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Warm Greetings Malika,

I was indeed surprised to hear from you. I too have had many thoughts about you and how you were fairing.

It's good to know that you are fine and taking care of yourself and facing life.

After reading your letter a number of times to make sure it was the same Malika I knew, (smiled) I sat back and tried to imagine how grown Jamal and Sulay are, I can just bet they're as tall as me, and quite wise, the years have rolled by fast, but the fond memories still linger in my mind, it's good to know that Jamal and Sulay still speak of me, for a minute I thought all the ~~fall~~ flowers were gone.

It would indeed be a pleasure if you were to send some pictures of all the youth, it'll be a brighter moment for each new day, plus you never mentioned the lil sister's name.

A lot has happened to both of us in the passing years and much has been learned to encourage develop ment, time has done a lot for you, not to say it's been all good, but I know you've come through in one piece, like a flower you have blossomed.

As myself, I'm still the same, in that I'm still about the business of struggle, with lots more motivation, I'm still developing and growing, learning as time goes by.

My current situation has me stagnated

searched, I've been in confinement since last
March, so I've been out of touch with what's happening
in general, I still study with what little I have.

As for when I'm suppose to leave, that's
uncertain, I have a date for Dec. coming, but I'm
trying to get to a halfway house in Sept. if nothing
goes wrong, but as I said, there's no telling, it's hard
to apply dialectics in a situation like this.

When last I heard about you, I was under
the impression that the case was over with, why
is it still hanging over your head?

Seeing Gwen & Debbie, was like a family
reunion, I've often thought about them as well, even
Victor.

What are you studying in college, and how's
things with you in general?

Tell Sulay we don't need any more M.L.K.'s
but another Malcolm will be right on time, tell
him that it's good to know he's got his head in the
right direction.

What about Jamal, has he similar ideas
or is he heading in an other direction or has
he made his mind up about that?

Tell them, I've missed them a great deal
and intend to see them upon my release.

Curly should be put by the time you
receive this letter, I received a letter from him
about a few days before yours, he was in Tampa
with Ashanti, both were in high spirits and I

wrote and told them I heard from you and will extend their greetings to you.

I've been trying to get out there for the past two years, but the furthest I've gotten is Marion.

I should be going back there in a few more weeks, if not sooner, this laying around has made lazy, but now that I know I'll be leaving soon, I'm getting that feel like busting loose feeling.

I've been taken pretty good care of myself while in pop, and I definitely need that type of therapy right now.

Ukanki has a July date for the state and I think Chang has the same for the state.

Vickie is free in pop, every now and then I get to see him, when he gets locked up, but other wise he's cool.

I don't know about Barbara or Joe, ever since they found out about Theresa, there hasn't been any communications, but if you should call give my regards.

Well see, I'm stepping out for now, my love to the youth, and give my greetings to Nicky.
Until again, be strong.

Rev. Love,
Valdez