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Dear M [REDACTED]:

This is in response to your letter dated July 17th, in which you requested a review of the Publication Review Committee's decision not to deliver "Under Lock & Key #50."

In your request you mentioned the article titled "Applying Lessons from the Black Panthers to our Current Struggle." The Committee did consider that article, but only found a policy violation with the section titled "Fuck the Police!" The title in and of itself (as well as other terminology referring to the police as "pigs" and equating the police with "terrorist actions") encourages disrespect for authority. However, despite the inflammatory language it does not specifically advocate insurrection and disorder. Therefore, in this particular instance, it does not rise to the level of a violation of NC Division of Prisons policy and the issue will be allowed to be distributed to inmates.

As we have noted in prior letters each issue of "Under Lock & Key" is reviewed independently and a decision as to deliver the issue to the inmate or not is based upon the merits of each case.

Sincerely,

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