

We, Joe Remiro and Russ Little, feel compelled at this time to expose to the general public, the latest chain of events that we have experienced and the conclusions we have drawn from them!

First, we must give everyone some background information. We are being held in isolation--"the hole"--on Death Row at SAN QUENTIN PRISON. The Director of the California Dept. of Corrections--Raymond Procnier--has ordered this in an attempt to isolate us from news of what's happening on the streets, and to keep people on the streets from knowing what's happening to us. He is doing this under the direction of the FBI. A prime example of this is the fact that last Tues., Feb. 19, Joe exposed the site of our present confinement, the oppressive visiting situation, and the fact that we hadn't eaten any prison meals since our forced move from the "Adjustment Center" while in court in MARTINEZ. These statements and others made in the courtroom and also after court by our lawyers were completely suppressed by the news media!

Thursday, Feb. 21, at about 1:30 pm, much to our astonishment, we got a phone call from our old friend "Death Row Jeff." He explained that he was worried about us and had persuaded Procnier to allow him to call us and also arrange a meeting between the 3 of us (Jeff, Joe, Russ). At that point we asked that a lawyer be present at the meeting and agreed upon a lawyer--to be contacted by Jeff immediately after our phone call was completed.

That same morning, Thur., we had been discussing the vast coverage concerning the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst and the fact that this coverage has consistently included speculation that her safety and eventual release is linked to demands that we be released from custody. In fact, the SLA has consistently referred to our safety and well-being because they realize that we are innocent of the charges for which we are presently imprisoned! We feel that a fair trial is virtually impossible anywhere in the United States! The speculative, biased, mis-informative media campaign that has been waged against us has all but sentenced us to death! We concluded our discussion with a decision to try to come up with some suggestions that might possibly be acceptable to the SLA, FBI, and the Hearst family and which would result, if accepted, in the release of Patricia Hearst.

After finishing the telephone conversation with Death Row Jeff, we knew that the FBI had given Procnier their OK and speculated that their purpose would be to see if we had any viable suggestions to offer.

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Later that night--at about 10:30 p.m. 3 guards came to our cells and told us we were leaving--destination unknown! After being shackled, we were taken on a tour of the gas chamber and then placed in the back seat of a CDC car--where we remained for about 1 hour. Still no reason was given but we decided that we were going to either meet with Jeff or be assassinated for an alledged escape attempt--since we were waiting outside of the actual prison walls! Finally we were driven to the first entrance gate and placed in an office across from the visitor's waiting room. Death Row Jeff arrived with Procnier and at least 3 car-loads of FBI agents. Jeff was brought into the room and we talked of our mutual concern for the Hearst woman and discussed a variety of suggestions. The meeting lasted from 12 midnight till 2am. Our demand for a live press conference and the suggestions that we 3 agreed upon were written down and handed to Procnier who was acting as the go-between for the FBI and us. We asked for nothing for ourselves and felt confident that if Patricia Hearst's safety was primary with the FBI, they would set-up the press conference.

Joe and I also realized that the media's suppression of our status was a calculated power play to force us into participating in that meeting without any of our lawyers present.

After we woke up Friday, Feb. 22, we waited to be contacted. By late afternoon, after hearing that Hearst WAS UNABLE to meet the demand for an additional \$4 million, we decided it would be best to try to get in touch with one of our lawyers and try to get the press conference together ourselves. It was beginning to look, from the skimpy information we were getting, as if a showdown was in the making. We sent word to Warden Nelson and he denied our request to phone a lawyer!

We went all say SAT. and SUN. without any information on the kidnapping and without seeing or speaking to our lawyers!

SUNDAY afternoon, Feb. 24, at about 3:00 we were taken from our cells, shackled, and sent to the Alameda County MAXIMUM SECURITY JAIL. We arrived there at about 3:45 pm. We were attacked about 15 minutes later by 4 deputy sheriff's during a strip search. Both of us were beaten and choked--Russ sustained injuries to his left wrist, back, shoulders, neck, and chest. He has been denied medical treatment and has had very little sleep since the attack because of pain. The officers had also spread rumors throughout the entire jail stating that we stabbed a Black inmate at S.Q. with a knife supplied by a prison guard. This racist lie was intended to cause us both verbal and physical attack by the prisoners. We refrained from mentioning this in court MONDAY, Feb. 25--by this time, we realized that not only had the FBI refused to let us voice our suggestions but also they had decided to have us physically attacked in hopes of retaliation by the SLA on the person of PATRICIA HEARST.

This latest chain of events combined with our understanding of the corruption and ruthlessness of the NIXON government leads us to only one possible conclusion: U.S. Attorney Wm Saxbe and the director of the FBI, Clarence Kelly, want Patricia Hearst to die!

They are desperately trying to discredit the SLA in the eyes of this nation's hungry, oppressed people.

We feel it is of utmost importance to expose this callous plan to the public in the hopes of averting the deaths of Patricia Hearst, those holding her, and ourselves! We are asking the public to support our demand to be able to present our suggestions and the reasons behind them to the SLA and the general public at a live Nationally Televised press conference.

A WARNING TO THE FBI:

Even if you kill and/or slaughter Patricia Hearst and those holding her--we have made provisions to ensure that our suggestions will be made public!

Wed., Feb. 27
Russ Little
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