

September 17, 1993

Dear Judge,

Peace be unto you. Surely, if
Dunn & Brad Street Collection Department
was writing me, because of one of my
friends surely they would better
start my greeting with "peace." I
just received your letter, yesterday,
and would have written then, but
I moved to another housing unit
yesterday and hurt my back lifting
all those boxes of legal books and
papers. Nevertheless, enclosed is
a copy of the letter I sent to
Brad & Dunn Street today. It is
self-explanatory, and I hope
acceptable to you. Please let
me know!!

Well, I don't know if I am
here for awhile or not. You know
one of the prerequisites to staying
at a particular prison for awhile
is to become either tolerated by
the officials or silent about
their intolerable behavior,
practices and conditions. I've
been speaking too long, and

have learned to speak to well, to be silent. And, I doubt that these prisonrats have enough experience or resources to deal with someone that does it as well as me.

Indeed, they locked-up a large group of inmates today supposedly in an effort to prevent a riot that is to begin Monday. It's probably just rumor. I am talking about the riot, of course. Then again there has been some work and food strikes here.

I do plan to use my contacts in Congress to come out against certain conditions here that I believe are an unwarranted imposition upon the little dignity and privacy that prisoners have, retain. Specifically, this place is already grossly overcrowded inmates are basically sleeping in "open areas" that were designed as recreation areas. There is about 35 inmates sleeping in each of the

housing unit recreation areas. These inmates have only access to 2 bathrooms. Each bathroom has 1 toilet, and 1 sink. Can you imagine what it's like to have to wait for 35 inmates to wash their faces and brush their teeth. If I get up at 5 am then I can make it to the library by 8 am. Not to mention, there is talk of making the cells from 2 man cells to 3 man cells. Judg, I really don't know what's happening in this damn system. But, I will keep pushing on.

Can you send me and Russ Webb some information about the October conference. Russ says that he has called Jackie twice without success. Is she sick or vacationing? I wrote to her also some time ago, and have received no response, which is a bit unusual even though

at times she is somewhat slow.

Well, sister generally I would have typed this letter, but at the moment I am getting a brief together for the local district court, putting the finishing touches on your booklet, trying to put together a booklet of positive prisoner stories, and writing Haymarket, DIFFA and Chirook grant applications. Yes, it is very hectic.

Sister don't let the complications of life get the best of you. No matter how much we try to make things alright there will always be problems. Some of the unnecessary and preventable. But, if these things didn't happen we'd have stress free lives!! Just imagine. It just makes me so damn depressed when I am either the cause of or subject of stress!! I apologize and close with a big sideways hug!!

Love + sisterhood,
Dell