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Synopsis: Review of a video tape containing a portion of PRISON ABOLITION CONFERENCE (PAC) III, August 13-15, 2004, Truman College, Chicago, Illinois.

Details: PAC III took place in Chicago, Illinois on August 13-15, 2004. It was [Redacted]

Approximately four hours of the conference on Saturday morning was videotaped by CHICAGOLAND ACCESS NETWORK (CAN) TV and FBI Chicago purchased a copy, consisting of two tapes, for a fee.

A review of the videotape indicates that at any given time, between 40 and 60 people were in the audience. Conference participants ranged in age from approximately 18 years of age up to 70 years of age. The camera scanned the audience on several occasions, and while most of the audience remains unidentified, it was determined that [Redacted] were in attendance. In addition, [Redacted] may have been in attendance. [Redacted]

[Redacted] a positive identification was not possible.

[Redacted] the conference by thanking everyone in attendance as well as everyone who made the conference possible. She states there are too many people to thank, however she mentions that [Redacted] deserves special recognition for his hard work in organizing the conference. [Redacted] mentions how much [Redacted] does for prisoner support and prison abolition and he

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does it all while living in the suburbs with a wife and family.

[redacted] speaks next and dedicates the conference to MAY MOLINA ORTIZ, who died in police custody on May 26, 2004. He states that people from all over the country are at the conference, including people from Houston, Texas; Portland, Oregon; Lawrence, Kansas; Boston, Massachusetts; New Orleans, Louisiana and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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[redacted] goes on to give a fiery speech filled with anti-government rhetoric. He states the only killers in this racist, sexist and elitist society are those trained by the government, i.e. government employees. [redacted]

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[redacted] discusses the importance of all prison abolitionists and prison support groups working together and how much more can be accomplished through cooperation. He states that reforming the system does not work and abolition is the only answer. [redacted] ends his speech by stating "MALCOLM said it best - "'By any means necessary.'"

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[redacted] then reads a statement sent by [redacted] who could not attend due to illness. The statement discusses the problems unique to Native Americans and how their lands are occupied by the U.S. Government. The statement also talks about [redacted] s work with the Black Brigade, which serves poor African American areas in the U.S.

The next speaker is [redacted] [redacted] characterizes herself as a peace protestor and recounts her time spent in prison both recently and in 1988-1989, as a result of her protests. She discusses the plight of women in prison and how difficult it is, especially for women who have children. Many women in prison receive lengthy, unfair sentences for non-violent, victimless crimes.

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Although [redacted] is very soft spoken, she delivers an impassioned speech filled with anti-government rhetoric. She calls the U.S. Government the real terrorists because of what they do to our water, air, animals and natural resources. [redacted] states she does not pay a dime in taxes to this country and urges

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others in the audience not to pay taxes, either. [redacted] has been [redacted] as part of [redacted]. She recommends non-violent tactics and demonstrations to force the government to get American troops out of Iraq.

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[redacted] then introduces [redacted] of the [redacted] Organization located in [redacted]. She talks about the history of [redacted] its founder [redacted] and the case of [redacted] [redacted] stated that her main focus is seeing [redacted] freed from prison. She discusses the case of [redacted] [redacted] and talks about retired Chicago Police Commander JON BURGE and his systematic torture of black suspects (BURGE and [redacted] are recurring themes throughout the conference). [redacted] talks about how the entire system is corrupt and the judges and District Attorney's are the real monsters. [redacted] claims the government has successfully divided the movement because the room should be full. She states that mainstream black organizations have let her down, and they should all be working on behalf of [redacted]. She characterizes the NAACP as the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CERTAIN COLORED PEOPLE and thinks the movement should go into the communities and churches to recruit more "soldiers." [redacted] also talks about how everyone must work together and that little differences can and should be worked out.

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[redacted] introduces [redacted] by saying she [redacted] was a student in law school when she discovered [redacted]. [redacted] then asks people to sign up for the Million Worker March.

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[redacted] speaks next and states the fight is on all levels and that [redacted] taught that revolution is total. [redacted] says that people cannot rely on anyone but themselves and like-minded individuals and that those in power don't even care about themselves. [redacted] talks about her middle class, Catholic upbringing and her eventual conversion to being a revolutionary, after she determined that revolution and standing up to the system is the only way.

[redacted] talks about the [redacted] who are in prison for murders they did not commit. All were allegedly told that if the denounce [redacted] they would be released. None of the nine took the deal because [redacted] is committed to the revolution. Laws are made by those in power and slavery, apartheid and the holocaust are things which were sanctioned by law that needed to be defied. [redacted] states that people should do whatever they can for the revolution and ends her speech by saying "Long live the spirit of resistance, long live the revolution."

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[redacted] speaks next and advises how several years ago, she attended a criminal justice seminar and how disturbing it was. She came away thinking the government is a bunch of murdering bastards. [redacted] states more prisons are being built because there is currently a baby boom in the black and Hispanic communities, and more space is needed to house future generations of "slaves" from those communities. She believes that people such as JOHN WAYNE GACY do not compare with the crimes of the U.S. Government, dropping bombs wherever and whenever it wants. She concludes by saying we must "smash the system in the face and bring it down now."

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[redacted] one of the [redacted] was the final speaker on the taped portion of the conference. [redacted]

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[redacted] talked about his time in prison and how he joined the [redacted] after becoming politically active. He talked about the other two members of the [redacted] who remain incarcerated, and how they were accused and later found guilty of murdering a prison guard after the false testimony of another inmate.

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[redacted] states that revolution is bloodshed and revolutionaries must be prepared for that reality. He concludes by stating "People must be ready to rumble."

Several speakers gave speeches filled with virulent anti-government rhetoric. All spoke of the need to abolish the slavery-driven, prison industrial complex. Most spoke of the revolution necessary to completely abolish the government in its current form. [redacted]

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