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DEAR UNCLE JIM:

THIS IS JUST A WEE NOTE TO TELL YOU OF THE WONDERFUL NEWS JUST RECEIVED A FEW MOMENTS AGO ABOUT OUR FRIEND AND COMRADE, ANGELO HERNDON. THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RENDERED ITS DECISION THIS MORNING, AND IT HELD THE OLD INSURRECTION LAW IN GEORGIA ON WHICH HERNDON WAS CONVICTED WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THIS PROBABLY MEANS THAT ANGELO IS FREE OF ALL CHARGES NOW. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL IF THE LOCAL GEORGIA RULERS WILL TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION.

AS YOU KNOW, THIS DECISION AFFECTS MORE THAN 35 OF OUR FELLOW WORKERS NOW ROTTING IN GEORGIA JAILS AND PRISONS AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THIS CASE. THEY WERE TO BE TRIED FOR THE SAME "CRIME" HAD THE U.S. SUPREME COURT SUSTAINED THE CONVICTION. WE ARE ALL VERY HAPPY ABOUT THIS VERY MARVELLOUS VICTORY AND I WANTED TO SHARE OUR JOY WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY.

SUCH DECISIONS RESTORE OUR FAITH AND RENEW OUR INNER MINDS, AS IT WERE. BE OF GOOD COURAGE. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR GREAT WORK AND OUR IMPORTANT WORK. WE WILL NOT FAIL YOU. BE OF GOOD CHEER. THERE IS GREAT REASON FOR REJOICING THESE DAYS.

HILDA JOINS ME IN SENDING LOVING GREETINGS. WE ARE MOVING THE LAST OF THIS WEEK TO ANOTHER LOCATION, BUT YOU WILL HEAR FROM EITHER OF US IN A VERY SHORT TIME. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU SO OFTEN, AND I WISH THERE WERE MORE TIME TO WRITE.

ELAINE HAS BEEN ILL WITH A VERY BAD FOOT FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT WE ARE TAKING GOOD CARE OF HER AND SHE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE BACK AT WORK WITHIN ANOTHER TWO WEEKS. SHE IS IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS.

WITH LOVING GREETINGS,

MARGARET WILSON