

One guy on this floor sways with the wind. First he hollers and swears at the hacks and troopers then I holler and tell him to shut up so he doesn't get them reacting from excitement and emotion so the damned fool then starts hollering at the inmates for hollering.

We have a fag down the hall and he is in his glory cause all the guys are propositioning him. The ugly sissy looks like a truck driver who got run over by this truck. He is disgusting and so are the so called men who are propositioning him.

Some guy just had some kind of seizure so they are removing him to the hospital. He lucked out!

Don't you know that immediately after they took the guy to the hospital some damned fool twenty cells down started hollering that the troopers killed the guy. Boy! What a bunch of flakes! These guys are ridiculous. WOW! It is hard to believe.

I'm going to quit writing and meditate for a while. By meditating I mean to sit here and think of home and the kids.

#### LATER

Talk about your crazy people. We got them. Every fucking kind of nut you can think of. Some crazy, rotten, stupid, idiotic moronish son-of-a-bitch just set his cell and himself on fire. This gallery stinks to hell. He is damned lucky they got him out. How the hell stupid can a person get?

If those guys in D block think something wrong is going on over here there is no telling how they will react.

Damn this place is full of smoke. If the S.O.B. WANTS TO die that bad I wish he would have cut his throat. He is lucky the hack saved his ass.

The State Troopers had the riot gun right against that inmates head as soon as he came out of the cell.

The guy wasn't to ready to die cause as soon as that trooper put the gun to his head and told him to lay on the floor that jerk fell to the floor! He didn't want to die! I just can't get over how crazy some of these nuts are.

Maybe I would have been safer over in the riot area.

The State Troopers and guards just came up and searched three cells for hacksaws. The rioters snuck over to them. Those bastards don't play! The Troopers pointed that gun right at the guys head as soon as he left that cell. They mean business! If Oswald would give them free reign they'd have this cleaned up in no time. All they'd have to do is line up on the roofs and point those guns and the rioters would give up those hostages so fast it would be pitiful.

They just brought us nice, turkey chow mein, and a bun and coffee to the cells.

If i were to make out my list of demands I'd ask for :  
1. a big double bed with a nice quilt - all prisons should have double beds with quilts, 2. A different broad every night - to make my bed, 3. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, boiled onions, and strawberry short-cake for each meal, 4. That I be appointed Warden. 5. That my buddies be appointed Asst. Wardens. 6. That Mancusi shine my shoes 7. That I do my seven yrs. bid on Saturdays only, 8. That I get to go to Europe once a year and that the state pay me reparations of 250 million dollars and I'd have just as valid a list as these guys. Of course I'm being facetious.

My body smells to high heaven. I need a shower, shave and a haircut bad. I can't even stand myself.

We are urinating in the sinks cause there is no water to flush. The toilets and the urinewill drain out of the sinks. We just aren't moving our bowels. I suppose when this is all over some nut will claim brutality because the state wouldn't give him a sanitary way to dispose of his solid waste. WOW! am I using polite language.

I sure hope it rains tonight! That is about the only thing that will have any effect on this whole mess. That probably won't do too much good either.

Things are real quiet again! They have been quiet too long now. Something will break soon and I have a feeling it won't be anything good. I don't like to be pessimistic, but I know most of these fanatics and they are avidly, dedicated, to violence.

Perhaps you have wondered why I haven't mentioned the Black Muslims. It is because I know nothing bad about them! They are haters of the white man, but they don't instigate trouble and they don't attack unless they are attacked. They are gentlemen and have pride and self respect. I will be very surprised if they are found to have had a part in all this. They may think I am a white devil, but they always treat me with courtesy and respect and I do the same to them. Until I am shown different they are okay in my book.

This experience has really taught me to stay the hell out of trouble. I don't even want to be in prison again!!!! I just can't take anymore. 15 years ago I might have thought this was fun, but not now. I am 40 years old and to damned knowledgeable. This shit I don't need. The whole cell block is hollering for water and banging their walls. I guess that is a chant to the rain God or something.

It is clouding up and feels like rain. I sure hope so! Of course it is getting dark too.

The drums are starting again. Maybe they are invoking the wrath of the Voodoo Gods against the officials. I'm so tired and bored I'm beginning to get foolish.

I'm feeling pretty damned shakey. There is a hack in the window across the way with his rifle sticking out and pointed right in my window. It sure is an odd feeling, I'm kind of worried! There i go making understatements again. I'm frightened as a rabbit being shot at! I wish the S.O.B. would recognize that I am a friendly type bear! I keep giving him the peace sign, but I believe he thinks I am giving him the finger. Oh well, what the hell can i do?

I sure hope he doesnt get excited if these idiots start screaming and hollering again. I may not be too young and handsome to die, but I sure do like living. They say life begins at 40 and I've only been 40 for three months.

I hope I sleep tonight. I didn't sleep the last two nights and I'm exhausted. I suppose those troopers, rioters, guards etc. are even more tired, but I can't live for them.

I think maybe this will come to an end soon. No I guess that is wishful thinking.

Here they come with eat~~s~~ again.

The guards are breaking out the windows across the way as they can have a better view to aim. I hope the bastards don't shoot this way. There is really no reason for them to do so.

It seems as though the troopers and guards are getting down to the nitty gritty. The eggs are about to be laid. I hope I'm wrong. I hate to think of lots of people getting killed or hurt. I know the cops have to do this but it still makes me sad.

I'm not much for praying, but I will do so now.

How stupid all this has been! What a tragic shame that a few monsters can imperil the lives of hundreds of people - inmates and guards!

Half of the guillible public will swallow all the crap the rioters put down.

I want to stress that I have never seen any brutality violence and I have been real mouthy at times. The last time I saw any brutality was in 1958! If an inmate doesn't look for trouble he won't find it!

Yes, there is much about prisons that need to be changed. I have been in minimum security, honor farms, and the super maximum security - ATTICA and the things I would change are the parole procedures, the extra legal punishment that says an excon can't have certain jobs after he serves his time and a better educational system in Attica.

The judicial system is where the reforms should really take place.

Holy Mackerel! about 10 State Troopers with riot guns just passed my cell. Now what the hell is going on?

Oh yea! They are crafty bastards. There is a tunnel and that goes from C to D Block or a passageway of some kind and those guys are going to be stationed there to cut off any retreat. These guys really mean business!! I'd sure hate to be in the shoes of the rioters. I will pray for the misguided idiots.

I wonder if they really believe in all the shit they're demanding. There is 6% unemployment and these morons are asking for the minimum wage (\$1.85 per hour). They forget their wife and kids are on welfare and that it costs the state to clothe, feed and shelter them. They forget that very few inmates work over 5 hrs. a day. This with welfare for their families and their own maintenance they are probably receiving \$1.85 per hr. or more.

It is ridiculous for anybody to blame this on older, so called hardened criminals. Most of these guys have small sentences, but they don't look to the future. Their minds are bent on only one thing - the complete destruction of the so called establishment. I have had it preached to me night and day by these idiots.

Oh! Oh! The troopers are on the roof and they just started up a generator for the search lights (portable). Oh God! I'm sick! I have so many friends over there. God please protect them!!!! I'm not worried about me cause I should be relatively safe, but I know Ray, Ron, both Georges and Nick had nothing to do with all this yet they will get it too. I hope those idiots give in before it is too late.

Maybe this is only to prepare and it won't really come off.

I hope those fuckin bastards are satisfied with their moronic riot. If any of my friends get killed because of them I will get revenge. There was no reason for this riot! Damn it if there was I'd be in the forefront, but there isn't! There isn't! There isn't!

This is what comes from appeasing animals. I mean 10% of the prison population.

It is as much the fault of the rest of the population because we ignored what was happening under our noses because we were afraid someone would call us Nats.

I tried to keep things calm and inmates and guards can testify to that, but any temper is too short and all I did was argue and fight, especially with Dave.

It is so quiet you could hear a pin drop except for the generator. Not a person is talking! I assume they are all frightened just as I am. Of course after it is all over they will be boasting how they weren't afraid. They will be absolute heroes or damned fools and may be both.



I am scared to death, but I am going to try to report this as accurately as possible. I feel it is important that someone get as complete and accurate report as possible. Maybe nothing will happen, but they sure as hell are preparing. Them State Cops know \* their business. The bastards are good, tough, and efficient.

We call all (inmates and officials) come out of this with no deaths.

Those hostages worry me, cause I'm afraid all this activity will frighten the rioters into doing something drastic and foolish. You can figure what rational people are subject to do, but these rioters are not rational. They are insane!

A few radicals put several hundred people in a position where they could be killed.

The State Police and 3 guards just came and took the guy out of the cell across from me. They caught him sneaking stuff to the rioters. He is the one who was raving all that shit about his soul brothers being dead. I really believe he is nuts! This kind of thing puts an extreme emotional strain on all of us. On both sides and on us in the middle.

I gave that nut across the hall my orange cause they make my ulcer act up and he never even thanked me. Got a spotlight right outside my window for some strange reason.

I can't feel lonely cause I got the guy with the rifle on one side, the inmates on the other side of the hall and the rioters about 150 or 200 yards beyond me. I sure do wish I was all alone though.

They just took another guy out across the hall from me. They had been giving stuff to the rioters. Well, each man has to take his stand for what he believes in and be willing to suffer the consequences. Those two picked what they wanted to do.

Christ! there they are searching the cells of those men. Sure as hell a lot of traffic. How come I got to get put across from the live ones?

I guess they aren't (troopers) on the roof after all. 'Cripe, I'm not a very accurate reporter. I will correct my mistakes though.

That damaged portable generator sounds like a cement mixer. I sure as hell want sleep tonight. The hell with it! Who gives a shit?

It is now 10 P.M. and I'm going to eat a can of spam from this guys cell I'm in. I hope he doesn't mind, but I'm hungry as hell and I sure everything is gone from the cell I was in on D block. I will be an S.O.B., here I am committing Petty Larceny while in prison. Oh well, they can shove it for all I care.

I'm going to try to get a nap. If any action goes down I should wake up. Dam! I sure as hell hope I wake up.

This has been a long day and until recently a very boring day, but things are picking up. Oh, Oh! I forgot to eat. That is sure as hell a thing to remember. The day I forgot to eat. That will probably never happen again.

That wasn't too much to eat nor was it too good, but anything to fill the hole.

Now that I'm feeling brave again I will try to get that nap.

Sept. 12 - 12:25 A.M. - Well, we are starting the fourth day with a bang - literally! I heard what I thought were tear gas canisters being launched, but when I woke up there was a burly guard Lt., 3 troopers with riot guns and three hacks with riot guns. That Lt. or Capt. or Sgt. or whatever the hell he was had his pistol out. I sure do wish they'd recognize that I want no part of this mess! It is getting so it looks more and more like the only way to be safe is to dig a hole and crawl in.

WOW! I must have been tired I slept for over two hours.

It just dawned on me that I have lost over 600 pages of legal work because of these nuts. That entailed about 600 hours of actual work on research and writing my brief. I am literally sick. Damn! All that work all over again. I can never again do as good a job as that one. Oh boy, oh boy!

Well, it seems that while I was sleeping the negotiations broke down cause the big man wouldn't grant them amnesty and he wouldn't fire the Warden and turned down several other absurd requests.

We just got the word from D Block that some of those ugly monsters are trying to force themselves on the young white kids. I don't want to believe it, but I have cause, they are always trying it when there isn't a riot. They are ugly, creepy, bastards!

There are no drums, no guitars and no singing tonite. It must be they realize the seriousness of what they have brought on themselves. It is one thing to talk and boast, but a quite different thing to actually act. It can't last too much longer cause they will be running out of food and water.

Four fucking days cooped up in a 5' x 8' cell and Lord only knows how many more.

Those rioters sure are stubborn, but then they have to be because they know they will get a bundle of time for all this so they are desperate enough to hold out for a long time.

They also fear an ass whipping when this is all over and I can't say as I blame them.

The public sure is odd. Here we have guys who will stop at nothing to get their own way, they will kill, assault, commit arson, kidnap, etc and literally destroy millions of dollars worth of the taxpayers property and if one trooper or guard lays a hand on them some fools are aghast. Well, any damned fool knows the best way to fight fire is with fire.

This month has been dead! We didn't go back to work Until Sept. 7 and from the 9th till now we have been locked in other peoples cells.

People should visit here for one or two days and see what goes on. Let them draw their own conclusions. Of course it can't happen while all this is going on but it would be a good thing if it could.

7:37 A.M. just woke up again. Don't know when I went to sleep.

The guy in the corridor across from here has still got his weapon pointed over here. He thinks he is hid but we can see the rifle barrel and every once awhile he will stick his head around to peer out of the window. It would be funny except for the fact that to him we must seem like the enemy.

Yesterday when a squad of troopers went by the guys were all oinking like pigs. They didn't even turn an eye but you could see by the looks on their faces they were thinking go ahead and oink cause brother, we will have our day soon! They sure as hell will!

I see about 15 guys on the catwalks over at D Block. They sure as hell are a forelorn looking bunch. They aren't giving the old clenched fist sign nor are they yelling slogans anymore. They know the party is almost all over.

Even though I vehemently disagree with the riot, I feel sorry for those rioters. They are sincerely convinced that they are doing a heroic and intelligent thing. They are blinded by their intense hatred, to the fact that they had no possibility of winning this idiotic riot. When they made out that first list of demands they were sure they could be sent to Cuba or Russia or some African country. Then they also thought because they had hostages they would be sure to get amnesty. They fail to realize that even a court order was no good because all the commissioner had to do was wait till after the riot and get the order overturned in a higher court. It was a case of the blind leading the blind.

If they give the rioters amnesty then very joint in the state will go up before three months is out.

I guess Hughie P. Newtons attorney wouldn't let him come to the prison. He and Seal didn't show. That really took some of the wind out of their sails. They sent an S.O.S. to their revolutionary idols and they don't show up. That must have hurt.

8 Good ol Hughie P. probably didn't want to leave that \$600 a month pad. It didn't take that S.O.B. long to get used to those capitalistic trappings. He seems to have adjusted real well to the affluent American way of life.

Most of these assholes are power mad phonies who are looking to make excuses for their criminal conduct by blaming the "establishment" and to build up their egos, prestige and fortune by their so called REvolutionary activities. Eldrige Cleaver is in Algeria, Hugie P. is living the affluent life and Bobby Seal is conforming like a good house Nigger and Abbe Hoffman is getting \$1,500 a lecture. Stokely Carmichael has found that he can live quite well in a capitalistic society. He has hardly uttered a word since he got married. Maybe his wife won't let him. Imagine that - a hen pecked revolutionary.

They should - take Leonard Bernsien and some of his liberal mob and put them in here with these animals for a while and see how long eh stays liberal. They should take that queer acting Truman Capoti and put him in here. If he isn't queer now those ogres would soon turn the sissified bastard queer. He'd be wearing his pants backward within a week. Maybe Lindsay could do a few weeks too.

What the hell is wrong with people who get all upset about John Birchers who advocate backing our police and our government but who give parties to raise money for Black Panterhs who advocate revolution and shooting of police officers? What is wrong with some one who will condem the John Birchers who believe in the right to private property and yet uphold people like Jerry Rubin, Abbe Hoffman, Rap Brown, Bobby Seal, Hughie Newton etc ? They must be nuts?

I am a convicted criminal. I come from a lower middle class background - no I didn't either - I came from a poor economic background. My father is an alcoholic. Now, I've had a few handicaps in life but I can't blame the system or establishment - whatever the hell you want to call it for me committing a crime. I didn't do this crime, but I sure as hell did the first two and no one twisted my arm nor did the establishment in anyway make or motivate me to do it. I was greedy and lazy and that is why 90% of the inmates - white and black are in here! They want to rob, assault, rape, burglarize , etc. I think they must be nuts! They want to be sent to a boys school where everything is perfect and sweet. It just won't work and the sooner people start realizing it the better the whole country will be. A man is known by his deeds and if he deliberately chooses to do wrong he must suffer the consequences for his misdeeds.

In the first place you can make prisons as nice as you want and there will be no more rehabilitation than before cause rehabilitation is purely a personal matter! If a man sees the folly of wrong ways and wishes to change he will do so, but if he is greedy and lazy and doesn't want to change - he won't change! He will rationalize his conduct and blame his parents, the system, the establishment etc.

Auburn Prison has one of the most modern prison vocational and academic educational plants in the world yet they had riot this year.



You can teach someone all the trades in the world and still not rehabilitate him. If he doesn't work at that trade when he leaves prison, but returns to pimping, robbing, forging, then whose fault is it? By the statistics on recidivism that is exactly what has happened.

Prison is not a place to change an individual for the better. It is cold, sterile, abnormal environment and can do very, very little to alter a persons thinking for the better.

The rumor is that a guard Quinn died in the hospital from the beating he took and these ugly viscious bastards are laughing about it. How the hell can anyone laugh about the death of a fellow human being? Don't they think that guy might have a wife, children, parents etc. They are cruel animals. Those guys over here are even worse cause they say they are for the riot ~~yet~~ everyone of them were too cowardly to stay and take part. They sit safe and sound in their cells laughing about the death of a young man who never hurt them and whose only sin, in their eyes, was that he earned an honest living as a guard. It takes a certain kind of animal to be happy because a man was murdered!

I have been a forger and a fighter almost all my adult life and I am ashamed of that, but as bad as I have been I wash my hands of these guys. They are sicker than a cur!

The Dr. Nurse (male), a guard and two State Troopers just came around for sick call. They are trying their best to keep things running smoothly. They could claim they were too busy with the emergency to come around and give us medical care, but they are here every A.M.

I asked the guard about Quinn and he said he couldn't give me that kind of information. I can see why. If Quinn is dead and we told the rioters they might panic and do something foolsih.

I bet those hostages are frightened! I sure as hell would be. After four days I'd wonder just what the hell is going to happen.

Of course the rioters must be pretty well on edge too. They realize they can't get away with it now as they will either break and give up or go on a rampage of revenge. I hope they are smart enough to give up.

I sure as hell need a shower! I stink like a skunk - only worse. WOW!

There has been a lull in all activity for about 1/2 hr. now.

I was worried as hell last night when they put the spotlights up and the guys said they were on the roof with rifles. I sure as hell don't want to be shot because of someone elses doings! Come to think of it, I don't want to be shot for any reason! I just want to live to a ripe old age of 95 or 100.

I just had to threaten to break some assholes jaw when we're released. He was telling my buddy he was going to kill him because Doug doesn't agree with the riot. Christ I was mad! Here we are all in one hell of a mess and some asshole is threatening to kill another inmate. What the fuck is wrong with these people?

Well, Quinn is dead! Why? For what? Good God! How can men be such animals? I'm sitting here trying to keep back the tears. Not just for Mr. Hack, but for all the mess and futility. (This is positive, Quinn is dead).

I just saw a buddy of mine on the catwalk with a guards coat on. The guy has to be crazy. He has only a five year sentence. He has only been in prison one month. He has a real young wife and an eight month old son. what the hell motivates him to be so foolish? I'm sick, literally sick, I just puked my guts out. Man, I'm sick! This guy doesn't even know what prison is all about, but he is rioting. Oh, man!

They sent word over from D Block that the rioters are building platforms (scaffolds) from which they will hang one or two hostages. Thoses idiots are like something from a bad nightmare.

I tell you straight. A guy sure as hell has to be a nut to be a cop or a guard in this day and age. The poor bastards don't stand much of a chance.

It seems as though I misjudged a lot of these guys. I am really beginning to realize just how cheap talk can be. Some of these guys told me they'd never participate in a riot, but there they are. They are punks and cowards! I suppose they think the same about me, but at least I have the courage to stand by my convictions!

I am glad I offered to help VanOstberg (civilian teacher) if the rioters broke through. Maybe I would have chickened out, but I didn't chicken out in a riot in Fort Dix, so I don't think I would have here. Mr. VanOstberg has always treated me right so I couldn't see letting him be harmed if I could help it.

It isn't easy, in here, to advocate non-violence but I have done so and inmates, guards, and civilians will attest to that.

Most of these rioters are dead set on carrying this riot to the end.

William Kunstler says the state should seriously consider amnesty. Is he crazy? If they give amnesty to murderers there won't be a prison in the country that won't have a riot before a year is out.

The state waited too long before acting. They let the rioters get the upper hand. Neither Oswald or Mancusi were decisive enough.