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Warm Greetings Malika,

Excuse the lateness in responding to your last letter, I have been contemplating on how to respond without dampening the fiery spirit you have.

I've shared your letter with the few comrades that's here, all will write or have already written you, we shared similar views concerning your case, and I am going to express my thoughts on the matter, of course you know that the final answer lies with you, and as I've expressed in my previous letter, I support you, on whatever decision you decide to make.

First let me extend my heart felt love and greetings to you and the children, knowing the circumstances and charges you must be going through at present, much encouragement and a showing of concern is needed.

I embrace you Malika, cuz through your efforts in past endeavors, you have shown what type of substance you're made of, as well as where your decision lies, mainly I embrace you cuz you are you, thru things change, it's made you more of what your potentials demand, this is the essence of development and growth, i.e. realizing our fullest potential through struggle.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I address your upcoming trial, I must say I do not know all the circumstances involved, what I do know is that we need all our comrades in the streets to further advance

our cause.

You made a couple of key statements that should be given careful consideration; i.e. who you are, the blood, sweat and tears of our people and your goals, which are dictated by our struggle for freedom and our responsibility to the youth; these factors should be given careful consideration by you.

You know when many of the comrades got busted a lot was said by some in relation to the reason why certain acts were committed, and as a result, they've spent quite some time, doing time and what was accomplished?

You've had a bit taste of prison, so you know what it's about, many other examples of comrades in prison are cited to its realities.

The fact that the feds know who you are, the fact that we know who you are, forces me to present the realities to you, as your comrade and our past intimate involvement; you see a wise woman, Malika, we don't need no more Assata, we need more Malika & Njei's people who can function without watching their backs & sneaking when the feds may be at it.

You came from underground for a reason; to resolve the contradictions, in order to deal with the impediments of our struggle in all forms, you must know this can't be done from a prison cell, and as we know theory without practice is useless.

You know Malika, you mentioned how out of it you were when you first suggested and how you were so into yourself in an adverse way, don't you think you're still into yourself, i.e. by overdoing, or subordinating your goals in life, as well as the struggle for the sake of principle, if indeed that's involved?

You're right a lot of people don't understand our struggle, not will they, if everybody is locked up or on the run, we need strong people out there, with principles and understanding to explain why we struggle & to show how we struggle, and the principles & discipline go hand in hand, but the latter is the outcome of the former.

Malika I know you may be angry about what I've just said, if so, I feel I can save your anger more so, than to see you in prison, if that be the outcome of your case, but in any event, I'll always be your comrade, and as your comrade, I had no choice but to let you know my thoughts concerning what I know and the contents of your letter.

Getting to more pleasurable things, the pictures were, are all beautiful, from Jamal to Lil Malika, but I must add that I searched through all the pictures you send and came to the conclusion that you don't consider yourself photo jolic, otherwise I would have had one of you, don't you think so, it's been almost eight years since I last saw you, I think

i describe the picture, don't you think so.

(Concerning Sr. Louis, you can reach him at this no. 345-2604, I've written him a month ago and a few times before that, as I don't know what the situation is, I have a feeling based on some problems concerning some other people who work with him, in any case, tell him to let me know something pro- or- con on the job situation).

In closing I ask that you consider the points of analysis made, it's not completely objective if you see any biases in my thinking concerning this matter, please straighten me out, I much rather be objective about this, than subjective.

Give a warm kiss to Lil Malika, along with my love to Jamal, Bob and Lil Malika, and as I've said elsewhere, position you decide to take, you'll still have my support.

Willis again remain strong and full of spirits.

Rev. Rev. Alubays,
Bro. Valdez

P.S. Enclosed is a check note from Sumaira, acknowledge receipt.