UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JAMES RHEM, ROBERT FREELY, LEO ROBINSON, and EUGENE MIXON, individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

:

-against-

GEORGE F. McGRATH, Commissioner of Correction for the City of New York; ARTHUR SINGERMAN, Warden, Manhattan House of Detention for Men: JOHN V. LINDSAY, Mayor, City of New York; PAUL McGINNIS, Commissioner of Correction of the State of New York; and NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Governor, State of New York; HAROLD A. STEVEMS, Presiding Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, individually and in their official capacities,

Defendants.

MANSFIELD. D.J.

In our decision dated March 17, 1971, granting limited injunctive relief, we found that plaintiffs and the members of the class represented by them were not furnished with adequate means of communicating in privacy with their counsel and suggested that this denial of their rights could be remedied

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either by providing adequate facilities for private consultation between plaintiffs and their counsel, or desisting from the inspection of correspondence between inmates and their counsel.

proposed to construct attorney-client consultation rooms at the Manhattan House of Detention for Men which would assure the necessary privacy, and under cover of a letter dated April 14, 1971, from George F. Roberts, Director of Legal Affairs, Department of Correction, City of New York, we received drawings of the proposed modifications of the attorney-client consultation rooms. Copies of these drawings were furnished to the Legal Aid Society, counsel for the plaintiffs, and we have been advised by Barbara A. Shapiro of the Legal Aid Society, one of the attorneys handling the case, that the proposed modifications, including floor plans, partitions and other features are acceptable to plaintiffs.

Accordingly, we approved the proposed modifications as being a satisfactory compliance with the directions on this aspect of the case set forth in our aforementioned decision.

It is so ordered.

U.S.D.J.

Dated: May 10, 1971.

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