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As-Salaam-Alaikum

In the Name of Almighty Allah, The Most Merciful Saviour, Our Deliverer, Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad. To Allah alone do I submit and seek refuge.

Dear Brother Minister:

This letter comes regarding your letter of August 23, 1971, concerning teaching in the prison houses.

Brother, we teach in the prisons the teachings of Islam that we teach on the outside only we are careful that we do not go in there in the raw and teach that "you are the devil". Remember, Brother, that they are the devil. We can teach that they are the devil by saying the evil doings and that we must not practise them.

But, if there is already a Believer, in side the prison -- tell the Warden that Brother "_____ " is able to teach and that they do not need any outside teachings. I am not so anxious to run inside the prisons to teach our people today while war is forming universally. They will lie on you and claim you said something that you did not say. Infact, the devil is not caring about our people being converted -- that is what he wants you there for is to see if you are teaching inflammatory doctrines.

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