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Dear Friend:

America has watched and listened and read unbelievably as the outrageous trial of the Chicago Conspiracy Case has unfolded.

It is all too true -- the gagging, shackling and four-year contempt-of-court sentence for Bobby Seale; the court's unprecedented arrest of defense attorneys who had written the pre-trial motions; the jailing of David Dellinger; Judge Hoffman's refusal to let former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Congressman John Conyers of Michigan testify; the routine denial of objections by the defense while Judge Hoffman almost invariably sustained the government objections.

The chilling thought is that if the Chicago Seven can be treated in this fashion, none of us can feel secure.

By the time this reaches you, the verdict will no doubt be in. An acquittal is extremely unlikely, and an appeal must be launched immediately.

If you still have faith in the judicial process in America, you cannot ignore what the Chicago conspiracy trial means. When Ramsey Clark was Attorney General, he refused to prosecute the Chicago demonstrators under the 1968 Anti-Riot Law. He warned that "if the new Administration does prosecute them, that will be a clear signal that a crackdown is on the way."

We invite you to join us in our contempt for this assault on American justice, and to support the costly appeal to a higher court. Please send a generous check today; it will go at once toward helping to bring some sanity into this case. It can also help to restore America's faith in the judicial system as the protector of us all.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. We have just received the shocking news that Judge Hoffman has sentenced all the defendants, and their attorneys, to jail for contempt of court -- even before the jury's verdict. No matter what the verdict, THESE CONTEMPT CHARGES MUST BE APPEALED AT ONCE.

If you receive more than one of these letters, please pass it on to a friend

IT HAS COME TO THE COURTS
ATTENTION THAT THE CONSPIRACY
HAS FRIENDS.



IT HAS COME TO THE COURTS
ATTENTION THAT THESE
FRIENDS ARE RAISING MONEY
ON BEHALF OF THE CONSPIRACY.



IT IS NOT WITHIN THE
POWER OF THIS COURT
TO RULE ON FRIENDSHIP.



IT IS NOT WITHIN THE POWER
OF THIS COURT TO RULE
ON FUND RAISING.



HOWEVER, IT IS WITHIN THE PRACTICE
OF THIS COURT TO RULE ON THAT
WHICH IS NOT WITHIN ITS POWER.



I FIND YOU ALL IN
CONTEMPT.



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