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Letter from Eldridge Cleaver to David Hilliard

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Summary:

Eldridge Cleaver gives a list of specific instructions and suggestions on establishing relations with the communist parties in Asia and North Korea in particular.

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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

We are laying groundwork for continuing and improving relationships with our comrades from North Korea. By the time you receive this letter, our delegation (composed, as it looks now, of myself, brother Byron Muesi Booth, and Julia Wright. Julia is in Lagos, Nigeria at the moment and she may not make it. She is still hung up with that oppressor country radical of hers. We are supposed to leave here Monday, September 8, 1969. We should be able to generate some very strong support in Korea and throughout Asia. Look forward to messages from us.)

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(3) September 9, is the Korean National Day, marking their Victory and Liberation. Due to shortness of time, I will send them a telegram in the name of the Party.

(4) Put the North Korean Embassy on the mailing list for our newspaper. I think they have embassies in Mexico and Canada. You should send copies to those embassies, but also send about three copies each time to the Korean Embassy here in Algeria.

(5) It is very important that all progressive countries in the world receive copies of our ~~MMMM~~ newspaper; also progressive organizations inside those countries. Our Solidarity Comm. in Sweden should be made to deal with a lot of that, also to come up with bread. Untill they do that, they are jiving!!!

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(7) Chief, do you recall our discussion of strengthening the structure of our Central Committee? I suggested that, as rapidly as possible, Huey and Bobby should give up their reaction to the proposal. In terms of insuring the perpetuation of the Black Panther Party in face of the repression, it would be very helpful if our Central Committee and Political Bureau were strengthened. I suggested that the First and Second leaders from each State or Strong & Stable Branch of the Party be designated by Huey to be members of the Central Committee. It should be done by Executive Mandate. I suggest that in the Executive Mandate, the method of selection of Central Committee members be spelled out. Also, I think that in the same Mandate, the members of the Political Bureau should be named. My suggestion for the Political Bureau are (1) Huey, (2) Bobby, (3) David, (4) Emory, (5) Eldridge, (6) _____ (7) _____ (8) _____ (9) _____

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All Power To The People

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The Conference begins on September 17 and runs to the 28 of September. Suggest that we print an announcement of the Conference in the Black Panther and print the address of the Conference and call upon all revolutionary organizations to also send telegrams to express their solidarity with the fighting Korean people in the face of new aggressions being plotted against the Korean peoples by the Imperialists.

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4. During these days, it would be on time to run things in the Black Panther about the struggle of the Korean peoples and the increasing plots against them by the imperialists. The Pueblo, the Flying Pueblo, and the Helicopter that was shot down. There is a guerilla struggle going on right now for the liberation of South Korea from the hands of the pupets and lackies there.

For Kathleen: These messages should also be put into the first issue of our magazine RIGHT ON, or ON TIME, whichever we decide to make it. The magazine itself must not be printed until after I get back and have a chance to check it out, plus I will have a lot of good material for the magazine.

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