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Dear Judy:

I've been intending to write you for the past six or so days, but I've been just overwhelmed with trying to complete different things. A job never completed.

Well, did you talk or write Al at the National Prison Project about my case? If so, thanks a million. I received a letter from him advising me that he had reviewed my case and the letter that I sent to him and that he and John Boston would be willing to represent me in the case, if the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case. He also wrote to the Clerk of the Supreme Court advising them likewise. I am indeed happy about it. The question of whether or not the Supreme Court will agree to hear the case is a burdensome one. As you are aware, the highest Court only agrees to hear about ten percent of the cases presented. That is, about 70 cases a term. If I can be lucky enough to be one of those seventy, it can only be said that the angels of heaven are with me. (smile) I don't know if I should try and get people to write letters to the various Justices urging them to hear the case or not. Some people say that it is a good idea, but others say it is a bad idea.

Because the Court "ordered" the government to file a response, a rare move by the Court, many people believe that my chances are good. There is one prison paralegal here, who has had three (3) cases heard by the Supreme Court. Now, that's what you call luck. This case that I am talking about is the rape case that started when you were at the National Prison Project. The good old days. You were my ally in Washington. Anyway, I know that I have to send you copies of the petitions filed in the Supreme Court, and I will, soon.

I do have a Body Positive for you, and a copy of the Appellants' Brief I just filed in the Eleventh Circuit; it contains an HIV issue. The problem is that I don't have anymore Priority Mail envelopes. I have to request them from the mailroom. It's alot of stuff so I might as well send it Priority Mail.

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At the moment, I am trying to complete an article I've been working on for some time. It originally started off being called "Starting to Live." It is now called, Laying Down the Burden. Yes, it is named after that old spiritual hymn. The crux of the article is that AIDS is a burden like no other. And, as a result HIV/AIDS persons try to go through life living and doing all that they can before the burden consumes them. That they are so rapped-up in "living" with AIDS, that they never take time to lay down the emotional burden of "dying" with AIDS. I plan to include some personal experiences, etc.

I wrote to Jackie asking if the staff of the Journal had a picture or drawing of an inmate in a cell with handcuffs and shackles on, while kneeling to pray -- with his hands in the praying position. This the picture I want to publish with the article as an illustration. If you know of any place I can find such a drawing or have one did, please let me know. I am not counting on Jackie to come through.

They are supposedly still investigating the assault upon me by the Correctional Lieutenant. We know what that means, Right? After years of experience with the system that belongs to America, we know were being giving an illusion. The investigation is an illusion. Just like the discipline to the officer that was opening my legal mail. Admittedly. They walk on, kick at and stomp across my back. But, they cannot break it. Like those who have inspired me, my beliefs are embeeded in my soul. The way to the eradication of my beliefs is through the demise of my soul. Sure they have sent a many prisoner soul to heaven or hell, but I at least like to think I am to ingenious to be maneuvered into that trap.

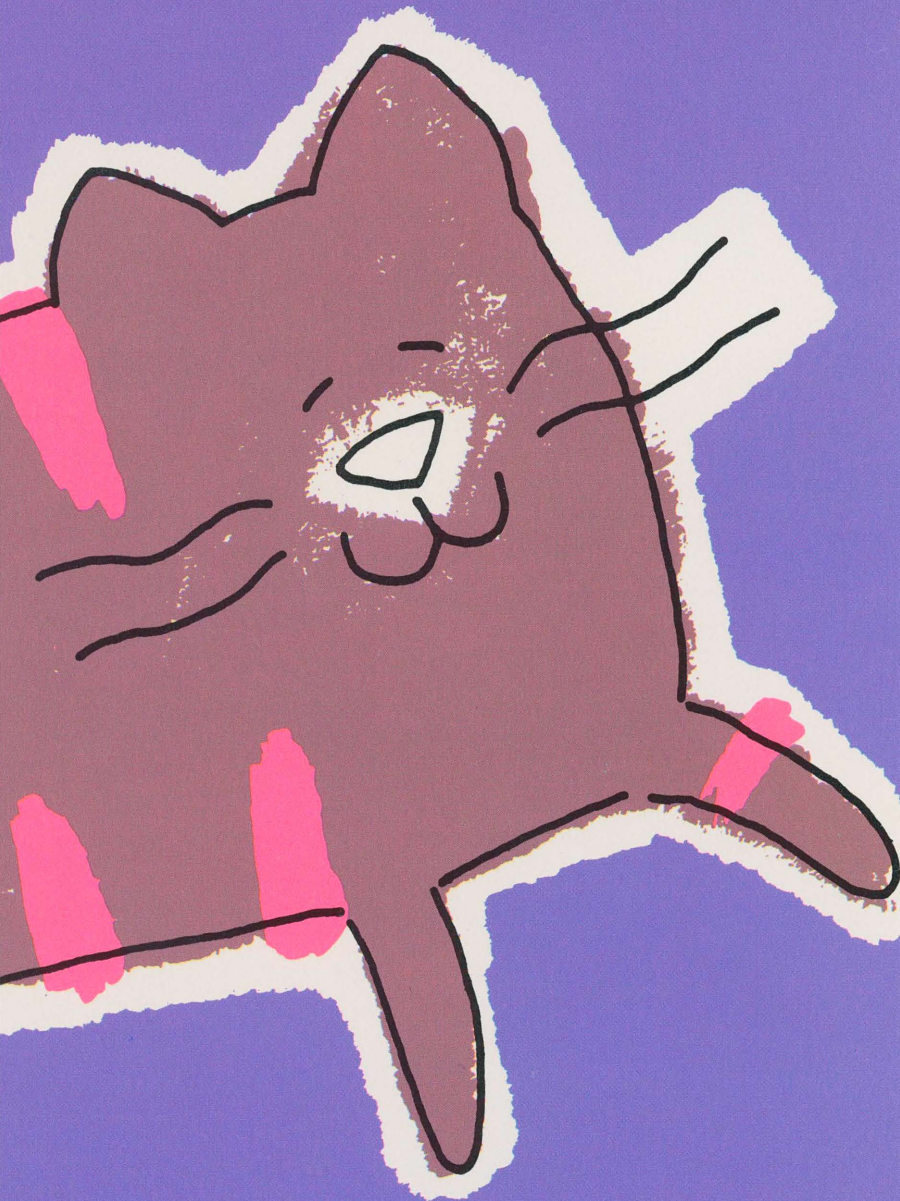
How are things on your end of the battlefield? I still have to write John and let him know I got those materials. Take care of yourself and hold on to "grace" even when life becomes unbearable.

Love and sisterhood,



Dee Farmer

P.S. I will send materials within next couple of days.



Judy,

Enclosed is some of the materials I promised to send you. Soon as I finish filing yhe Reply Brief in the case pending before the Supreme Court, I'll get a copy of those materials off to you.

I finished the article I was working on and have begun getting the materials together for the newsletter. I asked several prisoners to write articles. Did you ask Linda to write something for me? That is, if she would. Do you want me to write her a letter? I also asked Russ Webb, who goes into prisons to do AIDS Education. I don't want it to be long (the newsletter), and definitely not to short.

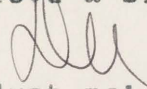
I just got the summer schedule for college classes. And, hope to enroll in all four. If I stay here. The way things are getting around this place, I just might be forced to persue a transfer. Springfield was one kind of problem, but this another. Always something.

The major problem with Springfield was that I couldn't stand the cruelty inflicted upon people who was to sick to help themselves, and in many cases dying. Definitely, to bad off to stand-up for themselves. So, I was fighting for myself, and everybody else too. It was depressing and cumbersome. Here, it's outright anti-gay. I think I've come to far to have to go through this. You know

Thinking of you  
gives me something  
to smile about!

what I mean? The pains of prison, ha. How are things going with the women cases you are working on? And, whats' happening with the Bruce Lee case? Are things better at your office? I know it's not what you want, but hopefully it's become alot more pleasant. Give my regards to Annie & John.

Love & sisterhood,

  
Just me: Dee



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