We, the Steering Committee of the General Defense Committee of the Industrial Workers of the World, condemn the Government of the United States for its inhumane treatment of Bradley Manning.

Much as our forerunners in the IWW during World War I, we recognize the current events in Iraq and Afghanistan as Bosses’ Wars, lining the pockets of the capitalist class at the expense of working people in search of a better life.

Bradley stands accused of leaking the Collateral Murder video (www.collateralmurder.com), with audio showing the American Apache helicopter pilots gloating over the deaths of civilians and children, and of leaking thousands of other documents relating to the current wars.

Frankly, we don't care if he's guilty or not. If Bradley DID release the video and documents, we consider him a hero and role model to all who strive for a better, just world. The lies, corruption, and cultures of violence fostered not just by the US Military, but by ALL militaries, must be exposed and shown to the world for what it truly means. It means death, destruction, suffering, and exploitation for the working class the world over, and profits and dividends for those who profit off of suffering and death.

We consider Bradley Manning a true Fellow Worker, and hope that every day another soldier follows in his path; we, the peace and justice craving working people of the world will be there to support them all every step of the way.

For an end to Exploitation and Bosses’ Wars! For an end to Prisons! For the Workers Commonwealth!

An injury to one is an injury to ALL!

Solidarity Forever!

Signed,

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