

**NEW YORK THREE FREEDOM CAMPAIGN**

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Dear Friend,

There are over 150 political prisoners in the United States today. Herman Bell, Anthony Jalil Bottom, and Albert Nuh Washington, collectively known as the New York 3 (NY3), are three of these political prisoners; they have been locked away in U.S. prisons for nearly 20 years because of their struggle to improve the quality of life in African-American communities. They are attempting to overturn their wrongful conviction in 1975 for the killing of two New York City police. This mailing is an effort to raise funds for their legal defense. More specific information about the New York 3 is enclosed.

On December 19, 1989, the NY3 filed a habeas corpus petition in federal court to have their unlawful conviction overturned. On November 26, 1990, the final papers were submitted to the Judge. It is hoped that the Judge will order a hearing within the next few months, and that subsequent to this the NY3 will be released from nearly 20 years of imprisonment.

In addition to the habeas action in federal court, NY3 attorneys are working towards the filing of a state appeal similar to the appeal which overturned the conviction of Dhoruba Bin Wahad (another Panther who had been wrongfully convicted of a 1971 assault of police), after 19 years imprisonment. This ruling was based on the fact that Dhoruba learned subsequent to his conviction, through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) document production, that evidence (witness statements) had been withheld from his attorneys at the time of his trial in 1971.

Through review of this same FOIA documentation, it is hoped that new information will be uncovered to form the basis of a state court challenge to the unlawful conviction of the NY3. The New York 3 believe they have a good chance of succeeding with both their habeas corpus petition and this state court challenge, but need your support to do so!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to cover legal costs for the New York 3 by making your check or money order payable to: IFCO (Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations) and mail in the enclosed envelope to:

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