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Dear Lenny & co.

Was sorry to hear about Jayne, hope she is better. Was interested to hear about I-A situation. Have all of the Oct 16 people been given I-A? Out hear they have only FBI visited about 5 or 6 people, nothing else. What the hell did you do? Am inclosing a Resistance pamphlet just in case you havnt seen it. Thanks for the letter, though I wish you would write more. What happened on the Rusk thing, sounded pretty wild from the newspaper.

Probably will not be able to get back to New York before Dec 15-20 unless something unforeseen happens here to free me. Actually I probably wont be able to get back even then. However I will give you my immediate (and from afar) thoughts about a STDW at Whitehall.

1- Dont try to apply Oakland tactics to literally to New York because there are some major tactical differences in the two situations. Some of the differences are- A-cops, although Oakland cops are undoubtedly more brutal than N.Y. finest, there are a limited number of them, 2500 is the MAXIMUM number of cops that they can possibly mobilize with out using the Nat Guard, I would guess the N.Y. could field 10,000 if they really had to. B-The Oakland Induction center is serviced by chartered buses that bring slaves in from all over N. Calif. this means that all we had to do was to stop the buses, Whitehall is serviced by Subway, obviously you can stop a bus with a street barricade, how do you stop a subway? Note-the authorities seemed absolutely unwilling to allow inductees to walk through us, that is, there had to be wither a bus wall or a cop wall between us and the inductees at all times, preferably both, so if you could block the ground between the center & the station they would have to either clear you out or convey them in. C-weather, at 5:00 AM in Oakland it was 69-65° ABOVE zero, what will it be like at 5:00 AM Dec 6 in N.Y.? (you poor bastards, you).

Here are some of the things that we learned. 1-it is essential that you surround the cops. This is not so easy. If the cops have 1 central staging area near the IC then all you have to do is to make sure that, in addition ~~you~~ to your forces massed around the IC you have adequate forces surrounding the staging area. If they do not have 1 staging area, or it is too far away you will have to be more flexible, Although it is exceedingly dangerous for anyone to sit-in during the course of mobile tactics, if a unit get surrounded by the police they had better ALL sit down (and damn fast), otherwise always keep 5-10 feet between you and the cops.

2-Control and organization-You would probably be smartest to have your forces organized into units of 200-400 people (this must be done before you get to the IC, either at a staging area or by colleges etc) and each of these units assigned a monitor team and a specific intersection or area to hold, they should approach these targets from different directions (that is each unit have a preplanned route of march from the staging area (you should probably have 2 or 3 staging areas if possible. Monitors, once their unit has reached the target position should stay in their monitor groups and be assigned a zone to monitor (it is impossible to keep the 200-400 man units together as a unit, once the cops make their move) but the monitors should know what zone of the battle area they are responsible for.

I dont know exactly what your rational is going to be for street barricades (maybe to impede the cops?) but here is the formula we used to sieze an intersection A-a vanguard of 5-20 would clear the intersection of cars B-immediatly 100-200 pickets would start circling in the intersection so as to completely block it, C-the "radicals" would start building barricades from corner to corner along the cross walks. D-after barricade is up, picket line collapses (unless they like picketing)

4- Paint. This is very important. Have 100 or so cans of spray paint ready to hand out to the freer spirits. This is a very important tactic in loosening up the inhibitions of the demonstrators so that they are willing to block interstate highways, build barricades, and be creative. If we hadn't had that paint we probably would have flunked.

5- I would guess that you would need at least 1,000 people to carry it off. ~~remember~~ Actually you will probably have to go through a development phase with the people. That is they probably won't be psychologically ready (even with the paint) to build barricades the 1st day (also you won't know what the cop tactics are going to be). It takes time to develop them. It is very important that every effort be made to inform everybody about your plans, with leaflets, bullhorns etc.

6- Equipment. It is very important that the different monitor squads know what is going on. Unfortunately walkie-talky systems (and we had a very elaborate one) don't work. So runner system is very valuable (on bikes if possible). If it is a choice of spending money on walky-talkies or bullhorns I would recommend bullhorns. You can't have enough bullhorns. Vaseline on the face helps with mace. Be prepared to pull people out of the clutches of cops, especially if they have been maced.

7- Be prepared for a line of cops uptown from the IC stationed to keep you from advancing too far into the Financial district. Actually the Financial district is the one advantage you have over Oakland. Otherwise you have a much worse ~~situation~~ situation. Let me know what you do with the Ferry building crowds. By the way when the cops order you to disperse, one of you should get on the Bullhorn and say to the cops "~~In the name of the people~~" "We the people order you, the police, to disperse ~~you~~" Then start a chant "we are the people". people really groove on it.

Keep your eye on S.F. State college. I've been helping out some groups there. So far they've managed to scare off the Coast Guard, the Navy, the Marines, the CIA, and Boeing Aircraft but it looks like Dow isn't going to scare. Tension has really been building up (especially after San Jose State battle with the cops). Well I guess that all from here. Please write me soon and let me know what's going on.

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P.S. please remind Barbara Webster that I sent her a letter and she hasn't answered it, and I would really like her to send me the information I requested.