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Part I

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We are the Daughters of Harriet Tubman, Nat Turner, Malcolm X, Queen Nzinga, Marcus Garvey, and Queen Moo.

We are the descendents, the fruits of Afrikan Slaves stolen and transplanted.

We are New Afrikan Women dedicated to the total liberation of our people, everywhere.

We aline ourselves spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically with our creator, our ancestors, and our people to win the war against Racism and Oppression in all forms.

We New Afrikan women constitute a powerful harmonizing force engaged in revolutionary struggle-study, meditation, prayer, training, community service and family/nation building.

We will restore and preserve our traditional culture.

We will always teach the history and heritage of our people.

We come together (whereever we are) to serve our families and our people.

We are a Black Woman's Collective-Mothers of the Black Nation

We will struggle to resurrect and unify our homeland and Afrikan People everywhere.

We unite with our brothers to free the land and our people.

We are New Afrikan Women-Beautiful, strong and vibrant committed to serving the New Afrikan Nation.

Love is the breeding ground of Afrikan Women

Love for Motherhood

Mother to her children
her family
her community
her nation

Mother to herself

Love is the soul of Afrikan Women

It precedes all their thought and action

Love is the unifying force of the Universe

The Afrikan Woman is love

A unifying force for the nation

Afrikan Women Unite

The role of the Black Woman in the Black Liberation Struggle is to maintain and act upon the tradition of Afrikan People. "Resistance to Tyranny is service to God." "Resistance to oppression is the nature of our People." All Black people must be about the business of liberating our people. As mothers of the nation we must set the example for our children to follow. We must act with integrity and respect at all times in our dealings with our people and our enemy—for we must not become vicious dogs in our quest for self-determination. We as a people are engaged in a war against white supremacy (and male supremacy). More specifically we are struggling to destroy Racism and Monopoly Capitalism (which includes Colonialism-Neo Colonialism, Imperialism and Sexism). And we must build a better world than people have yet known.

Our responsibility is ^{to} use every means available to free ourselves from the shackles of modern slavery. Wherever we are we must fight and we must prepare our people to wage war and win because "the white man ain't gon give us nothing." We must ~~clear~~ ^{demand} and take control of our lives, our communities, our nation.

As Afrikan Women we must live and teach the Nguzo Saba for these principles provide for an excellent mode of behavior. ~~These~~ principles are:

- Umoja - Unity
- Kujichagulia- Self Determination
- Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility
- Ujamaa - Cooperative Economics
- Nia - Purpose
- Kuumba - Creativity
- Imani - Faith

We must teach our children their heritage, traditions, their culture and history. We must make sure that all children of Afrikan descent know where they came from and where they are going. As a people we seek total Independence, therefore all our activities, all our Kazi (work) must be a means to that end. And we all know that without LAND there can be no independence, therefore our ultimate struggle is for LAND.

Before I close this introduction I must say that the responsibility of the Black Woman and Man is to build and maintain the family. We must work with our men and elders to collectively ^{promote} solve the myriad of problems that face us and threatens to destroy. We must understand that our men have been victims of the same indoctrination, brainwashing, and exploitation at the hands of white male supremacy. Therefore, we as a people must help each other work through all our problems.


We as sisters must learn how to help our people reshape our sexual relationships. We must learn to say "no" and mean it in many situations where people's lives can be torn asunder by "whose sleeping with whom." Our sexual habits, desires and behavior have destroyed many families and very important,

necessary organizations. Therefore, we must guard against permissiveness, loose and casual sexual encounters, sleeping with other people's husbands, wives or lovers and flirtatious vulgar language and behavior.

Lastly we must ^{imbue} ~~involve~~ a supreme, divine sense of spirituality with ourselves, and children and our men. We must use our relationship to the creator and the universe to move us forward, bind us together and insure us of victory. We must pay respect and homage to our ancestors. We must use them to guide our struggle-which is our daily lives.

We must teach our own. We must be responsible for teaching our children, preparing them for future SELF RULE.

To sum up I think our role is understood in the following statement:

 "We are mothers, sisters, warriors, queens, teachers, healers, builders, and protectors. We are New Afrikan Women determined and committed to the total independence of all Afrikan people everywhere."

We need a National Revolutionary Women's Organization that can serve as a (1) training mechanism (2) skills clearing house (3) support group (4) information center (5) United front ~~and~~ (6) think tank and (7) a guiding force for the war and the days of reconstruction. The relationship to the Black Liberation Movement of this organization I think is obvious. It was serve the Black Liberation Movement. It would be a tool used to train and develop our women, support and protect the movement and our people. It would coordinate our efforts and serve as a stabilizing force. It would help us initiate our daughters into womanhood and all its responsibilities. It could serve as a means to disseminate information about our struggle on an international level. The need is great for a Black Woman Collective. It would help to actualize the principle of Ujima - collective work and responsibility.

Part III

Goal Statement: The goal statement is written in the form of "we"—representing that i am a part of a collective engaged in the Afrikan Liberation struggle in America.

Our goal discussion must occur on three (3) basic levels. Thus:

1. Culturally we seek to win the hearts and minds of our people. If we don't achieve this goal we can't hope to win any battles not to mention the war. The oppressor (the white, racist, capitalist ruling class of America) has infested us with self-deforming and self-destructive values and views. The oppressor is reflected and reinforced in the way we as Afrikans live in this country. Cultural conversion is key to any political and economic plans. Without the mandatory, appropriate consciousness, commitment and determination to carry out development plans—failure is a surity and continued confusion of us as a people is perpetuated. Cultural revolution is important to the beginning of a new society. We need a new value system a new culture, one which is reflective of us by design. Our current culture—must give way to a new national culture of study, struggle, the giving of hard consistent work, energy to the building of our future and the Republic of New Afrika. We must as a people, as an under-developed nation, develop and maintain a self critical and self corrective capacity. We must develop the discipline necessary to "take our destiny in ~~own~~!" Thus the first goal is to achieve a high degree of national integration and a sense of national unity. We seek LAND FIRST!

2. Economically: We need and seek capital—physical, financial, social, and human, ^{we need} That is to say, productive machinery and space, finance for plans and programs, socially supportive institutions and skilled personnel to plan, pursue and maintain these requirements and acquisitions.

3. Politically we seek power (to control and define). This requires an aware,

organized, active people. We must understand and recognize the crucialness of political economy as a useful science in the solution of our problems. We seek to develop political economists in service to us. Politics and Economics are inseparable--capital controls the economy and politics is governance--power and control and ideology.

Relation of Goals:

The relationship of the three goals discussed in the Goal Statement I hope is apparent. They are intertwined and interdependent. To win the hearts and minds of our people is the first basic step in gaining control over our future development--without this step the others would be impossible. Economic Growth or Self-Reliance in ~~the~~ side of the present national structure would not be possible because we as a group would still be tied to the present national structure. The decisionmaking processes would still be in external hands. If we remain programmed by the present ruling class we won't even think about our conditions and a response to those conditions. Afrikans born in America are not taught to be the definers of their own lives and surroundings. We are a part of the "periphery" only observing the "Center."

The ultimate relationship of the discussed goals is that they seek an independent Black Nation--A Republic of New Afrika. Economic autonomy inescapably entails political autonomy or self government. We can speak of black economic autonomy in its fullest sense only if we are speaking about a self governing black political entity.--A sovereign nation.

Savings and Capital Formation: This step is a long way off since it is necessary to first gain our independence from this country--only then can we determine the best strategy we seek capital through reparations. We demand reparations because of the following reasons.

1. We were kidnapped and sold without our consent from Afrikam and brought there, and
2. For the free labor stolen from us under the system of slavery, sharecropping, jim crow and the present system of wage slavery.

We must take an example from China designating as capital, human capital. This human capital in the beginning would be used to demand and take the basics for forming a society. The infrastructure would be somewhat designed for us given that we would be succeeding from a portion of the union. Labor intensive economics would be stressed.

Social Mobilization: The first phase of Social Mobilization would be done through a planned plebiscite to determine the citizenship options for a kidnapped people under international law--for we must win the consent of our people. Mobilization must come in two forms:

1. mobilizing the people to take charge of their destiny through mass education and progaganda programs and
2. an emphasis on Nation consciousness (from class to collective).

Coordination and Control: This will be done through the elected government and its local institutions, and a party. Government intervention should be strong and should have as their basis for control, an understanding of the need for agriculture, housing, education, culture and science and technology. A society by the people.

Attitude Change: Our citizens, the New Afrikans, must be agents of change rather than merely consumers. A political consciousness must be grasped by the masses so that they may be able to enact their own changes in economics and society--thus acquire the essential attitude necessary for going up against the monster of America-(where the odds of surviving or small-we must acquire the attitude that 80% of us might die so that 15% of us can build the RNA).