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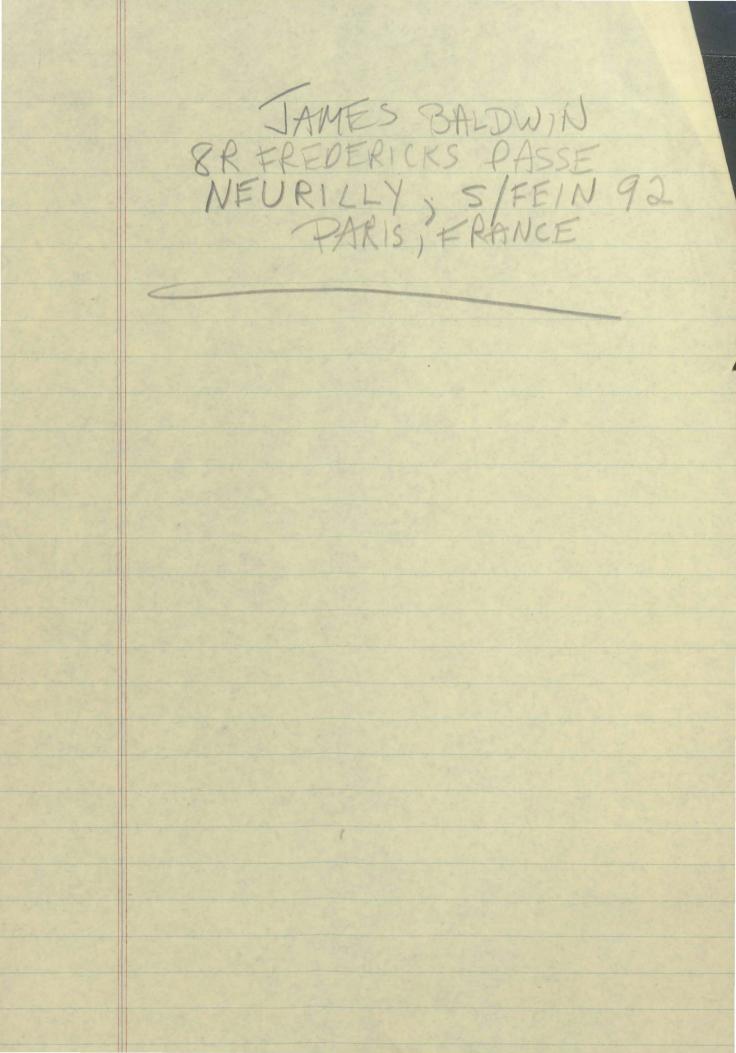
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Memo from James A. Wechsler Dear Mr. Steel -JAMES Baldwin's address is as follows! Garin 74 rue de Sevres Pavis, 7e, France Eur Berliner

Oct. 14, 1970

Dear James Wechsler :

I am very glad that there is a fund-riasing effort on behalf of Tony Maynard, and you are, of course, at liberty to use my name in connection with this effort. I am sorry that various pressures prevent my presence and prevent me from being more active.

I note that today's date is October 14: he was arrested on October 28, 1967, according to my notes. This means that he has been in prison for three years. I happen to be convinced of Tony's innocence, as, indeed, I think anyone with a knowledge of the case would have to be; but even were I convinced pf his guilt, I would still have to insist that the treatment accorded him comes under the heading of cruel and unusual punishment. - The trouble, of course, is that it is not 'unusual': what is America going to do with the black revolutionary conscibusness which they have forged in the crucible of the American penal system? For the people who have endured and survived such treatment as has been meted out to Tony can never again be fooled as to the real intentions of their country-men or the real nature of American life.

Please give my love to Valerie and to Tony.

sincerely,