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Love to you Brother Butte

How you be? I hope that you are feeling as high spirited and as strong as your letters are sounding. Your letters made me feel very happy. It felt good to hear from home. I am sorry that I haven't written sooner but getting a letter out of this jail is almost as difficult as getting our freedom out of the crackers. Where did you hear that I have become a muslim? I am curious to know. I am very anxious to know more about Islam mainly because so many Black people are embracing it. I have never related to much to gods, you know, like from out of the sky and stuff like that because only the things that I can see, hear, touch and conceive of seem real to me. I do not relate to the concept of no all powerful all knowing god either because to me they would have to be some kind of sadists to permit all this suffering. The thing that I relate to about Islam is the feeling of unity, love, and strength that I have felt from the brothers and sisters that I

Know who relate to islam. In a way i think
Islam brings about the kind of life style that
is conducive to revolutionary struggle. And i think
that ~~without~~ islam teaches ~~discipline~~
discipline, ^{sense of} strong family, unity and pride which
are necessary in our struggle for freedom. Much of
our former life styles is negative, ^{it gets in our way} and we have
got to create a new one. If islam will help our struggle
for liberation then i will embrace it with open arms.
But i have got a lot of questions. I would like
to know for instance more about Jahaad (i don't
^{know} how to spell too good) the holy war. Also i am
a revolutionary woman and i take the position ~~take~~
~~the position~~ that anyone who raises a hand to harm
me will be dealt with like an enemy but if i
remember right the Quran says it is cool for a
man to beat his wife, i cannot relate to that. Also
though i do not relate to that white women's liberation
mess i do not believe in submissiveness because i
think it is a dangerous attitude for a revolutionary
woman to have. It causes at the least liberalism and
hesitation which can get people killed. I am
talking about this because i have met many muslim
sisters who behave in a submissive manner.
I got a beautiful letter from brother Carl Shiner
who is also at the bombs. If you see him please tell
him that i ^{will} write to him as soon as i can.

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In his letter he asked if I am a sunni however i do not really know just what that is exactly. Do you know what ~~sunni~~ sunni's believe? I was reading in jet 6/21 about Brother Burton and Brother Bowen who are accused of ~~king~~ the warden and deputy warden at homesburg in Philly. I know that jet is not reliable but they quote ~~of~~ Ali Abdul Aziz who they say is an orthodox sunni minister. These people were not representing the muslims. During my meetings with them, I impressed on them that they were undergoing punishment for things they did before they were muslims. Burton & Bowen were jailed for earlier police killings. If that is representative then you must know what I think of sunni. Was it a sunni minister that was trying to talk the brothers in the gun store ^{inter} coming out? Anyway I have asked to see a muslim minister and I hope that he will help clear up some of the questions in my head

In this place ~~no~~ none of the inmates are permitted to read newspapers. I am in a closet and I don't know what is going on in the world. Black Square is in the same predicament. If my news sent out this way will be appreciated I would like some suggestions on stuff to read. I like to stay away from big fat books with big fat words because they usually make me fall asleep. I do not think that you can send any books here or anything like that. Even though this is a bad time for revolutionaries my spirits are high and I am confident that we are going to win. Since I was shot the way Black people have responded has been beautiful. Black Nurses have worked weeks without taking a day off so that they could make sure I was alright. People have done all kinds of beautiful things and many people have asked what they could do for our struggle. Most of the sisters here are hungry for knowledge and want to know what they can do. I would like ideas on books for them to read that are easy and clear and politically educate. ~~I~~ I think that it is clear examples, victories and understanding that will take us out of the phase our struggle is in. As for my health I am fine except for my right hand which is still slightly paralyzed. My lawyer goes to court Friday to get physical therapy order. What sentence did bloods in Queens get? Will say goodbye now I am getting sleepy Stay Strongy Love my love to the Brothers
Love Assata