## NEW YORK THREE FREEDOM CAMPAIGN

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Dear Friend,

Herman Bell, Anthony Jalil Bottom, and Albert Nuh Washington, collectively known as the New York 3 (NY3), are political prisoners who have been locked away in U.S. prisons for nearly 20 years because of their struggle to improve the quality of life in Black communities. The effort to have their 1975 conviction overturned is now in the federal courts and will soon be addressed once again at the state court level.

On December 19, 1989, the NY3 filed a habeas corpus petition in federal court. On April 23rd, the prosecution served its 220-page response to this petition. Within 60 days of this response, attorneys for the NY3 will be submitting their Memorandum of Law (the rebuttal), and anticipate receiving word on the outcome of that within the next two to five months.

While the NY3 awaited the prosecution's response, the New York State Court of Appeals made a decision on the case of Dhoruba Bin Wahad (another Panther who had been wrongfully convicted of the 1971 machine gunning of police assigned to guard then-DA Hogan's house) which opened the way for Judge McQuillan to reverse his conviction on March 15, 1990, effectively setting Dhoruba free after 19 years in prison. This ruling was based on the fact that Dhoruba learned subsequent to his conviction, through FOIA document production, that evidence (witness statements) had been withheld from his attorneys at the time of his trial in 1971.

This same type of evidence, also withheld from the NY3 as another unlawful COINTELPRO tactic used to ensure their conviction, is forming the basis for a new 440 application for the New York 3. The NY3 believe they have a good chance of succeeding with this new 440 application, but need your support to do so!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to cover legal costs for the New York 3 by making your check or money order payable to: IFCO (ear-marked NY3 Freedom Campaign, e.g., in the memo portion of your check), and mail to:

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If you are unable to send a contribution yourself, please help by doing your own personalized fundraising on behalf of the NY3. THESE BROTHERS HAVE BEEN WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED FOR 17 YEARS (Herman) AND 19 YEARS (Nuh and Jalil). THE TIME IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THEIR RELEASE. YOU CAN HELP SET THESE POLITICAL PRISONERS FREE!