relationships that brought it about.

So, this is not the time to feel depressed or defeated. This is not the time to forget about struggling, or to forget about all the Sisters and Brothers who have been railroaded into these dungeons. Rather, it is the time to feel outraged, to feel determined, to fight against this government tooth and nail, not for what it is doing to me, but for what it is doing to us all.

This railroading and legal lynching of me is but one drop of blood in the ocean of Blood and suffering that the american government is responsible for. As I am writing this now someone else is being railroaded or shot in the back. We, the people, have lost this one battle, but we will and we must win the war; the war for liberation, for justice and for freedom. The war for our children and for the future of the world. I have no faith, nor have I ever had faith in this government or in this system of injustice. Black people must learn to no longer have a psychological dependence on racist reactionary "legalities." It is the people who will set us free.

In struggle

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