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ORDER 94/010
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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 JAMES BENJAMIN, et al.,

5 Plaintiffs,

6 v.

75 Civ. 3073 (MEL)

8 ANTHONY J. SCHEMBRI, et al.,

9 Defendants.

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April 15, 1994
5:15 p.m.

11 HON. MORRIS E. LASKER

District Judge

12 COURT ORDER

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14 THE COURT: The court has been informed of the
15 tensions existing in the CPSU as a result of events,
16 particularly of the past week, resulting in injuries both to
17 inmates and correction officers.

18 In the interests of the safety of the inmates and
19 correction officers, and after discussion with authoritative
20 representatives of the Legal Aid Society representing the
21 inmates and the correction officers, it is ordered as
22 follows:

- 23 1. For the weekend of April 16th and April 17th,
24 religious services may be held in the day rooms of the unit.
25 2. The law library may be closed on Saturday,
provided that it shall be open on Monday, for the same hours

1 which it would have been open on Saturday.

2 3. An observer in each block shall be on hand
3 from the Investigative Division of the department.

4 As a matter of law, representatives from the New
5 York Board of Correction have the authority to observe the
6 situation as well.

7 The IAD observers shall be on duty for the day
8 and the evening tours on Saturday and Sunday April 16th and
9 17th.

10 All searches of inmates shall be videotaped by
11 Department of Correction personnel. The above mentioned IAD
12 observers shall be provided with hand-held video cameras in
13 order to videotape such out-of-cell movement or inmate and
14 staff activity as they deem appropriate.

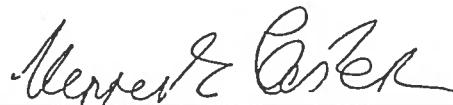
15 This order shall be effective only through
16 Tuesday, April 19th, and its provisions shall not constitute
17 a precedent provided that either party may hereafter apply
18 to the Court for a further ruling on the subjects covered.

19 Copies of this order shall be distributed to all
20 inmates and staff of the CPSU.

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HON. MORRIS E. LASKER

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT ~~COURT~~ JUDGE