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CORRECTIONS *

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"The Testimony of Louis E. Tackwood" (Preview #7) was written by Howard A. Rodman, Guest Domestic Editor, and contained information compiled by Mark Schwartz for Pacifica radio. The California State Bureau of Identification is known as either the sBI or the Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau (CI), not the sBI. The San Quentin Six are charged with killing three guards and two convicts; George Jackson's death was ruled justifiable homicide. Finally, the Criminal Conspiracy Section (CCS) officer in charge was Lt. Robert Keel, not Field.

After the article was printed, Tackwood's credibility came under fire during cross-examination by prosecutor Jerry Herman. Tackwood claimed that CCS planned a false escape attempt on August 23, 1971, in which a "hit squad" of several underground Panthers, including Elmer Geronimo Pratt, would try to free George Jackson. The hit squad and Jackson, according to Tackwood, were to have all been killed by CCS. However, the prosecution proved that Geronimo—now serving a life term in San Quentin—was in custody in the Los Angeles County jail all of 1971.

To Tackwood's credit, both the Los Angeles police and the California Attorney General's office have finally acknowledged that they did have contact with Tackwood in the early seventies.

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