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the principal organizers of this birthday celebration. Julian Bond, the=20 Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the=20 Advancement of Colored People, also presented greetings. Several members of=20 Julian's class at American University were present for this occasion. =20 Representatives from the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China were=20 also in attendance. "Beijing is a sister city to Washington, D.C.," former=20 Mayor of Washington, DC said to Jim Forman on this occasion.

As I write this diary entry, stepped-up efforts of the U.S. and the=20 United Nations in Afghanistan through air strikes and the dropping of food= =20 from the air to help feed the people of Afghanistan have commenced. At my=20 birthday celebration, in my remarks I said: "Our country is at war. Those=20 of you who are here have the power to greatly aid those who are suffering in= =20 Afghanistan=E2=80=A6." Clearly the trump card of the Taliban and some others throughout the=20 Islamic world is the Jihad call, a call for Moslems throughout the world to=20 kill non-Moslems in the name of Allah. If this call is honored and not=20 forever banned from the consciousness of those who say they are Moslems, the= =20non-Islamic people everywhere face great danger. In my own experiences, I=20 have said again and again the late Malcolm X may not have done the=20 African-American people and others any favors by seeking permission from the= =20 World Islamic Council to organize us into the World Community of Al-Islam. I have personally read a copy of the letter that the late Malcolm X wrote to= =20 the World Islamic Council saying the Afro-American people were ripe for=20 organizing into Islam and =20= =20 =20= =20 =20==20 =20 (Over Please) =20 -2he and his organization were willing to do this, but he did not want to=20 organize the Afro-American people into the Nation of Islam headed by Elijah=20 He was seeking permission to organize them into the World Islamic=20 Mohamed. Council I have, moreover, visited the office of the Moslem representative of the= =20World Islamic Council in New York, New York and spoke with the=20 Representative of the World Islamic Council who authorized the late Malcom=20 X's trip to Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. In a meeting of some sixty students at=20 Cornell University when I was a graduate student at Cornell University I had= =20 the occasion to ask Louis Farrakhan what happened when the late Malcolm X=20 went to Saudi Arabia seeking the permission to organize the Afro-American=20 people into the World Islamic Council.. Louis Farrakhan responded that it=20 was his understanding that Malcolm X was given the authority over the West. In a follow-up question I asked Louis Farrakhan what did he mean by the= =20 West. His response was that whatever comes to my mind when I hear the word=20 West was the authority that the World Islamic Council gave to the late Malco= m=20 Х. As the armed forces of the United States, Great Britain and other member= s=20 of the=20 United Nations attempt to aid the United Nations to deliver food to the=20 people of Afghanistan, I certainly hope that no Moslem anywhere in the world= =20 will honor the call now or ever again to kill all non-Moslems wherever they= =20 may be. Sincerely,=20

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=20 The end.