MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY
PARCHMAN, MISSISSIPPI

TO: FROM:

NAME Mr. W. Glaze, BANTHAM BOOKS, INC. INMATE'S NAME: ISAAC A. OBADELE, I
(Maximum Security Unit)

ADDRESS 666 Fifth Ave. CAMP NO. MSU PRISON NO.

CITY New York STATE New York ZIP CODE NO. 38738

1. MAIL:
   (a) All letters addressed to inmates must be limited to two pages, family and business matters only.
   (b) Each inmate shall not receive more than one letter per week from any one person, nor a total of three letters per week in all.
   (c) Write plainly or print on envelope, inmate's name and camp number. When camp is not indicated, mail will be returned.
   (d) Clothing may be sent; shoes, socks, underwear and hankerchiefs only.
   (e) Non-perishable foods only. Nothing in glass. Sealed cans are acceptable.
   (f) Send checks or money-orders only. Cash will be returned. Personal checks take thirty days to clear bank before money is placed in inmate's account.
   (g) Do not send: Razor blades, drugs or cosmetics with alcholic contents.
   (h) All letters and packages are censored. No letters in packages.

2. VISITING:
   (a) Only parents, brothers and sisters, wife or husband and children will be allowed to write or visit inmate.
   (b) Visiting hours are from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., on the first and third Sundays of each month.
   (c) All trucks and cars will be searched. All intoxicating liquors, guns, ammunitation and other contraband will be confiscated and not returned.
   (d) Any person found intoxicated on the Penitentiary grounds is subject to immediate arrest.

MISSISSIPPI CODE NO. 2031 (ESCAPE OF PRISONERS)
Every person who shall convey into the Penitentiary, jail or other place of confinement, any disguise, instrument, arms or other things used to any prisoner lawfully committed to, or detained in such a prison to escape, with intent thereby to facilitate the escape of any prisoner attempted or not, shall upon conviction, be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not exceeding five (5) years.

MISSISSIPPI CODE NO. 2131 (CONCEALING, HARBORING ESCAPED PRISONERS)
Every person who shall knowingly conceal or harbor any prisoners or inmates who has escaped from lawful custody of any office, jail, prison or Penitentiary, within the State, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction be fined not less than $100.00 dollars, not more than $500.00 dollars or be imprisoned in the State Penitentiary not to exceed five (5) years.

(IMPORTANT! -ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.)

Power and Peace, Walter: DATE 31 August 1971

This is just a note to tell you that they suddenly moved me to the Maximum Security Unit here at Parchman last Sunday. The books I asked for should be sent here. If they go to the County Jail, they probably will not forward them. Any books you are able to send me, (especially) on American federal practice, on all aspects of the founding of the American Republic, and on the U.N. (Covenants and practice) would be greatly appreciated. ¶ I hope things are going well with you and your wife. Please tell her that John Killens is [illegible] [illegible] of mine; when she sees him, she should ask him to [illegible] [illegible] fellow writers to support our call at the U.N. for a plebiscite now and elsewhere. This is very important. ¶ Walter, I have a set of three short stories and two short-shorts which come out to almost 90 pages, typed double-space. They were written in the days before I became a full-fledged nationalist (prior to 1966), and I envision them as a small book, using the title of the first story "The Eighth Nigger" with the sub-line "Written Before Dawn." Do you think that Broadside might be interested in publishing these? ¶ Our arrest and [illegible] [illegible] are alarming the nation. We are well but the conditions here are far worse than those for any Vietnamese prisoners. We are kept – by twos – in cells measuring 7' x 5' 8". We are allowed no clothes or shoes and must wear ill-fitting prison underwear all the time. We are not allowed out of the cells at all except to shower twice a week and, we are told, to exercise for 15 minutes twice a week. ¶ All those who wish to help us should contribute to the legal fund and support all of our people, particularly at the U.N. [illegible], Queen Mother Moore.

FREE THE LAND!

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