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Warm Greetings, Malika,

I don't know if you received my last letter since that time I've been transferred back to Marion.

I've asked a few people to get in contact with you to let you know I've been moved, at the time I didn't have your address, but today I received my property, so now I'm able to get back in contact with you myself.

I'm here with Sundiata and Khalid (Simmons) both roads are alright, then Khalid was locked up on Sunday past, for refusing to hang around the pig, the head is a very devoted Muslim, how long he'll be there is anyone's guess, sometimes you don't see people that get locked up for months, the head had asked for your address, so I'll give it to him when he returns to population.

Sundiata had a few visits the past week so I was able to find out how those folks are trying to carry you, whatever road you choose, you have my strength and support.

Myself, I'm just waiting for my turn to come, I've gotten back into my routine of working out, I was running but the camp has been locked down because of a lock strike, so until the outcome I'll do what I can until things change.

I go up for a parole review in June, so that

will hardly determine when I come home, this particular situation don't help none, but like you I've learned to take the bitter with the sweet.

In my last letter I asked you about the woman child you brought into the world, I would like to know her name as well as have a few pictures too, of all the children, and you too, after all it's been a long time since I've had the pleasure of seeing you & the children, so make that a must thing to do upon receipt of this letter.

And as soon as this strike is over I'll have some pictures taken and send to you.

Have you been in contact with Fr. Lewis?

He's supposed to provide me with a job upon my release, the last time I corresponded with him, I didn't get any reply if you can do something along that line, I'll appreciate it, as long as it doesn't interfere with what you have to do.

In my last letter I told you I've matured in my understanding of our people's situation, I've also matured in general, I've often thought about us, the many mistakes I've made from being immature, time has made me reflect on it all, I'm not sorry, but I am thankful I've had the opportunity to develop and grow with you for the short time that I did, I still smile when I think about it.

What about your future, what do you see yourself

Wishing to do, the goals you have in mind for the children and yourself?

Yes, if I had to do it all over again, I'll only change a few things, but my aims & goals will be the same, Nationalism, Liberalism and self-determination for us as a people, anything else will be obsolete for me.

As you know I have children and they have to be taught what needs to be done, we can't let them get it like we did, very late in our age, the maturing process must start now, while they're young, they must develop a discipline for self-determination now so they will be able to realize it in their life time, we've lived our lives, our remaining years should be good toward educating the youth, so their years may be fruitful.

I know you're doing just that, I can tell by how you speak of them, even the little sister, I wanted to give you a little insight into where my head is at.

My love and best to the children, tell them that I never & forget them in any respect, and I do intend to come and see them upon my release.

Take care Malika, and write soon.

Love
Valdez