

Greetings to the people. My name is Teko. I am a white revolutionary and a soldier in the Symbionese Liberation Army. I have a message for all my white brothers who have not yet come forward to fight for the freedom of all the people. Contrary to what many of us may think, the special privileges we as a group have gained for ourselves through the oppression of all other people has never secured for us the freedom we desire. White men must understand that they will live under the threat of death as long as they continue to oppress the members of any class or group who have the strength and determination to fight back. White men themselves have only one avenue to freedom and that is to join in fighting to the death those who are and those who aspire to be the slave masters of the world. Many of us have been "bold" enough to intellectualize about revolution but far too chickenshit to get down and help make it. Most of us have been nearly fatally stricken with the vile sickness of racism. Again, most of us have been immobilized by our sexist egos and have watched and done nothing as our sisters have rushed by us into battle. We have fooled ourselves into believing that madison avenue piggery will bring us eternal bourgeois happiness. If we haven't bought into the racist, sexist, capitalist, imperialist program, we have "greened-out" in Mendocino and New Hampshire. To Black people, who lead our struggle to freedom, we have proved to be the racist punks of the world when we kick-back and live off the blood and lives of the people.

However many of us have seen through this sham, and are fighting beside comrades from all races and classes, women and men, old and young. We know we have a long way to go to purify our minds of the many bourgeois poisons but we also know that this isn't done through bull-shitting and ego tripping -- it is done by fighting as the Comrade has taught us -- by "stalking the pig, seizing him by the tusks and riding his pig ass into his grave."

It is done by unleashing the most devastating revolutionary violence ever imagined, by proving that all races and groups of people can unite and fight together for the true freedom of us all.

When we call on the people to join us in the fight for freedom many of you wonder how you can join the SLA, feeling that joining materially with those who are already fighting will provide the security you need to justify risking your lives. But we soldiers in the SLA say to this mistaken reasoning that you must read again our declaration of Revolutionary War and Terms of Military Political Alliance. The SLA came into being because many people refused to wait for so-called revolutionary groups and organizations to lead them into a revolution which would, therefore, never come. We grew tired of waiting for mythical North American revolutionaries with the necessary expertise and skills we lacked to teach us. We have learned much from many brave revolutionary women and men, but in reality we are fighting today because we ourselves have seized the moment, taught ourselves, developed incredible strength, determination and committed ourselves to never compromise with the enemy. As anyone with the most primitive of revolutionary mentalities knows, the people will not be given their freedom, they will have to seize it. Wait for no one my brothers.

DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSECT
THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF
THE PEOPLE

I would like to begin this statement by informing the public that I wrote what I am about to say. It's what I feel. I have never been forced to say anything on any tape. Nor have I been brainwashed, drugged, tortured, hypnotized or in any way confused. As George Jackson wrote, "It's me, the way I want it, the way I see it."

Mom, Dad, I would like to comment on your efforts to supposedly secure my safety. The PIN give-away was a sham. You attempted to deceive the people, the SLA and me with statements about your concern for myself and the people. You were playing games -- stalling for time -- time which the FBI was using in their attempts to assassinate me and the SLA elements which guarded me. You continued to report that you did everything in your power to pave the way for negotiations for my release -- I hate to believe that you could have been so unimaginative as to not even have considered getting Little and Remiro released on bail. While it was repeatedly stated that my conditions would at all times correspond with those of the captured soldiers, when your own lawyer went to inspect the 'hole' at San Quentin, he approved the deplorable conditions there -- another move which potentially jeopardized my safety. My mother's acceptance of the appointment to a second term as a U.C. regent, as you well knew, would have caused my immediate execution had the SLA been less than 'together' about their political goals. Your actions have taught me a great lesson, and in a strange kind of way, I'm grateful to you.

Steven, I know that you are beginning to realize that there is no such thing as neutrality in time of war. There can be no compromise as your experiences with the FBI must have shown you. You have been harrassed by the FBI because of your supposed connections with so-called radicals, and some people have even gone so far as to suggest that I arranged my own arrest. We both know what really came down that Monday night -- but you don't know what's happened since then. I have changed -- grown. I've become conscious and can never go back to the life we led before. What I'm saying may seem cold to you and to my old friends, but love doesn't mean the same thing to me anymore. My love has expanded as a result of my experiences to embrace all people. It's grown into an unselfish love for my comrades here, in prison and on the streets. A love that comes from the knowledge that "no one is free until we are all free." While I wish that you could be a comrade, I don't expect it -- all I expect is that you try to understand the changes I've gone through.

I have been given the choice of 1) being released in a safe area, or 2) joining the forces of the Symbionese Liberation Army and fighting for my freedom and the freedom of all oppressed people. I have chosen to stay and fight. One thing which I learned is that the corporate ruling class will do anything in their power in order to maintain their position of control over the masses, even if this means the sacrifice of one of their own. It should be obvious that people who don't even care about their own children couldn't possibly care about anyone else's children. The things which are precious to these people are their money and power -- and they will never willingly surrender either. People should not have to humiliate themselves by standing in lines in order to be fed, nor should they have to live in fear for their lives and the lives of their children as Tyrone Guyton's mother will sadly attest to.

Dad, you said that you were concerned with my life, and you also said that you were concerned with the life and interests of all oppressed people in this country, but you are a liar in both areas and as a member of the ruling class, I know for sure that yours and Mom's interests are never the interests of the people. Dad, you said you would see about getting more job opportunities for the people, but why haven't you warned the people what is going to happen to them -- that actually the few jobs they still have will be taken away.

You, a corporate liar, of course will say that you don't know what I am talking about, but I ask you then to prove it, tell the poor and oppressed people of this nation what the corporate state is about to do, warn black and poor people that they are about to be murdered down to the last man, woman and child. If you're so interested in the people why don't you tell them what the energy crisis really is. Tell them how it's nothing more than a manufactured strategy, a way of hiding industry's real intentions. Tell the people that the energy crisis is nothing more than a means to get public approval for a massive program to build nuclear power plants all over this nation. Tell the people that the entire corporate state is, with the aid of this massive power supply, about to totally automate the entire industrial state, to the point that in the next five years all that will be needed will be a small class of button pushers; tell the people, Dad, that all of the lower class and at least half of the middle class will be unemployed in the next three years, and that the removal of expendable excess, the removal of unneeded people has already started. I want you to tell the people the truth. Tell them how the law and order programs are just a means to remove so-called violent (meaning aware) individuals from the community in order to facilitate the controlled removal of unneeded labor forces from this country, in the same way that Hitler controlled the removal of the Jews from Germany.

I should have known that if you and the rest of the corporate state were willing to do this to millions of people to maintain power and to serve your needs you would also kill me if necessary to serve those same needs. How long will it take before white people in this country understand that what ever happens to a black child happens sooner or later to a white child. How long will it be before we all understand that we must fight for our freedom.

I have been given the name Tania after a comrade who fought along side Che in Bolivia for the people of Bolivia. I embrace the name with the determination to continue fighting with her spirit. There is no victory in half-assed attempts at revolution. I know Tania dedicated her life to the people. Fighting with total dedication and an intense desire to learn which I will continue in the oppressed American people's revolution. All colors of string in the web of humanity yearn for freedom.

Osceola and Bo, even though we have never met I feel like I know you. Tirin' brought me to you and I'm fighting with your freedom and the freedom of all prisoners in mind. In the strenuous jogs that life takes, you are pillars of strength to me. If I'm feeling down, I think of you, of where you are and why you are there, and my determination grows stronger. It's good to see that your spirits are so high in spite of the terrible conditions. Even though you aren't here, you are with other strong comrades, and the three of us are learning together -- I, in an environment of love and you in one of hate, in the belly of the Fascist beast. We have grown closer to the people and become stronger through our experiences. I have learned how vicious the pig really is, and our comrades are teaching me to attack with even greater viciousness, in the knowledge that the people will win. I send greetings to Death Row Jeff, Al Taylor and Raymond Scott. Your concern for my safety is matched by my concern for yours. We share a common goal as revolutionaries knowing that Comrade George lives.

It is in the spirit of Tania that I say, "PATRIA O MUERTE. VENCEREMOS."

Up until now, the fascist media has printed our documents in full because of their invested interests in Patricia. From now on, however, since this pressure point no longer exists, the fascist corporate military state, via the media, will lie about and distort any information concerning the SLA. They will do this (1) in retaliation for being put in a position that required them to print everything (2) to try to isolate us from the people and (3) to discourage the people from joining the forces. Therefore, the people must watch and listen with keen perception. We will speak to you thru action. Analyze these actions carefully, making sure to recognize when the ENEMY is in the disguise of revolutionaries. They will do anything to stop the rising of the people including killing their own kind and blaming the peoples forces under the pretence of a race war. Remember that the SLA was born from the spirit of the people. The SLA is the PEOPLES ARMY and we fight in their interests. The SLA will never compromise. The SLA will not allow the enemy jive to deceive us into passively accepting genocide. LISTEN and WATCH and let that spirit become your name.

Love to our sisters & brothers in prisons; courage & faith to our two captured soldiers; greetings to all oppressed peoples; may we connect. My name is Fahizah. The S.L.A. is taking these opportunities to speak with the people now, because we have been having a temporary period of inactivity while waiting for the completion of our unit's last action. We know that the people want far more than 6 million dollars of food; & we will continue to fight for the total liberation of all oppressed peoples by the only means available, that is force of arms. The Court of the People has issued The Codes of War of the Symbionese Liberation Army. I wish to state that Cinque Mtume is the General Field Marshal of the Symbionese Guerilla Forces, as well as chairman of the United Symbionese War Council.

Cinque Mtume is a black brother who spent many years of his life in fascist Amerikkka's concentration camps: manchild years in prison cells & man years in prison cells. Cinque met literally thousands of black, brown, red, yellow & white freedom fighters while he was locked down, courageous comrade George Jackson was one among them. The spirit of all the brothers Cinque knows lives in him now, and the spirit of all the sisters that Cinque never had the opportunity to meet, but knows by common bond ---like Assata Shakur, Lolita Lebron & Bernadine Dohrn--- is always in his heart.

When Cinque escaped alone on foot from Soledad prison he did so for one reason only: TO FIGHT WITH THE PEOPLE & TO LEAD THE PEOPLE IN REVOLUTION. He did not escape so that he could kick-back & hide & get high; he did not even escape so that he could satisfy a deep and longing personal ache to simply see the people, and be on the streets and re-unite with his family and be a father once again to his children. Cinque escaped so that he could actively stalk the fascist insect that preys upon the life of the people. The lives both he & the peoples fighting forces lead now may be harsh and dangerous, but it is better to work with hard reality, than to play in pleasant, but unproductive, enslaving dreams.

Cinque Mtume is the name that was bestowed upon him by his imprisoned sisters & brothers. It is the name of an ancient African Chief who led the fight of his people for freedom. The name means Fifth Prophet, and Cin was many years ago given this name because of his keen instinct and senses, his spiritual consciousness and his deep love for all the people and children of this earth. This does not, however, mean that Cinque is from God or someone that is holy or that he has an extreme ego problem, but simply that he to us and to all oppressed peoples is the instilled hope and spirit of his people & all peoples, and that he is of and from the people. A prophet is a leader and fighter who is one of the people. Leaders are individuals who within themselves feel that it is time to lead and bring us one step closer to freedom for all peoples. A leader is one who is able to sense and to see what is coming at us. A leader is one who is able to help the people understand the swiftness and fierceness with which they must move if they would survive.

Part of the revolutionary process in which we are engaged involves the constant re-defining of thought, word, and action. We must deal with all the conditions outside ourselves which oppress and enslave us, and we must deal with the enemy within; we must deal with both these diseases simultaneously, and with an unrelenting commitment and understanding that in reality we are not living to die, but rather all who chose to fight to the death are dying to live. Cin's example to the people has taught us thru his actions and by his own words, that he or she who is scared and seeks to run from death will find it, but she or he who is NOT AFRAID and who actively seeks death out will find it NOT AT THEIR DOOR.

We embrace the concepts of art and spiritual consciousness in material relevant terms based upon the common conditions of all oppressed peoples. We have begun to redefine art as the natural creative reflection of our desperate struggle to survive. Art for us is the total process of sharing and communally using what we learn in order to live and to fight. We recognize Cin as an artist for what he teaches the people, but we also realize as he himself has said, that truth has no author. Another thing which we feel is necessary to clarify is the word spirit & all that which is called spiritual. The spirit is the bodies and souls of all the people, and the spiritual is the intensity of our common instincts, as reflected thruout

history

to fight for the freedom of all oppressed peoples, to save the earth and the children from the putrid disease of bourgeois mentality and the putrid disease of the corporate fascist military state. In a profound and spiritual sense, as our sisters and brothers in the ELA have said, resistance to this disease is the single greatest human endeavor today.

Comrades in struggle, there is a high price that we have paid and will pay for our mistakes, and there is an even higher price which we have been paying for the loss of our leaders. We are speaking to the people now, because we all know that we cannot afford the loss of another leader; and we want the people to know that in spite of the enemy's technology and prestige of terror we DO have a leader that loves the people, and lives and fights for the people. This example helps to make a love among comrades that gives attention, appreciation, care and protection --- from each brother and sister to the other.

The oppressed peoples of this nation have and will continue to bring forth their leaders, prophets & fighters until they are free. The people brought forth Malcolm X who came to unite the people and warn the enemy of what would inevitably happen if the people were not freed. The enemy answered by murdering Malcolm. The people then did again bring forth another prophet, that prophet was Martin Luther King who with non-violence & humanity pleaded to the enemy to free the people. And just when King was ready to declare that nonviolent protest would accomplish nothing but the further enslavement and degradation of the people, the enemy murdered King. George Jackson was a prophet & leader from the streets & when the enemy imprisoned him, George received his education in the raw; he learned first hand that there can be NO compromise with merciless pigs. George Jackson came from the prisons of Amerikkka & love inspired he boldly fought the oppressor. When the fascist insect locked him down and murdered him, the people knew that they had suffered a great loss, but they failed to unite in immediate retaliation. Now, once again, the people have brought forth another prophet and leader. This leader comes not to beg and plead with the enemy, he comes not to warn of violence, but is himself the bringer of the children of the wind and the SOUND OF WAR. He has ONE WORD to the children of the oppressed and the children of the oppressor: COME. We have joined together with love and unity and the understanding that those who would be free, must themselves STRIKE THE FIRST BLOW.

This is Field Marshall Cin. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the federation to thank WAPAC and all the coalition members for their aid in feeding and educating the people; we send you our faith and unity to always serve the people.

I wish to say to those who speak about what they want, to you I say that your words and cries will bring you nothing but a wet face and an empty heart, the enemy is unhearing and he is unmerciful to the oppressed. If you would have freedom for your children and the people, then you as all oppressed people will have to fight and struggle for it. Freedom is not tax deductible, nor is it willed to you, no piece of paper can sign it over to you or your children it is something that in an oppressive world can only be gained and protected by the force of your arms and your spirit to defend that freedom at any cost.

To the people and combat forces of the people, business of the revolution: The following are enemies of the people, they are agents of the enemy and have been found guilty of working and informing to the enemy against the people and death warrants have been issued by this court against them and they should be shot on sight by any of the peoples forces:

Robin Steiner: female, white, age 20, hazel eyes, brown hair, 5-4, wears contact lenses, 115 pounds, past resident of Berkeley, now living in Florida, an informer to the FBI.

Chris Thompson: male, black, brown eyes, black hair, 6-3, Berkeley resident is a government agent, paid informant for the FBI.

Colston Westbrook: male, black, age 35, brown eyes, brown hair, 5-8, 210 pounds, ~~###~~, Berkeley language instructor, resident of Oakland is a government agent, worked for CIA in Vietnam as interrogator and torturer in Phoenix operation and also served same purposes in other foreign countries, now working for military intelligence while giving cross assistance to the FBI. These subjects are to be shot on sight wherever found and at any time.

Concerning the Hearst operations: the government dictatorship as well as the Hearst Empire has shown that they are quite willing to murder even their own to maintain power over the people, therefore it is the judgement of this court that in the future NO prisoners of the ruling class or its executive agents will be taken prisoner. The Court of the People this date issues the following order: All corporate enemies of the people will be SHOT on sight at any time and at any place. This order is permanent, until such time as all enemy forces have either surrendered or been destroyed.

Concerning the protective custody prisoner: the subject has been freed, as our promise stated, but she refused to go home. There is no further need to discuss the release of the prisoner, since she is now a comrade and has been accepted into the ranks of the peoples army as a comrade and fighter. And there is no further basis for negotiations since the subject may leave whenever she feels that she wishes to do so, ~~this operation~~ and she is armed and perfectly willing and able to defend herself. This operation is hereby terminated and suspension of offensive operations is hereby rescinded and all combat forces of the SIA and all peoples forces are requested and so ordered to resume normal offensive combat operations against all enemies of the people. The Court of the People wishes to note that the people DO NOT wish to be fed by the rich, the people want back their land.

To our two soldiers who are in the hands of the enemy and to all our comrades behind the walls: As you know we have learned a hard lesson for our mistakes, and will learn from this for the future and the war that we the people will win. I am sure that you understand that under our codes of war there can be no surrender to the enemy, at any time or at any price. You both have shown correct actions in recognizing that even though you are innocent of any crimes it is not possible for you to receive a fair trial in the enemys arena. I deeply regret that you were not offensively prepared to attack rather than be seized by the enemy. I send you my love, and the love of all of your comrades, and courage in your determination to carry on the struggle even from that side of the wall, as we will NEVER relent from this end. In this way we do expect to meet again.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to my six lovely black babies. Victor, Damon, Sherry, Sherlyne, Dawn, and DeDe, I want you to know that to just say your names again fills my heart with joy, I want you to know that I love you all with all the love that a father can have for those so dear to him; and I want you to understand also that I have not forgotten my promise to you, that whenever you needed me, I would be there at your side, and so, I am now even when you may not see me, I am there; because no matter where I am, I am fighting for your freedom, your future and your life. Daddy wants you to understand that I can't come home because you and the people are not free and as long as the enemy exists I can find no rest nor any hope for you or our people as a whole. I can't be happy when the enemy murders the children of other fathers and mothers. I want you to understand that I have to fight for you and for all fathers and mothers who must stay home, or who have not the courage to fight or the clear understanding yet, that the greatest gift they give their children is FREEDOM. So, to you my children, even when I may never see you again, know that I love you and will not for any price forsake your freedom and the freedom of all oppressed peoples. To you I give all that a father could wish, I give you life without fear and exploitation, I give you love with a future and understanding that the price of freedom is daring to struggle, daring to win. In ending this letter to you, I ask only one thing of you all, that is promise me that you will always honor the people and love the children and defend them both at any price against the enemy.

In closing I will play the national anthem of the Symbionese Liberation Army:

FREE THE PEOPLE * FREE THE LAND * AND SAVE THE CHILDREN.