

HIS EXCELLENCY, HOUARI BOUMEDIENE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA.

DEAR COMRADE BOUMEDIENE!

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
THANK YOU, AS CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE OF ALGERIA,
FOR THE KIND TREATMENT AND HOSPITALITY WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED SINCE ARRIV-
ING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA ON AUGUST 1, 1972 ABOARD
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #847 WHICH WE LIBERATED FROM THE UNITED STATES IMPER-
IALIST TO USE AS A TOOL IN EXPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1 MILLION FROM THE
UNITED STATES CAPITALIST.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AS TO OUR TREATMENT SINCE
ARRIVING IN ALGERIA. WE HAVE NOT BEEN MISTREATED OR IMPRISONED AND WE
REGARD THE INTERROGATION THAT WE UNDERWENT AS NORMAL AND ROUTINE AND WE
VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERROGATION. WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE
AND WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE DID BECAUSE WE DID IT TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR THE
LIBERATION OF OUR PEOPLE, THE AFRO-AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHO ARE OPRESSED INSIDE
THE UNITED STATES.

WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS. WE ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE HOUSEWIVES, FATHERS, AND WORKERS. ONE
OF US, MELVIN MCNAIR, IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, WHO
WAS PERSECUTED FOR REFUSING TO FIGHT AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. GEORGE
BROWN WAS RECENTLY SHOT SIX TIMES AND LEFT FOR DEAD BY THE FACIST POLITICAL
POLICE IN THE CITY OF DETROIT - THE SO-CALLED STRESS UNIT. OUR MOTIVATION
THROUGHTOUT THE ENTIRE AFFAIR FROM BEGINNING TO END WERE POLITICAL AND
REVOLUTIONARY. SEEING THE DIRE NEED FOR FUNDS BY THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES
INSIDE THE UNITED STATES, WE DECIDED TO RISK OUR LIVES IN AN EFFORT TO
OBTAIN THESE FUNDS. WE TOOK THE RISK, AFTER CAREFUL PLAINNING AND ARE VERY
HAPPY THAT WE WERE SUCCESSFUL.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE COULD ROB THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OR THE
AMERICAN CAPITALIST THAT EXPLOIT OUR PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND
AMERICAN CAPITALIST HAVE BEEN ROBBING OUR PEOPLE - THE AFRO-AMERICAN PEOPLE
FOR OVER 400 YEARS. WE HAVE ONLY TAKEN BACK A SMALL PORTION ON OF WHAT HAS
BEEN STOLEN FROM OUR PEOPLE.

WE CHOSE TO COME TO ALGERIA BECAUSE AS STUDENTS OF THE WORLD REVOLUTION
WE KNEW OF ALGERIA'S REPUTATION AS A REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRY AND AS A FRIEND AND
FIRM SUPPORTER OF OPPRESSED AND FIGHTING PEOPLES EVERYWHERE. WE ARE SHOCKED
AND BEWILDERED TO BE BRANDED AS CRIMINALS FOR OUR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AND
TO SEE OUR SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS THREATENED WITH ULTIMATE DEFEAT BY
THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. ITSELF

IT WAS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ITSELF THAT REQUESTED OF THE
ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THE PLANE TO LAND IN ALGERIA. WE FEEL THAT BY
ALLOWING THE PLANE TO LAND IN ALGERIA. WE FEEL THAT BY ALLOWING THE PLANE TO
LAND IN ALGERIA, THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT OBLIGATED TO GO ONE STEP
FURTHER AND PLAY THE PART OF POLICEMEN FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THEREFORE, WE REQUEST THAT IF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GIVE
US BACK OUR \$1 MILLION DOLLARS AND ALLOW US TO REMAIN IN ALGERIA, THAN GIVE
US BACK OUR \$1 MILLION DOLLARS AND WE WILL GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.

THANK YOU AND WE ASK FOR A SPEEDY RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST.

MELVIN MCNAIR

JEAN MCNAIR

LARRY BURGESS

BURGESS

GEORGE BROWN & FAMILY

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