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Dear Steve,

I've heard about you for years - it's nice to meet, even if it's as indirectly as a letter.

I did receive your letter & the accompanying materials. I'd like to work with Dick on the piece you suggested, & I've written to him asking him to track down the latest information. He spoke with the EPA office in Chicago, which at first denied any knowledge of the report & then, after finding the report, denied any responsibility. They say it's the State of Illinois' responsibility. Dick spoke with the water quality guy for the State of Illinois, & ~~they deny~~ ^{he denies} both knowledge & responsibility. Dick supplied the knowledge but the guy still denied the responsibility - he says the state is responsible only for water systems supplying water for >10,000 people. So, nobody's responsible. Classic, isn't it?

I've also asked Dick to research the short-medium-long term toxic effects of chloroform/trihalomethanes. As soon as we know that, I'll try to do a draft of an article.

I have one other suggestion: let's see if we can bring this information to the American Public Health Assoc. They have their annual meeting in November, & Dick & I were planning on presenting a joint paper on prison health in general. Perhaps we could modify that to be something more concrete about Marion & the water supply. Corey, as you probably know, is a member of the APHA's jail &

Oregon Health Subvote. Maybe they could pass a resolution, or better yet, would agree to send a delegation to Marion to investigate the entire situation. What do you think?

Although the BOP has stated in writing that I will be returned to Marion, it probably won't be for several more months. The govt. is now bringing an appeal in our case to the Oregon Court. Hopefully, the Oregoners will not take it, & that will force the govt. to drop the prosecution against Tim, Susan, & me. At least I want to hope, can it? I'm scheduled to be paroled on my current sentence on June 29, 1992. So, if things go well here, I'll be within 2 years of release when I'm shipped back to Marion. I wonder how they justify that?

Take care. I'll stay in touch. Thanks for the good work.

In solidarity,

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Nelson Mandela is free! Aint that great!