The FALN assumes full responsibility for the bombings which have occurred in the financial sector of Wall Street on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1982. This armed attack against yanqui imperialist corporations and institutions is part of our continuing war for the liberation of our homeland from United States colonialism, for the immediate and unconditional release of our Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners and in solidarity with the heroic people of El Salvador and its armed Vanguard the Fittie Farabundo Marti de Liberacion Nacional (FMLN).

It is the response of the Puerto Rican people in exile to the latest pronouncement by the U.S. imperialists as manifested through their mouthpieces Reagan (Jan. 12, 1982) and Speaker of the House O'Neil (Feb. 12, 1982) that the yanqui imperialist government supports statehood for Puerto Rico. Again the imperialists have made clear their designs for our homeland: to culminate the colonization of Puerto Rico by absothing it into the yanqui federal state. They intend to do this with the support and blessing of international capitalism as was clearly stated in 1977 by then president Ford at a Trilateral Commission meeting held on Puerto Rican soil on land stolen from us by the parasitic, conniving thieves and murderers, the Rockefellers.
We the oppressed Puerto Rican nationality forced to abandon our beloved homeland to live and survive in the wretched slums and ghettos of the U.S. know what starvation really signifies for the Puerto Rican people. We are living it. Statehood for Puerto Rico means more of it. It means a life of misery, hunger, disease, the burden of an oppressive system of capitalism that is the cause of the world's problems. The only possibility of survival is the destruction of this system. We must and will resist. Puerto Rico is not for ever will be part of the U.S.A. Puerto Rico belongs to the Puerto Rican people. This we will defend and fight for until victory or death.

The Pan National Liberation Front (FALN) wishes to bring to the attention of the people of Puerto Rico, the United States and the world the inhumane treatment that our jailed comrades and members of our organization, the eleven Puerto Rican prisoners of war (Oscar Lopez Rivera, Usa, Luis Rodriguez, Carlos Alberto Torres, Madagascar Torres, Luis Rosas, Alicia Rodriguez, Ricardo Jiminez, Dylcia Moranli, Adolfo Mots Almonte, Elizan Escobar, Carmon Valentin) are receiving in the dungeons of the Yankee prison system. Their health problems have been ignored, prison authorities are constantly harassing and attempting to provoke them, they have been kept in lock-up and isolation for weeks at a time, family visits have been interfered with, literature and reading material is denied them, and they are constantly being placed in situations where physical and mental stress is applied. This has included the shooting of a bullet into the cell of Luis Rosas and the denial of medical attention for S. Torres even when prison doctors diagnosed the possibility of her having an early stage of cancer. Despite a national and international campaign which mobilized all groups, civic and religious organizations, workers, students and professionals who pressured the Yankee government and its bureau of prisons she has not been attended to.

Our organization will not tolerate any physical or mental harm done to our comrades to go unavenged. We demand they be treated as Prisoners of War as stated by the Geneva Convention and the United Nations Protocols concerning freedom fighters captured in wars of national liberation. We hold the Yankee capitalist class and the sadistic beasts who operate and compound its repressive forces responsible for any harm which may befall our Prisoners of War, Political Prisoners and for any attacks aimed at crushing and repressing the legitimate aspirations of our people for independence and socialism. This is not an empty boast. Yankee imperialism, well known that Puerto Rican Revolutionaries do not bluff. They have felt our bullets and smelled the odor of our dynamite from Colón Riots, to Blair House, the attack on Congress, the Angliers Club, Sabana Grande.

The Puerto Rican struggle for independence and socialism is part of the revolution of the oppressed and exploited masses of Latin America against the oligarchies, capitalism and imperialism. It is also part of the international working class revolution, for the destruction of capitalism and for the construction of socialism. As revolutionaries we are united with the oppressed and exploited masses of the world and clearly understand that the only progressive governments are those which are being guided by Marxist-Leninist principles and are constructing a socialist society free of class exploitation.

For these reasons we reject the hypocritical "support" and "solidarity" for Puerto Rican independence expressed by the capitalist governments of Venezuela and Mexico. While supporting independence for Puerto Rico the government of Venezuela and the Philippines grant the hand of the tyrant and fascist Duarte Regime in El Salvador by providing political and material support for the brutal and cowardly assassination of thousands of Salvadoran people. As an ally of the Yankee imperialism, maintaining the Dictatorship in El Salvador, the government of Venezuela is guilty of murder and genocide. It is assuming an ever increasing aggressive role as protector and enforcer of the Yankee imperialists' plans to expand and consolidate their grip in the Caribbean and Central America. In return the U.S. has agreed to equip the Venezuelan army with modern weapons, provide loans and capital for the economic expansion of the Venezuelan capitalists, and allow these capitalists access to new markets for its products. Venezuela would be acting as a sub-imperialist power in keeping with the plans of the Trilateral Commission. It would become one of the gunners of Trilateralism in Latin America, especially in the Caribbean and Central American areas, repressing the popular and revolutionary movements internally and protecting the interests of imperialism.

The Mexican government also claims to support Puerto Rican independence. It has even hosted an international conference in solidarity with Puerto Rican independence. This image as "defender of the oppressed" is a farce. It is a cover for the most brutal anti-revolutionary oppression of the impoverished Mexican masses by the Mexican oligarchy and Yankee imperialism. Like in El Salvador thousands of Mexican workers, peasants, students, and revolutionaries have been assassinated or "disappeared" by the repressive agencies and the right wing death squads organized and financed by the Mexican ruling class. In Mexican law and order is maintained through assassination, terror and torture. The true intent of Mexico's progressive foreign policy is nothing but a maneuver to mask repression at home and to serve as a stabilizing force in the area against the popular and revolutionary movements so that they do not swing too far to the left. In the strategy of the imperialists appears as the nice guy while the U.S. is the bad.

Our struggle for national liberation does not need this "solidarity" from murderers, torturers and exploiters. They are the enemies of freedom loving people everywhere. We do not need to prostitute our political principles to gain the temporary support of our class enemies who will eventually betray us when we no longer benefit them or serve their interests.

To our Chicanos-Mexicanos, Black and Native-American brothers and sisters who are fighting within the yanki federal state to regain the lands and territory stolen from them we extend our deepest and most sincere revolutionary solidarity. The FALN supports the reunification of the Chicanos-Mexicanos lands in the Southwest and West with Mexico and the creation of a non-aligned and socialist Mexico; the legitimate right of Black people to the land area in the South and the creation of the nation of New Africa; and the right of the Native-American peoples and nations to recapture their occupied lands. For us there is only one road: armed struggle, and one enemy: yanki.
Imperialism. In the spirit of proletarian internationalism the
FALN will contribute to the destruction of the imperialist yanqui
defendt state by waging armed struggle until Puerto Rico is free
from yanqui colonialism and interference.

To the Black freedom fighters who are presently receiving the
full weight of the yanqui repressive machinery and who are being
killed and tortured by these agents of death, your strength,
courage and will to fight has inspired us. We support your fight
against the colonial enslavement of your people and for New
Africa and we are as certain of the inevitability of your victory as
we are of ours.

We also wish to express our solidarity with the three north-
Americans captured in the Brinks expropriation. By linking up
with your Black comrades and making their struggle your own
you have put into practice the Leninist principle which states
that the duty of the working class and advanced sectors in the
imperialist countries is to actively assist and fight for the
liberation of the colonies. Companeros, we salute you for your
example, unselfishness and total commitment to national liber-
ation and the international working class revolution.

The war for independence and socialism for Puerto Rico will
not be easy and will require many sacrifices. But the enemy is
not invincible. Vietnam, Nicaragua, Cuba and now El Salvador
have proven that. Yanqui imperialism will do everything possible
to destroy our revolutionary organizations and crush the aspira-
tions of our people for freedom. Their strategy against the
independence movement is very clear: on the one hand they will
try to use their legal and judicial system to force the movement
into the courts and away from the streets, and on the other they
will use violence to intimidate, provoke, frighten us and paralyze
our work, placing us in a defensive position in which we can only
react. It is in this context that we should see the grand jury
inaccuracies of Carlos Rosario Pantoja, Carlos Noya Murtiri
and Norberto Cintron Fiallo, the frame-up of Jorge Aciern
Oris, and the assassinations of Arnaldo Diaco Rosado, Carlos
Soto Arrivi and Angel Rodriguez Costabal. The taking of the
case of Vieques to the Supreme Court in Boston, the involve-
ment of the yanqui courts in Puerto Rico concerning the student
strike at the University of Puerto Rico are attempts at forcing
our struggle to take place within the legal apparatus of the
imperialists. This maneuver is designed to disarm us and place
us in a position where we recognize their authority over us and
where all the battles take place under conditions determined by
them. Under these circumstances we can only lose. We should be
determining the battles where they are to take place not the
enemy.

Our struggle if it is to succeed must be guided by the strategy
of prolonged people’s war. In order to do this we must build
organizations which the enemy cannot destroy because it cannot
see them. Only the political/military organization with clandes-
tine structure, members and method of work is in a position to
mobilize and organize our people and at the same time wage
armed struggle. Those independence organizations working
within the framework of bourgeois legality because they have
faith in the state, or because they feel that the conditions are
not right for the clandestine organization or because “they have
nothing to hide” are only fooling themselves. When they least
expect it the enemy will annihilate them if it feels these orga-
nizations pose a threat. Puerto Rico is a nation intervened by
a foreign power. It is militarily, economically and politically occup-
ied. As a result the Puerto Rican people have always had a
right to pick up arms and the conditions for armed struggle have
always existed. What has been lacking in certain moments have
been the revolutionary organizations who will lead this struggle.
Now these organizations exist. Their existence challenges every
independenceista to either move forward by supporting and
joining the revolutionary armed clandestine organizations or
step aside and show their true colors by joining the reformist
and autonomist sectors which are trying to contain the armed
struggle for independence and socialism.

The success of our struggle is dependent on the growth and
effectiveness of the armed clandestine political/military orga-
nizations. Only they are in a position to effectively combine and
lead the mass and armed struggles. Therefore it is this unity
which we must work for. Through the union of the armed
clandestine organizations, which have been born and developed
from revolutionary theory and practice and in the heat of battle
we will organize the National Liberation Front and its military
detachment the People’s Revolutionary Army. It will be this
vehicle which will drive the yanqui imperialists out of Puerto
Rico and which will lead to the necessary structures for the
construction of a socialist society.

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