Angela Call to Havana

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SAN JOSE — Radio Havana may not have a reporter at the Angela Davis kidnap-murder trial, but this has not prevented the Cuban station from broadcasting a 12 minute interview with the defendant.

The interview by telephone, which Radio Havana requested and wa taped Monday evening with an attorney at her side, was broadcast from 5 p.m. at 15 minute intervals until midnight on Tuesday. The broadcast was monitored here and transcribed for The

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Miss Davis credited the Cuban people with assisting in the "strong victory we have already won" referring to her release on bail.

"I would like to thank particularly the Cuban people, because I feel that my own political development was determined to a very great extent by the experiences I had during my own visit to Cuba," she said.

She told Radio Havana listeners she did not believe the decision abolishing the death penalty in California would be revoked despite Governor Reagan's efforts.

"Ronald Reagan and all of the other reactionary politicians around him thought it was necessary to make that kind of show of shock, and in general the way they objected and criticized the judges' ruling was indicative of their commitment to struggles against the people and justice and humanity," she said.

She contended that abolition of the death penalty should not be considered just something a few judges did, but rather as a product of the mass movement."

Her only direct reference

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to her trial, in which she is charged with murder, kidnapping and conspiracy involving the Aug. 7, 1970. shootout at the Marin County Civic Center that left four dead, was expressing her opinion that it would be difficult to find 12 people who can be fair and render an impartial verdict" and noting that the trial would take a long time "because of the nature of this county."

She pledged continued efforts on behalf of the socalled Soledad Brothers and the San Quentin Six, asserting that "we have learned a lot of things in this struggle. that we've learned a lot about our people in this country."

She explained her appearance at the Soledad Brothers trial as a means "to demonstrate that I was not so concerned about my own release that I had forgotten about all my other brothers and sisters who are still in prison."

Miss Davis assured fans of Radio Havana that her health was "much much better" now that she was free on bail and that she expected her "few medical problems" to clear up.