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Dear Friends,

A few months ago, we sent some of you a mailing proposing the formation of a "Loose Lesbian Network (LLN)". The letter went to approximately 30 women in the u.s. and Canada. We received 17 responses from women interested in receiving future mailings. That list is enclosed here as well as some leaflets and other items of interest for those doing political prisoner/POW support work.

The point of the LLN is to spread around information, resources and ideas. Just mail stuff out. When we get mailings from other people we appreciate it and hope that more women from other places get involved in spreading their work around.

We're going to send this mailing to all 30 again. If you're not on the list of 17 and want to receive mailings in the future, please let us know...this is your last chance. We're also going to send this mailing to a group of lesbians and gay men who met at the Tribunal in New York last December and would like to hear back from them too...are any of you interested in participating in an information sharing Network?? Finally we'd like to hear from the "list of 17" whether it's O.K. to send your names to the Tribunal list of lesbians and gay men. (We don't want to assume anything.)

Out of Control(OOC) has been busy. We're putting alot of energy into the Release Silvia! campaign gearing up for December when the u.s. government will again consider Silvia's application to be repatriated to Italy. The campaign involves a video, possibly congressional contacts and grassroots organizing.

Another major project right now is a benefit for Norma Jean Croy. Norma Jean is a Native American Lesbian. She is doing a life sentence for the murder of a cop shot by her brother, Hooty in self-defense.(see enclosed) The benefit will be July 20 and is targeting a lesbian and gay audience.

Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) and OOC started a commissary fund for women political prisoners/POWs. So far we've been able to send \$50.00 or more each month. We're planning a garage sale to keep the fund going. Initially LAGAI sent out coupons in their newsletter "OUT" asking for monthly pledges. (We actually got a few.)

We've indirectly been able to contact Mumia Abu-Jamal to ask him if he's interested in support from lesbians and gay men. The word is "yes". Enclosed is a piece we wrote for a newsletter "No More Murder in Our Name". We strongly urge people to do whatever they can to stop the government from murdering him. There is a petition and letter writing campaign going on.

We're starting to get ready for Gay Day. We have to produce another banner because last years was burned in a fire. Using a projector, we drew portraits of the dyke political prisoners with their names underneath and the caption - There Are Lesbian Political Prisoners in the u.s.

What else?? We're working on some grant proposals and our newsletter "out of Time" is an on-going thing. We got alot of good feedback from the letter regarding homophobia and Freedom Now!

Hope you all are well and hope we hear from you soon.

Out of Control