

## A LETTER FROM PRISON\*

Ufahamu,

The letter you sent was smuggled in to me safely. I want you to know that I was happy, and, of course, delighted to hear from you, particularly to know that Ufahamu has taken a stance against our illegal arrest and imprisonment; that it has joined the progressive forces of the world in protest against the rule of jungle in our country. It is the stance you have taken, the support we have been given by the international community which has strengthened our determination to stand firm against the brutality of neo-colonialism, against national reactionaries. With your support, we can face our incarceration courageously. We know that the stance we have taken is correct and should be defended regardless of the consequences -- that imprisonment and detention should not frighten us, intimidate us. In reality, there is no commitment without suffering, without the spirit of sacrifice . . .

We have been here now for more than a year. Our conditions are pretty bad under this unbearable life, but at the same time we are learning a lot. Certainly, we will make this prison a training ground for national patriots. We will never surrender, or compromise. Our faith in our country's future, our love of our people has heightened and matured. We belong to the future, to socialism . . .

We don't know how long this ordeal will (last), but that doesn't matter since we belong to a force which is slowly and systematically developing (in) every corner of our country. In this in our minds we know the future of this country is bright. Our task is to establish a socialist state in our country. We work for that day.

Patria o muerte!  
Venceremos!

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\*For obvious reasons of physical safety, the writer of this letter wishes to remain anonymous. Ed. K.M.