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I don't know if you remember me, but not too long ago we had the brief opportunity to meet in Harlem - Around the time of the constitutional convention in Phila when you and Harold crossed came over to 127th to pick up some food for the event. - Any way I had helped load the truck. My SLAVE name is Robert Vickers my real name is Rafiq Abd Al Khalifa

The reason why im communicating now is because after reading your letter to Kuwesi Balagbon I suddenly realized how much time I let most important things just slip by. especially after relating to some things you said and also relating to some things I felt you were trying to say. Mainly behind the mutual situation we all share. being political prisoners as well as prisoners of war.

Kuwesi, Nive and I are now being held in the readjustment unit. of the prison as a result of many attempts of trying to turn that almost forgotten rhetoric into a reality, and as a result of some many attempts and no real concrete victories we have come up with some new rhetoric as well as some very drastic conclusions. which has also created a drastic need to communicate with those who share the same predicament. Mainly to check out our sanity. Are we as crazy as our so-called comrades are trying to make us believe.

Please let me give you an example of what are some of the things that have been passing back and forth. Please tell us are we crazy,

After looking back at our history in the party, and mainly at the so-called split we suffered in 1971 behind a lot of things we just ignored until it just blew in our faces. we concluded that our own apathy was the cause of us suffering the way we did. Like we know

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that we must all go through those qualitative changes in any type of organizational hook up, for any significant progress to be made. And we knew that war or contradiction is never avoided, its just put off to some one dis-advantage and the others advantage. But on the same token, we also know that who ever lacks the initiative will be the one who ultimately winds up at the disadvantage - especially after the smoke clears and the body count is taken. Like we concluded that had we not been so hesitant to speak on the various things that deep down inside we saw as being wrong, for what ever reasons we had for not doing so, we probably would have saved the lives of many good comrades who were taken by surprise or sleeping, like had we selectively dealt with maybe 5 or 10 choice people from jump street it would have saved us many years and would have save giving our enemy the advantage to divide and conquer. Like now we are really beginning to understand the true significance of MAOS Cultural - revolution. (the constant process of sweeping out bad elements) that if neglected and ignored will ultimately lead to setting back the overall revolution many years costing millions of lives and dedicated people who are really willing to do what is necessary for a successful revolutionary ARMED struggle, mathematically its a sound equation also, some times its best and more economical to get rid of 1000 reactionary elements today than to wait till things boil over / to a disadvantage and in the end lose all around a cost of millions of lives and massive divisions. the real enemys ultimate desire: like some times its best to spend 10 dollars today and miss a meal then ultimately wind up dying of starvation and break up of family and who must leave in search of other food and water to survive.

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I honestly don't believe that it's by chance that most P.O.W.s are finding it necessary to suddenly reach out and trade ideas with others. I don't think that this true phenomenon is abstract one bit, I think it stems from a concrete situation. I think that concrete situation is, that we see something wrong, we know that something must be done.

Let me give you another example of what we've been kicking around. Because of historical necessity we had to break our strategy down into various collectives and individuals ect ect, mainly to get maximum energy out of mobility and security. This was done in order to establish a basic principle of Armed Struggle. As a result we accomplished many beautiful principles beyond what we could have ever dreamed of. The main thing being it caught on like a prairie fire and spread like a storm. We have accomplished more in 5 years in the area of experience than some nations have done in a entire lifetime of consistent protracted struggle. Viet Nam, Africa, Asia ect would be held in awe at what we accomplished in such a short period being here right in the midst of the world's enemy. but on the same token because of inexperience, we allowed ourselves to be isolated one by one. mainly do to a lack of over all strategy or co-ordination. It is understandable considering what we had to work with and what we were up against, but understanding is neither acceptance or rejection. understanding is knowledge, gained through experience.

The question comes to mind, what would have happened if we had consolidated our gains brought all the various free shooters into one unified body, co-ordinated our actions. at the right moment we all know that with each new epoch made in history we must go through qualitative and quantitative changes. we start from a point

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of quality. Small and seemingly insignificant, we then build and spread then what we must do after we reach a certain point. Jimminy must be right, we consolidate, close shop, clean house, bugs parasites ect, we make our ground firm then we push forward into the next epoch and repeat the process. until goal is reached.

Be fer I really go too far into what I'm trying to say, please let us hear from you. this way I'll know if our communications is coming through. And to check if im crazy.

Any way be fer I draw this to a close please let me say this. we have every thing we need. to consolidate and give our gains paid for in blood and sacrifices, we have the opportunity, we have the collective experience, we have the leadership capabilities and those who can accept that responsibility, other words we de-centralized because of a historical necessity. now its a historical necessity to centralize our collective leadership into a strategic command that has the authority to speak for all those who cant speak. because of various compromising positions. A leadership of warriors and not clerks and functionaries. which in turn will serve many purposes. mainly being an Army that has the power to enforce the peoples will that power being the power of arms.

please excuse me for being so direct but vague at the same time but the situation is desperate and a lot of bull shit vacillation must end. especially coming from those who wont even throw a brick. we have six years between us in here hearing all the excuses, as if the revolution was really going to be a main product

ps. If given a chance the people will

ride an ox to death. if just dont work

with a lack ASS. He knows when he is tired.

In Struggle

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