

Houston - Peoples Party II

DEDICATED TO

CARL HAMPTON
July 31, 1970

MY HEART MAKES MY BODY STRONGER FOR I CAME TO HOUSTON IN SEARCH FOR A JOB. WHILE I WAS ON THE ROAD I JUST SO HAPPENED TO WALK DOWN DOWLING AND SO I WENT IN THIS OFFICE WHERE THIS BLACK YOUTH WAS SEATED MINDING HIS BUSINESS, AND SO I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB AND THAT I HAD BEEN WALKING ALL OVER TOWN. SO HE AND ANOTHER GUY AND I TALKED - ABOUT THE BLACK AND WHITE'S OF THE COMMUNITY, FOR THAT SEEMED TO BE THE TOPIC DISCUSSED EVERY WHERE IN AMERICA TODAY. AND AFTER WE TALKED AND EVERYONE WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT WAS SAID, HE GOT UP AND OFFERED ME A COLD DRINK OR SOMETHING, WHICH HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR HIMSELF. BUT HE OFFERED. SO TWO WEEKS LATER MY FRIEND AND BROTHER "CARL BERNARD HAMPTON" WAS DEAD. FROM THE GUN SHOT OF A COP'S GUN THAT WANTED TO BE A HERO OF MEM. BUT HE IS NOTHING BUT A STINKY NO GOOD DOG IN MY EYESIGHT AND SO SHALL GOD BE ANGRY WITH HIM, FOR HE SHALL BE TORMENTED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, IF HE IS PROUD OF WHAT HE DID. BUT ON SECOND THOUGHT, HE MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE YOUNG EAGER COPS. HE PROBABLY WANTED TO IMPRESS HIS WIFE, OR HE WANTED TO IMPRESS HIS PEOPLE. BUT YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHO THE SO CALLED BLACK PANTHER WAS, WAS HE CARL OR WAS HE THE COP? THE ODDS ARE AGAINST THE COP. SO THEY SHOULD PUT HIM OFF THE POLICE FORCE. AND I SAY TO ANYONE WHO KNOWS THIS MAN, PLEASE LET HIM BE, FOR HE HAS TO BE A MADMAN OR SOMETHING. BECAUSE HE ACTED AS THOUGH HE WAS.

SO I CLOSE BECAUSE I HAVE TO KEEP ON LIVING CARL, AND MAY GOD SEE WHAT YOU STOOD FOR. FOR YOU WERE ONE OF THE YOUNG YOUTHS THAT HAD TO DIE FOR OUR PEOPLE TO START COMMUNICATING AND HELPING ONE ANOTHER. SO THAT NO ONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO DIE AS YOU DIED BECAUSE YOU WERE TRUE WITHOUT A GUN IN YOUR HAND. BUT WITH LOVE IN YOUR HEART. CARL, I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU NOW FOR I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR NAME. WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME CARL, WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN? BUT MAYBE YOU HAD TO DIE FOR WHAT YOU STOOD FOR, FOR YOU WERE A VERY INTELLIGENT YOUNG MAN, AND DEVOTED TO YOUR PEOPLE. SO I SHALL CLOSE CARL AND HOPE THAT YOU DIDN'T DIE FOR NO REASON AT ALL. FOR YOU WERE A YOUNG MAN, WHO COULD HAVE BEEN DOING SOMETHING ELSE, AS TALKING TO A GIRL OR SHOULD I SAY A WOMAN. WELL CARL, I SHALL CLOSE WITH MY TEAR-STAINED EYES FOR I LOVE YOU SO. GOODNIGHT CARL BERNARD HAMPTON, ALTHOUGH I JUST MET YOU ONE TIME. GOOD . . . NIGHT. AND MAY GOD BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOUR MIND TAKES YOU. GOODBYE.

Your 30 minute friend and brother - although you didn't know my name, but you knew my face. So shall my face be true.