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"Whats happening Moms? ?!!

I got your letter today, It was real inspiring to hear from you, especially at a time like this. They had me in court today! I guess you already know that by now. The lord knows I tried but something happened which forced me to realize that I had no alternative but to say what I said. No matter what anyone says from now on I refuse to call myself a man, or anything close to a man because I did what I did. Even though there was no other way, because they already had enough evidence to convict those other two bloods. I don't know, maybe I sound kind of nutty but that's just the way I feel. Or maybe I'm just trying to get somebody to say that what I did was justifiable, but I know It can't be justified. I not only turned against those two bloods, but I turned against myself and my own people. I could have denied everything and all three of us would have gone up to the chair. And then again if I denied everything one of those other bloods would have gave them a story and sent me and the other dude up. But niether one of those is the reason, I was scared a little but thats not the reason, ? I guess I'll never know.? Now I have to wait until my actual trial before I find out whether I get the chair or life? Tell J.D. and Mrs White I said thanks very kindly y. I sat there on the stand and watched one sister break-down and cry. Mama I'm going through "hally" I don't know what to do, or how to do it, or what to say or how to say it. I can't find the words to say to the people I'm sorry, most-likely they'd probably prefer to call me a nigger I don't think I'd mind that at all....."

September 24, 1970

I hope you can explain to some of the people around you the situation I'm being confronted with by what you can acquire from this note. I love all of you very much, and I miss you extremely. And I don't think I'll ever forget the things you good people have done for me. Tell everybody I said Hello and I miss them very much. Yes you can send some money, but only if you can afford to. From what I hear Russel's back in the penitentiary! Tell those people I said thanks a lot for that also. Tell Andrea I said Hi and that I saw her downtown Mon. when they were taking me to the courthouse, I started to call her but they wouldn't let me talk to anyone, tell her to write me sometime. Well I guess its later for now. And I write this note from a sense of the sweetness of irony. Most Emphatically Yours

With Love Always

Duane C. Peak ~~Peace~~

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