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Governor Nelson Rockefeller
State Office Building
Albany, New York

Governor Rockefeller:

We, the people of the Black communities from which Cornelius Butler and Lawrence Hayes came, and the concerned people from the communities of New York are against what the courts of New York are attempting to do to these brothers.

You might ask why we are writing to you, we are writing to you not to implore you to do something about the conditions of two black people, but to let you know that we are aware of what you and your administration are planning to do and also that we allowed you to get away with Attica, but we are prepared to deal with what you are trying to do to these two black brothers.

Again, we would like to make clear to you that we will not stand silently by and do nothing while you send Cornelius Butler et al to the electric chair. It would be very advisable to continue to allow that electric chair sit in repose.

There is one more factor we would like to state. These brothers are accused of murder. The circumstances of this murder excludes these two brothers from having murdered anyone. The courts have gone so far as to say that simply by their presence they have endorsed this murder and therefore are as guilty as the one who pulled the trigger. If this be the case then we are all guilty because we all sat back and allowed the conditions in this country to become pregnant with corruption that things like this can and have become a daily past time. If they be guilty then we are all guilty, if they are sentenced then we all are sentenced. If they are killed, we are all dead, for we will have denied ourselves the right to survive.

If the solution you can see is only to make an example of these two brothers, then think again, because we will not sit back and allow this to go down.....

Fruit for Thought!!!!