Information about mail to Jacob

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During Jacob's "900 days," you may feel led to write to him by choosing one of those 900 days as a special day for yourself and/or your family. (You are warmly welcome to write to him on other days, too!)

Keep your message positive. Share your experience, strength and hope about a service project you are involved with and say why it has special meaning to you. Receiving mail or books are considered privileges which can be withdrawn. **All means of communication are subject to inspection and restriction.** Items that don't conform are returned or discarded.

Here are the basic guidelines to follow to assure your item reaches Jacob and not only supports him through this journey, but also reflects Quaker values that may touch "that of God" in the person who pre-inspects and/or reads what you've sent:

- Use a white envelope
- Your return address must include your full name, handwritten. NO LABELS.
- Use 8½ x 11 paper.
- Don't make the letter too thick! (2-3 pages).
- No staples
- Use a regular blue or black ballpoint pen if you are hand-writing.
- Jacob has said that postcards have been permitted, if in an envelope.
- Jacob has said that 4" x 6" glossy photos have been permitted, if in an envelope.

Here are Jacob's requests, in his own words:

Your letters are physical manifestations of your support; they are deeply reassuring. In regards to my mail specifically, I'd love to softly ask for a few things:

- *Please don't be afraid of using color! (Just not for the envelope.)*
- *Pictures on photo paper are very appreciated – as we know, each is worth one thousand words.*
- *Books are lovely and appreciated, but I don't expect to read many or even most of the books I receive. I'll do what I can.*
- *Know that books must be sent directly from the publisher or from an organization like Bookshop.org, Thriftbooks or Amazon. No books may come from individuals, unfortunately.*
- *I am not provided any sort of return address when given books, so if you send me a book, please tell me so in a letter!*
- *In your letters, tell me whatever you want to tell me! As I've been saying to folks – a bit tongue-in-cheek – I am a captive audience!*
- *I especially love to hear about whatever is most interesting to you right now. If you're writing to me excitedly about something, it's very likely that I'll be excited about that something right along with you.*
- *I would specifically love to hear about it if you happen to do work related to local governance, spatial planning, anti-car/pro-transit or bike/pedestrian infrastructure, growing plants in any form, the evolution of the colonial-capitalist system, speculative fiction, and/or the Just Transition. But again, if you're excited about something, chances are that I'll be excited about it too.*