

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Counsel

DATE: July 14, 1982

FROM : Stewart A. Newblatt
United States District Judge

SUBJECT: WALKER v JOHNSON, Case Number 81-40336

I am forwarding to you two letters recently received by this Court. One is from Orvel D. Timmons; the other from Floyd Spruyette.

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Judge Newblatt:

I testified before you on past riot conditions here at Marquette Branch Prison. I just recieved a copy of your 42 pg. ruling on the matter, I thought you should know just how much impact your rulings have on Warden Koehler here.

Three days ago a 19 year old boy hanged himself in F-block segregation. The kid had been carried to the prison hospital in such hysterics that it was necessary to use a stretcher.

In violation of Policy Directives from Lansing, the boy was sent back to F-block without referral to, or clearance by the prison psychologist.

The boy had been in the Non-Punitive area of F-block where semantics say it was segregation — but not punitive. On being returned to F. from the hospital

in total disregard to your ruling regarding
"Wolf-i-M^cDonald", he was placed in
F-block Annex (The hole) without the
benefit of a disciplinary ticket stating why,
or given a hearing with the rules laid
out by yourself, & Policy Directives from
Lonsing. The kid was threatened with
beatings by guards on 2 separate
occasions for loudly protesting this
abuse of guards. & Later when he told
the guard assigned to F-block he would
kill himself (after an earlier attempt)
if not released & an outer door left open
he was told "To do it", & no check of
his cell was made for 2 hours. When
it was checked, he was found hanging
& dead. All his clothing & blankets
had been taken from him, so I don't
know what he used to fabricate a
noose, but it is a fact he used

something.

This warden can be quoted as saying he does not want this job, & has even done that to U.S. Justice Dept. attorneys investigating post riot conditions. That attitude has caused 2 other suicides by another 19 year old, & another prisoner.

Not caring for the job, he does not enforce Policy Directives being ignored by his staff. This boy should not be dead, but for that.

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Dear Judge Newblatt:

I Am an inmate at Marquette Prison. My Reasons for writing are to Request some information and to inform you of the treatment several of us Residents at this institution are being subjected to as a result of the Riot of 1981.

To begin I would like to know if there is anyway you could possibly supply me with a copy of the Decision(s) and Order(s) of your Court concerning the suit stemming from the Michigan Prison Riots of 1981. I myself presently have an action pending before the Honorable Wendell A Miles concerning similar issues. (Sprunt vs Johnson et al. M82-12 CA 2) Thus, your findings, decisions and orders will be very helpful and appreciated.

As to the treatment. Several of us Residents are still being subjected to one form or another of Punitive Detention / Administrative Segregation. As stated my claims are properly before Judge Miles so I will not trouble you with them. However, I feel I must bring to your attention the treatment one Resident is being subjected to. This particular man's name is Charles Macklin # 116642. On 5-27-81

The Administration Placed Charlie in Cell Q-5. At M.B.P., and has maintained him there ever since. I myself was confined next to him for two months. Residents confined to Q Block are not allowed any form of out of cell activity, save for 3 45 sec. walks to the shower, each week. The particular cell Charlie is confined in has been stripped of its light and telephone sock. There are no windows to provide for sunlight or fresh air and the officers only turn the hall light on for 3 hours per day. So for 22 hours it is almost completely black back there. While I was there we were denied everything. We couldn't even get books to read. For the greater period of time, Charlie is kept by himself, denied contact with anyone.

Several times I have asked officers as to why Charlie is being subjected to such treatment; why is he the only resident, from the riot, being housed in Q-Block. I received replies such as, "You would be better off if you minded your own business," no, "People have long memories."

Sir, I have been around these prisons for a long time, approx. 16 years, and I've seen people purposely distressed, abused, treated in a manner for a period of time to promote more violence on their part so punishment can be justified. I believe Charlie's present state of confinement cannot be justified and amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. For the sake of humanity, I ask you to investigate my claims, and possibly require that he at least be transferred to a regular segregation block.

Your assistance in these matters will be very much appreciated
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