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My dearest chol,

I was at the pits of my life, it seemed, when i got your letter from prison. your letter x cheered me up a a little. i have been feeling bone-tired for some time. and out in the dump because of a mean flu i couldn't xxx shake xx off for weeks.

Chol, i have been in touch with your plight although i haven't written you for sometime. i know what you have been thru -- through those who have seen you in prison or at county jail. by the way, hope KOREATOWN has been getting to you. be sure to write me if you are getting it every x two weeks.

i called steve magagnini of the sf chronicle -- remember the young punk i used to take along in a series about your case in sacto? -- and xxxxxxxxxxxxxx begged him to do a big piece on the pending new trial. he said he will. he knows of the coming dec. hearing case. his role is very important for us because his paper happens to be the biggest paper in the bay area, and steve magaganini is with you.

i will be going down south dec. 12-13 to deliver a keynote speech at a major asian conference on immigration at university of so. cal. there will be more than 500 asian leaders from all over the country, and i want them to know who you are and xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx what you are going thru.

i can go on writing here forever, but i must catch up with putting out another paper. if i don't, it won't come out. i feel like a caged animal too in a way. i can't get out of it. i wish some young punks would take it over from this tired old man. i don't know how long it will last. koreans don't give a fuck to KOREATOWN. only few subscribe and those xxx goddamn merchants don't place ad in our paper. money,money, money. these suckers don't give a shit to antyhing else.

i met peggy saika's group when i was in new york the other week. her group is small but beautiful. i xxxx want to give you some realistic picture of the koreans about your case: most are vaguely aware of your case, but these korean papers don't give them enough facts to let them decide for themselves. i wish they would translate my stories in their papers. but they don't. they give the readers a very vague but emotionally favorable picture of your case. but that doesn't help convicne the skeptical readers. did you watch channel 2 (oakland's) x program on KOREATOWN last month. elaine kim did air a program for our paper.

by the way xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx i am enclosing a clipping which featured a story by my friend xxxx scott reeves. i have been lucky to have a couple young honkey punks who xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx who believe in a fair trial for your case. reeves has been great. you might write him a thank-you note. i am sure he would appreciate that. also write to magaganini. he would love to hear from you, i am sure. chol, your letter cheered me up. thanks for that. i needed it.

yrs in freedom

kw,lee

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