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Angela Davis Fights Letters as Evidence

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The biggest legal battle of the seven-week Angela Davis trial started yesterday as her defense attorney's fought to keep her love letters to Soledad Brother George Jackson from being introduced as evidence in her murder-conspiracy trial.

The letters contain references by Miss Davis to George Jackson, and one said, "I have come to love you very deeply."

The letters involve an important aspect of the state case — the allegation that Miss Davis was in love with Jackson, one of the three "Soledad Brothers" accused of killing a Soledad prison guard, and that she plotted a kidnaping in an effort to force his release.

"I love you. . . liberation by any means necessary," said one letter to Jackson. "I should be ready to go all the way. I am."

Judge Richard Arnason excused the jury for the rest of the day in order to consider the legal arguments presented by both state and defense on the admissibility of the letters.