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## A Mother's Story of Prison Visit

"George Jackson came by and he bent over and blew a kiss to me—he said something like 'I love you."

That was the last time Doris Maxwell, mother of "Soledad Brother" John Clutchette, saw her son's close friend and co-defendant. Less than an hour later Jackson was dead.

Mrs. Maxwell visited her son Saturday afternoon at San Quentin. She told the Chronicle that Jackson, visiting in another room nearby, stopped and spoke to her as he was taken back to his cell. A short time later Clutchette was also taken back to the adjustment center:

## UNUSUAL

Jackson, Mrs. Maxwell said, acted "very unusual." Her son even asked him if he were "high on something" when he stopped for a moment at their visiting room.

And, Mrs. Maxwell said, there were at least two other things that were unusual—first the officer allowed Jackson to squat down to a low wire screen to speak to her as he passed.

Then, when an officer at

last told her son it was time to go, the officer opened two doors at once—one to take Clutchette back to his cell, the other to let her out into the main visiting room, a taboo procedure in prison.

Her visit with her son, in fact, lasted unusually long, Mrs. Maxwell said. "I thought maybe they had forgotten about us."

Mrs. Maxwell, her eyes red from apparent crying and her voice soft, said that despite the curious events she and her son had "a very nice visit."

She was among the last to leave the visiting room sometime around 3 p.m., she said. By that time the bloody incident had begun in the adjustment center.

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Mrs. Maxwell in taped statement (KPFA) said she didn't sign out of prison until some time after 3 p.m., and at that time everything at prison gate was normal and quiet, no excitement.