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Let's face it. The cops did a beautiful job. They were brutal. They beat the shit out of us. But they had guts. And they did the job. I saw one cop chase 60 of us down a street in Georgetown. I saw another three cow the shit out of a crowd of over 150.

Nice going.

Okay. Just because we lost does not mean we shouldn't draw a few morals. Let us analyse what went wrong. Then we may be able to act successfully tomorrow.

First, the police had a good plan, and the means to put it into action. They inundated each target with men as necessary. They had over 12,000 reserves which they didn't even use! Then when the targets were secure, they acted to bottle us up in Georgetown University and GW. We didn't even try to bust out. As far as I know, not a single organized effort.

And their weapons were good. Those fucking scooters are something else! I saw them arrest several people after a two- or three-minute scooter chase. They use those machines like they were alive. And against a crowd gas will almost always work. And we learned they aren't afraid to gas in the city.

Yes, a lot of new people have been blooded, have been indoctrinated. A lot of people panicked who will never panic again. A lot of people learned to be cool in the face of danger. And we did show some strength. But they showed again that they can beat the shit out of us when they want, as long as we stick to the tactics we used today and the organization we used today.

We must change our method of communication, our indoctrination, and our tactics. This should be obvious to everybody. I submit this as a suggestion. It is not an official suggestion. I am not an official. I am just an asshole from Boston named David Williams. But I am pretty familiar with military tactics and strategy, I have been in at least ten riot scenes or near-riot scenes in New Haven, Boston, Cambridge, and Washington over the past two years, and my unfinished Ph. D. thesis is on theories of revolution. In fact, I spent 2½ years in a CIA research house telling people how to stop revolutions in other countries. However, I did not know at the time that those foundations we were working for were relatively fishy.

I don't think the idea of well-advertised targets was wrong. Where we went wrong was in not stressing the idea of secondary targets. Our only successes today were with our hit-and-run tactics against secondary targets. We should stress the following idea. Let the cops take the target. Then enough of us should mill around the target area to keep them up-tight. In effect, by half of us remaining we are pinning them down. And the other half very consciously use hit-and-run tactics on the outlying streets on a radius of about four blocks.

Today we allowed the cops a kind of mobility we should never let them get away with again. We allowed them to get from trouble area to trouble area quickly and with no harassment. Therefore the same cop was beating us over the head on M Street and Washington Circle and up on Wisconsin Avenue. And nobody on the streets knew shit.

I suggest that in the future we pool our walkie-talkies, and that several real switchboards be set up. People with apartments overlooking important intersections should be asked to stay home and report to the switchboards whenever they see something important. For example, an army convoy headed in their direction. Then local people can be used with their walkie-talkies to direct people to block streets in between

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