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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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MY VERY DEAR J.B.:--

NO WORD HAS COME FROM YOU IN SEVERAL WEEKS, AND I AM MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU MUST FEEL ME EXTREMELY INADEQUATE TO MEETING YOUR PRESENT SITUATION, AND I CANNOT BLAME YOU IF YOU HAVE PUT ME DOWN AS ANOTHER FRIEND WHO HAS FAILED YOU. IT SEEMS THAT ALL MY EFFORTS TO GET COLLECTIVE ACTION MEET WITH DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT. I HAVE NEVER BEFORE FELT AT ALL DISCOURAGED. AT THIS MOMENT I AM NOT CONFIDENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY. BUT WE SEEM TO MOVE SO SLOWLY, AND MY OWN INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS SEEM TO HAVE COUNTED FOR NOTHING AND HAVE BROUGHT NO RESULTS. I AM PUZZLED.

THE TWO APPOINTMENTS WHICH I MADE, THROUGH A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE, WITH CLARK WERE CANCELLED--SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE OF "PRESSING BUSINESS". HOWEVER, I WILL TRY AGAIN IN A DAY OR TWO.

DID YOU RECEIVE THE RADIO MATERIALS I SENT YOU SEVERAL DAYS AGO, INCLUDING THE CABLE YOU WANTED? YOUR RADIO GUIDE WAS SENT TO YOU BY THE PUBLISHERS. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE WARDEN TO FIND OUT WHY YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING IT. IT IS A WEEKLY--A VERY CONSERVATIVE AND RESPECTABLE MAGAZINE, PUBLISHED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE IT.

THE OTHER NIGHT I SAW WILLIAM FOSTER AND PRESENTED HIM IN PERSON YOUR GIFT, WHICH WE HAD ENGRAVED WITH YOUR INITIALS. HE WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THIS TOKEN. I AM PLANNING TO SEE HIM BEFORE HE VISITS YOU AND TAKE UP WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN THE LABOR UNIONS ON THE TIMES CASE.

HILDA AND I SAW ANITA THE OTHER NIGHT. WE WENT TO HEAR FOSTER. THE MEETING WAS VERY GRATIFYING, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PRESS INFORMED THE PEOPLE THAT THE C.P. IS DEAD AND BURIED.?? THE CORPSE WAS APPARENTLY VERY MUCH ALIVE. THE HALL WAS FILLED, AND THE OVERFLOW WENT INTO THE LOBBY. HOW I WISH YOU HAD BEEN THERE!

HOW ABOUT YOUR TEETH, JIM? HAVE YOU HAD VISITORS RECENTLY? SOMEONE SHOULD SEE YOU ONCE A MONTH. WILL YOU ANSWER BOTH THESE QUESTIONS IN YOUR LETTER TO ME?

WILL YOU SEND ANY MESSAGE TO YOURS TRULY THROUGH OUR FRIEND, WHEN HE SEES YOU? HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS AS TO WHAT WE MAY CONSIDER IN A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO GET SOME ACTION OUT OF THE PRISON BOARD?

HILDA JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU OUR COMRADELY LOVE. BUT IT HAS A HOLLOW SOUND, I KNOW.

WITH COMRADELY LOVE,

MARGARET M. WILSON