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Dear Judy:

I am in receipt of your's dated August 24, 1992; it's always inspiring to hear from you. I would have responded immediately but I've been trying to catch-up on my work. Actually, I've been either busy or feeling burned-out; it's a seesaw situation.

Thank you for reading my short story on the lesbian prisoner with a critical eye. It was very sad; I was shedding tears while I was writing it ... I will work on the points you identified. I was thinking may be I could include a couple paragraphs where she does something very liberating in prison to teach others about lesbianism, etc. Hum?

At the moment everything is somewhat on the back-burner. I've got a piece due for Odyssey, which

will be on control unit prisons. It is suppose to be more of a "paper" than essay, article or story - - so I've got to get started on that... I am also suppose to write an essay on the Rodney King fiasco. It will be called the Difference Between A Dream & Reality. The focus will be the curtailing of civil rights, esp. people of color. I plan to contrast it with Dr. King's famous speech, I HAD A DREAM... I haven't got started on either of those, yet. I think they go to print in January - - so they will be due the first of November. (And, I am tentatively schedule for a trial the first of December.)

With regard to the John Brown Education Fund. Do I submit the receipts to you for forwarding to them? I don't know their address. I've got postage, typing and copying bills waiting to be paid. (I am still trying to find a cheaper typist.) This guy in Boston (desk-top publisher) is going to print-up the controlled housing petitions... I am not sure what he is going to charge.

An attorney at the Gay Men's Health Crisis in NYC is going to help

me apply for 501(c)(3) status. I want to put together a collection of short stories and poetry on prisoners living with HIV/AIDS. I want the publication to differ from other publications inasmuch it will be personal stories -- experiences -- of what it's really like walking around inside "The Beast" with HIV/AIDS. That's going to be the name *Surviving Inside the Belly of the Beast*. (I intentionally left "AIDS" out of the title, because I figured it would appeal to more prisoners.) I am sure you will inspire us with some of your experiences of fighting constantly for HIV/AIDS prisoners. What was it like to have 5 prisoners with AIDS holding to talk to you? (One day I called and the receptionist said: can you call her back she has 5 people holding...) I know you said it right, when you said that job challenged you. And, we all know you loved it, because you were so sincere and dedicated!! Anyway, I think Designers Industry Foundation For AIDS is going to finance it, if I get 501(c)(3). I talk to the guy there and he seem really interested -- sent

me a mess of material. Hopefully, I'll be able to start calling for submissions after the first of the year.

I am sending you a copy of the flyers on the court system campaign I am doing. This is worst than Alabama!! I'll be having more flyers coming out on this subject. Also, the Bureau of Prisons has said that their position is that safer-sex constitutes promiscuous, predatory and dangerous behavior; thus, inmates who engage in safer-sex "shall" be segregated — that is, HIV/AIDS inmates only, of course. I know it's frightening and ludicrous; I am working on it...

Enclosed is this month's issue of the Newslite. You will see that your name is mentioned in my piece, AIDS: Power, Prisons, Pressure. I don't need any of the materials I send you back. But, if you ever have the opportunity to photocopy any of my articles and send them along, please do... I find including an article or two in letters to people I am trying to gain assistance from enlightens them tremendously.

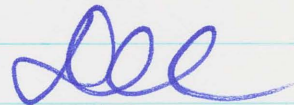
You were correct with regard to making out the money order — the

name isn't important. All my mail, checks, etc., come addressed to Dee Farmer. With the Bureau, it's you can call me Sue, you can call me Jane . . . whatever you like. Some of the employees take that literally too!

Well sis, thanks for the address to the Chronicle and the article on the work Linda is doing at FCI - Pleasant . . . She is following in your footsteps!

Write whenever you can; as I said, it's always inspiring to hear from you . . . You're the greatest!!

Love and Peace,



Dee Farmer