Agreement to End Hostilities

To whom it may concern and all CA Prisoners:

Greetings from the entire PBSP-SHU Short Corridor Hunger Strike Representatives. We are hereby presenting this mutual agreement on behalf of all racial groups here in the PBSP-SHU Corridor. Wherein, we have arrived at a mutual agreement concerning the following points:

- If we really want to bring about substantive meaningful changes to the CDCR system in a manner beneficial to all solid individuals, who have never been broken by CDCR’s torture tactics intended to coerce one to become a state informant via debriefing, that now is the time to for us to collectively seize this moment in time, and put an end to more than 25-30 years of hostilities between our racial groups.
- Therefore, beginning on October 10, 2012, all hostilities between our racial groups… in SHU, Ad-Seg, General Population, and County Jail, will be officially ceased. This means that this date on, all racial group hostilities need to be at an end and… if governmental issues between individuals, people need to do all they can to exhaust all diplomatic means to settle such disputes; do not allow personal, individual issues to escalate into racial group issues!!
- We also want to warn those in the General Popula-
tion that IGI will continue to plant undercover Sensitive Needs Yard (SNY) debriefers “inmates” amongst the solid GP prisoners with orders from IGI to be informers, snitches, rats, and obstructionists, in order to attempt to disrupt and undermine our collective groups’ mutual understanding on issues intended for our mutual causes [i.e., forcing CDCR to open up all GP main lines, and return to a rehabilitative-type system of meaningful programs/privileges, including furler conjugal visits, etc. via peaceful protest and noncooperation e.g., hunger strike, no labor, etc. etc.]. People need to be aware and vigilant to such tactics, and refuse to al-

End the Integration of Opposing Groups
End the Separation of Families

Statement by Desiree Morales

CDC your power trip is destroying our families and creating the perfect circumstances for the next generation to secure their place in your prison system.

The Department of Corrections is clearly not seeing the big picture. The two opposing groups being focused on, are not the only ones affected by the current Modified Programming. There are other people that are greatly affected by this lockdown.

The families, the wives and the children of men on modified programming suffer overwhelming consequences too. Visiting is a huge part of the rehabilitation process. It’s also the time when mothers and fathers spend time with their children and when fathers can mentor and guide their children away from the paths and choices that lead to incarceration. Drastic changes in a child’s life can cause havoc. Children act out when they don’t understand what’s happening. This leaves the mothers to deal with her children’s emotional and behavior problems on her own. Stress, tension, anxiety, loneliness, depression and feelings of being helpless set in and roots itself deep within these prison wives souls. Those kind of emotions take a toll on her life and her ability to function in a healthy positive manner. Families are being broken down even further and thus setting the perfect circumstances for history to repeat itself. The cycle of incarceration continues and that’s a major problem. The Department of Corrections should open their eyes and see this Modified Programming spills far beyond their cell walls and barbed wire fences. Stop your power struggle and do what’s right. Come to an agreement that is fair to all. Stop bullying our loved ones and their families. Your goal should be to rehabilitate and reunite not to oppress and separate husbands and fathers from their wife and children. Stop categorizing the men in your custody as being less than human, as being no good or throw away’s, as having no basic human rights or as being deserving of whatever the warden decides to inflict on them. We all make mistakes or wrong choices. Some of us end up in prison and some don’t. We all have the same thing in common though…we are all imperfect and we all have done wrong at some point in our lives.

SOLIDARITY

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noun
1. unity or agreement of basic common interest, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group.

Acuerdo Para Poner Fin a Enemistades

A quienes corresponden y Todo Prisionero en California:

Saludos de parte de todos los Representantes de la Huelga de Hambre del Corredor Círculo PBSP - SHU. Por este medio, estamos presentando este Acuerdo Mutuo de parte de todos los grupos raciales que se encuentran aquí en el PBSP-SHU (Hoyo). En donde, hemos llegado a un acuerdo mutuo acerca de los siguientes puntos:

- Si de verdad queremos llevar a cabo cambios sustanciales y significativos al sistema de CDCR, tenemos que cambiar de una manera beneficiosa para todo individuo serio, que nunca han sido quebrantados por las tácticas de tortura destinadas a convertirlos a ser soplones estatales via interrogatorio, que ahora es el tiempo que juntos podemos aprovechar este momento, y poner un fin a los más de 20 a 30 años de enemistades entre nuestros grupos raciales.

Por lo tanto, comenzando el 10 de Octubre, 2012, todas las enemistades entre nuestros grupos raciales en el 10 de Octubre, SHU, Ad-Seg, Población General, y Cárcel de Condado, oficialmente terminaran. Esto indica que, de esta fecha y adelante, toda enemistad entre grupos raciales tienen que terminar… y si asuntos personales e individuales se convierten en problemas raciales!!

También queremos advertirles a aquellos en la Población General que IGI continuará a mandando Informantes encuadrados al Patio de Necesidades Sensitivas (SNY) entre los presioneros serios de la PGI, presionando con rodeos a IGI a ser informadores, soplones, ratas, y obstruir, con el fin de perturbar y debilitar el entendimiento mutuo de nuestros grupos colectivos, y en nuestros propios intereses. No podemos seguir permitiéndole a CDCR abrir las líneas principales a la GP, y regresar a un sistema rehabilitador de programas significativos/privilegios, inclusive visitas de los presioneros con sus familias, via actividades de protestas pacíficas/no cooperación e.g., huelgas de hambre, no trabajar, etc. etc.).

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**LIBERATE THE CAGED VOICES**

Message from Nube

In solidarity I recognize all of you working to eliminate the oppressive and tyrannical conditions of the Prison Industrial Complex, and holding firm to the knowledge that only together can we create a better world where healing and building occurs, where accountability is the norm, not punishment and abuse.

Of course this is the Solidarity We are with you fighting for basic human rights, dignity, and to be who you are meant to be. And we stand with you... in solidarity.

Liberate the Caged Voices continue to evolve and grow as a space of learning, advocacy and creativity. Bringing your voices into the community through the active participation of the audience reading your written word or has been impactful and moving. Each and every time people express to me: “This is the first I’ve heard…” or “I didn’t know about the exception clause to the 5th Amendment….” Tears are heard, contemplation and action in progress.

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the person convicted shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Together we will continue to counter the policing, negative and false narrative of the CDCR with an equitable and humane approach that is committed to our work in solidarity with you now and until the end of time.

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We also hope you will encourage your family and friends to subscribe to Prison Focus – so that we can continue the dialogue with those in the high-country, to bring about constructive change for those in the prison industrial complex.

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R.I.P. NIPSEY HUSSLE

Many may or may not have known Emile Joe “Nipsey” Hussle, known professionally as Nipsey Hussle, was killed outside his Los Angeles clothing retail store on March 31, 2019. We’d like to acknowledge his death as a great loss to the people whom he served, inspired, and loved.

We will bring a more in-depth story of this young rap artist, his life, and his remarkable contributions to our community. You can read about Nipsey Hussle in this issue of Prison Focus, and in our next issue, we will let the community and family of south L.A. mourn and remember him.

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**Thank you to everybody for your thoughtful letters, insightful poems & artwork!!**

**SPEAK UP:**

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**R.P.**

Emile Joe “Nipsey” Hussle

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**MESSAGE TO THE EDITORS**

We believe Prison Focus is a powerful tool for the radical transformation of the prison-industrial complex, building movement on both sides of the walls. We encourage bowelful of thoughtful letters and articles between every issue. Selecting those to include is not always clear. How do we make these decisions? The following question: Does the writing inform, educate, inspire and/or change the status quo? This is the driving filter we use to make our editorial decisions.

This is a platform for your voices, for dialogue and collaboration around issues of concern to you. We encourage you to submit multiple pieces, experiences, and even values that bring forward-new-views of the world. We encourage you to write to us. We ask that you do not write to us if we do not necessarily agree with you, we do not want or need to include letters which make divisive statements.

In regards to anonymity, we sometimes choose to include a letter anonymously to protect the writer’s identity – sometimes we do not because we are not comfortable with the potential risks a letter of this nature could create. If you are a public figure and are adults and are aware of the risks, and we always try to respect that. We encourage you to choose to err on the side of caution. Other times, we do this so we can share the story.

Please do not print the name of said org in this light. We apologize for this error.

If you are interested in submitting a letter or article through Prison Focus, we read each and every one of them. Those that do not include in the paper may still be shared with the public through our Libertas the Caged Voices project, social media and other platforms (names kept private). Information compiled from your letters, describing conditions and abuses, especially those that solidify or affirm a propagandist, or in California prisons, may be used in our human rights reports and publications, to inform, support, and challenge relevant legal and legislative efforts.

We thank you all who correspond with CPP and/or contribute to Prison Focus. Your voices are feeding the conversation that is occurring and that is needed not only for publication in this issue, but the conversations you are having and in your community. We agree with your views and regrets, and we will do our best to provide information on all you are doing. We will still welcome opposing views, in the future we will meet the need of any other organization to share your work in collaboration with law enforcement.

We stand united with our inside class and those organizing behind prisons. We apologize for this error.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK.**

Please let us know what you think about the paper, or anything else. We are always open to constructive feedback. The more feedback the better.

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**OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

To the community of south L.A. mourning and for solidarity building. It is the differing opinions, between every issue. Selecting those to include is not always easy. We base our decisions on the following...
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**Dissed... Again**

I'm here at Corcoran State prison general population. I was released from the SHU in 2016 under the Ashkelon Sentiment I after 51 months. I was then released coordinate a peaceful and intelligent process with the police. However, with the constant use of force and the continued violation of law enforcement officers, the inmates are being denied basic human rights. The constant use of force and the violation of law enforcement officers, the inmates are being denied basic human rights.

**One Case, One Prisoner. One District at a Time.**

**National Oppression**

**Gladiator Style**

It is occurring today in California's prisons with the inmates facing a choice of battle or submission. The inmates are facing a choice of battle or submission.

**The task now is for the court to decide this. We shouldn't wait until a loved one is taken away or screen out all appeal attempts, so no litigation on the modem report by describing the fight as "mutual stabbing," each side must be held accountable for their actions.**

To accomplish this we first must ponder the "I Have a Dream" speech of Martin Luther King Jr., his vision of a world where all people have equal rights and opportunities. We must continue to push for the realization of these dreams.

S/N Terrance E. White, #AG8738


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**MONELL ACTION: A NOTE ON INDIVIDUAL FILINGS VERSUS CLASS ACTIONS**

R eceived your brief note re Monell Actions. And thank you for the referral. It's a somewhat oversimplified approach to represent individuals who may have been subjected to unlawful acts by public officials. Monell Actions are a type of class action lawsuit where a plaintiff alleges that a governmental entity is responsible for constitutional violations that the plaintiff suffered. It is a form of collective action where a class of individuals who have suffered similar violations bring a lawsuit against the same governmental entity. The purpose of the action is to hold the governmental entity accountable for its actions and to provide remedies to the affected individuals.

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**Note:** Some letters have been edited, for clarity, brevity and/or safety concerns. **LOCKED**
ILLINOIS ENACTS NATION’S STRONGEST LAW ON JAILHOUSE INFORMANT TESTIMONY

**What’s behind the historic law?**

For the first time in the country, several states are enacting laws that would make jailhouse informant testimony inadmissible in criminal trials. The new Illinois law was championed by Senator Michael Hastings (D-Tinley Park) and Rep. Artս Brookstone (D-Springfield), and became law on July 1.

**The Illinois law: What it means and how it works.**

The new law, which prohibits the use of jailhouse informant testimony in criminal trials, is the strongest in the country. It applies to both state and federal cases.

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UNDERSTANDING AND RESISTING DIVIDE AND CONQUER TACTICS

The set of dividing potential allies and communities who could come together in solidarity is one of the oldest and most ineffectively practiced tactics in use. Too often social justice movements have splintered as a result of our being prepared to counter each move. A key tool for countering such tactics is working from the premise that divide and conquer is the movement’s own strategy.

**DIVIDE AND CONQUER AND RESIST**

**Divide and conquer** is a strategy used to divide cities (often understood as “the oppressors”) by playing off of one another. This can be achieved through direct action, to create a “blind-eye” treatment. They point fingers at others and blame others discreetly. So convicts open your eyes and stop endless supply of tapped cell phones so they can get intel on others, but don’t do this by getting personally threatened by those who have nothing to fear.

Second, you effectively cultivate the ideal of the others. (They are non-doing, don’t matter, it’s not my problem.) If you can’t get people to find a common front at all, you can at least get them to work against each other. The trick is to do this by getting personally threatened by those who have nothing to fear.

Finally, you co-opt the (possibly inclu-)non-monopolist in working to divide and conquer. This is the strategy they’ve used to divide and conquer.

Many minority believe that the fascist opponents within the U.S. are only in it for themselves, and that they can gain more by fighting each other than by fighting the common enemy. This is only true if you neglect the larger systemic forces at work.

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We continue to see and hear coming from the U.S. a law enforcement and intelligence apparatus in a position to work with the FBI and other governmental agencies to recommend every imprisoned and free world abolitionist to the Secretary of Defense and for the Secretary of Defense and as spokesman for Veterans for Foreign Wars, later served as a director of the Hathaway’s Washington, improved by the tactics of his master, Rupal Pagan, Dachuk created his own three-step formula to divide and conquer action movement.

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**CRIMINALIZING “PANTHER LOVE” AND THE NEW WAVE CONTELPRO TACTICS IN TEXAS PRISONS**

by Nadia ’Comrade Malik’ Washington

I represent a new generation of freedom fighters who have learned from the Panthers.

Panther Love is revolutionary love. Abolishing war, world-changing love. Panther Love is passionate love. Panther Love is the love that should define the whole of our lives. In the footsteps of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party, Panther Love is the fundamental love that should define the lives of all African Americans and those fighting for freedom.

In 2012, WikiLeaks published more than five million of Stratfor’s e-mail messages, from Stratfor’s CEO and strategic advisors. These emails revealed Stratfor’s surveillance of various groups, such as Occupy Wall Street protesters and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Stratfor’s activities are a clear example of the danger of a private U.S. foreign intelligence company, creating plans and strategies that shape events around the world. Stratfor specializes in targeting and manipulating events that emerge to manipulate opportunities for influence.

**TACTICS IN TEXAS PRISONS**

Stratfor, though engaged in dismantling movements mobilized against them, also mobilized against those who are mobilizing against them.

Threat Group Sergeant Richard Stower – another bona fide radicalist, who has a history of violence and intimidation, has had a history of mobilizing against those who are mobilizing against them.

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SOLIDARITY: THE HISTORY OF A POWERFUL IDEA
Excerpt By Benבן Haddad
Published on April 16, 2015 at https://hizboulah.org

That is what is being conveyed by the idea of solidarity... As a political concept, actually has been solidary on the agenda of the civil rights movement in the US in the 1960s. It's a powerful idea that is at the core of revolutionary practice.

In the 1960s, the concept of solidarity was introduced into the political discourse of liberation movements around the world. The idea of solidarity was seen as a way to challenge the oppressive forces of imperialism and colonialism, and to build a united front against these forces. Solidarity was conceived as a horizontal relationship between peoples, where everyone was equal and equal in rights.

Throughout the 1960s, the idea of solidarity continued to develop and evolve. It was seen as a way to combat the effects of colonialism and imperialism, and to build a more just and equitable world. The concept of solidarity was also seen as a way to resist the forces of oppression and exploitation, and to build a more just and equitable world.

Today, solidarity remains a powerful idea that is at the core of revolutionary practice. It is used to challenge the forces of imperialism and colonialism, and to build a united front against these forces. Solidarity is a way to resist the forces of oppression and exploitation, and to build a more just and equitable world.
The timing of these events – the Earth First! Newsweek article followed the very next day by the Orange County Register article – is no accident. Of course, it made me think: Are we the victims of a JTRIG-style character assassination? Or are we simply those who have understood the danger they represent and how to counter them?

**Fighting Repression With Solidarity**

In the struggle to understand and counter these strategies, we must first neutralize enemies, and then consider how to counter them.

**The True Source of the Problem**

Yes, the prison environment that can hardly be curtailed because you have no control over it.

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**Inspiration is a Beautiful Art**

Tampa, Spring 2015

...I'm talking about if you could put every emotion of the dark days of mass incarceration behind you. Isn't that where we are as a society? Isn't that where we are as a nation?

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**The Short Corridor: How the Isolated Prisoners in America Took on the System, and Won**

By Michael Mann

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L et’s begin with a scenario. Imagine a meeting in the history department at San Quentin State Prison, the nation’s oldest correctional facility.

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Mendez, who came to believe that he was the husband of a TV celebrity, a Green Beret, ... people in solitary). Many have lost their minds, like a young man named Sam who was no one to see it? Eventually, one finds himself in the sequence, and even to tell where our own bodily existence and completes what we learn from our senses. In her Afterlives, philosopher Lisa Guenther writes: "...life is essential to human nature because it provides a guarantee that we will be born again, live in the afterlife, and hold sway over men he never met."

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The suspension of racial hostilities actually called into question the very premise for the existence of gangs — if prisoners, these included under-reporting participation, applied a number of strike-breaking tactics. According to the CDCR, in turn, worked hard to present the strikes as a noble cause was our ace in the deck; it was what made the strike successful."

"My story is about the power and the politics of storytelling. It is about the way stories are told, who gets to tell them, and who gets to listen. It is about the way stories shape our understanding of the world and our place in it."

On Friday, August 23, 50 prisoners from Pelican Bay in California initiated a hunger strike to protest the conditions of solitary confinement in California state prisons. This is a continuation of the hunger strikes that have been occurring in California state prisons since 2011, as the prisoners are continuing their fight for better living conditions and treatment. The hunger strike is supported by the Civil Rights for Prisoners Network, who have been advocating for the rights of prisoners for many years. The strike is ongoing and has gained support from other organizations and individuals. The prisoners have been demanding an end to solitary confinement, which they see as a form of punishment and degradation.

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

By Jim Pollock

"Dennis was a charismatic and powerful speaker and one of the most consistent rebukes of mainstream American history to ever come from the Native American Nations, not only for AIM but all Native American groups...."

"Leonard Peltier, January 1, 2019"

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in 1968 in Washington, D.C. by Dennis Banks and Dan B. O'Neal. AIM emerged as a political organization in the late 1960s, primarily in response to the mistreatment of Native Americans by the government and law enforcement. It sought to draw attention to the federal government's breach of treaties with Native nations, the unjust treatment of Native Americans in the criminal justice system, and the lack of representation for Native people in the political process.

AIM took a strong stance against the use of police brutality and force against Native American communities. They organized protests, sit-ins, and other forms of direct action to demand justice and rights for Native people. The organization's efforts led to several confrontations, including the Wounded Knee incident in 1973.

AIM's goals included the establishment of Native American self-governance, the end of federal control and assimilation policies, and the recognition of Native American land rights. By advocating for the rights of Native Americans and pushing for change, AIM played a significant role in shaping the modern Native American rights movement.

The Black Panthers Party (BPP) played an important role in the political development of non-Indian African Americans. The BPP, founded in Oakland, California in 1966, was a revolutionary organization calling for a radical and, if necessary, violent transformation of society. It was formed when African Americans - who just twenty years before had been labeled a "yellow peril" and considered an "incubator camp" - began to demand political power, a voice in the government, and an alternative to the White Supremacy, even today.

FORMATION: THE LITTLE KNOWN HISTORY OF THE BROWN BERETS

What they didn't teach you in school.

"The Brown Berets were a national Chicano student organization that sprang up in the late 1960s as a response to the civil rights movement and the growing political consciousness among Chicanos. The Brown Berets were influenced by the Black Panthers and the Chicano movement.

The Brown Berets were established in 1968 in Los Angeles as a sister organization to the Black Panthers. The group was primarily a community organization and was active in organizing community workshops and conferences. The Brown Berets were also involved in political organizing and resistance to police brutality.

The Brown Berets, like the Black Panthers, were inspired by the example of the Panthers' militant approach to fighting for social justice. The Brown Berets were known for their public demonstrations, community organizing, and their willingness to use nonviolent resistance to protest injustices.

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ABOUT PRISON FOCUS

Prison Focus is a publication of California Prison Focus, a grassroots organization working in partnership with incarcerated community members to expose and end human rights abuses within California prisons, and ultimately to abolish the Prison Industrial Complex. The Prison Focus newspaper is a platform for dialogue, and a powerful tool for grassroots organizing and positive change.

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- Artwork may be published in the Prison Focus Newsletter, and/or used in other capacities to further CPF’s mission (unless you tell us otherwise).

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- Letters and articles from our imprisoned community members are denoted with three asterisks.
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