

Prisons have become the dumping ground for those who are excluded from the American dream. By the year 2000, 1 million men and women will be held in U.S. prisons, more than half of them people of color. Black people in the U.S. are jailed at 6 times the rate of white people, and at twice the rate of Black people in South Africa! Marion Federal Prison in southern Illinois is the most maximum security prison in the U.S. and the trendsetter for other U.S. prisons.

TO: DIRECTOR
U.S. BUREAU OF PRISONS
320 FIRST STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

For 3 years, the men at Marion have been locked in their cells 23 hours a day, enduring beatings and abuse, with no access to education and work programs. Family visits are rarely allowed, and the men are never allowed to embrace their loved ones. These conditions breed anger and violence. **WE HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE!**

With the lockdown, Marion has become one big "Control Unit"--a U.S. dungeon. Another Control Unit has been built underground for women political prisoners at Lexington, Kentucky. There, the women are held in "boxcars": tiny cells that are light-proof and sound-proof, monitored 24 hours a day. **WE CHARGE THAT THIS IS PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURE!**

Political activists who struggle for human rights, for a world free of racism and militarism, or for their people's independence, are labelled terrorists and suffer sensory deprivation, beatings, and long years in isolation. Abuse of political prisoners and prisoners of war violates international law. **WE DEMAND THAT THESE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS STOP!**

WE DEMAND:

**STOP THE MARION LOCKDOWN!
NO MORE MARIONS! CLOSE THE LEXINGTON CONTROL UNIT!
STOP SELECTIVE MISTREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
AND PRISONERS OF WAR!**

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**PLEASE RETURN TO:
THE COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN,
343 S. DEARBORN, STE. 1607, CHICAGO, IL 60604**