

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WOMEN PRISONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF)
COLUMBIA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS,)
et. al.,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, et. al.)

Defendants)

Civil Action No. 93-2052
(JLG)

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DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT

NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Defendants, by and through counsel, submit this status report regarding the Audit of compliance with the Court Order in this case.

In order to resolve the differences between the parties regarding plaintiffs' request to have an audit of compliance with the Court Order conducted by the Special Officer of the Court at the defendants' expense, the parties agreed that a D.C. Department of Corrections employee would conduct the audit. The employee was selected on the basis of her integrity, knowledge of the Court Order, correctional experience, experience regarding programs and services for female inmates and experience with the policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct against inmates. Moreover, the employee was selected because she was appointed the DOC contract monitor for the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), which has purchased and manages the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF). The knowledge gained in the audit would be advantageous to her role as the monitor of the CCA contract.

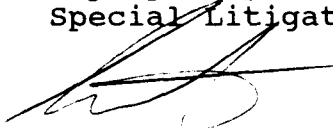
The CCA assumed management of the CTF in March, 1997. The

parties agreed to begin the audit in June and forward the report by August 1, 1997, to allow the CCA a few months to acclimate itself to the institution and the mandates of the Court Order. However, the deadline was postponed due to a number of unforeseen events. The employee assigned to conduct the audit had an accident and was disabled for six weeks this summer. Upon her return to work, she had to participate in the three week immersion training program provided by the Department for all management. Finally, she had to be out of town for one week in September, for a commitment made over one year ago.

The interviews, inspections and documents review for the audit have been completed. Defendants have forwarded the first portion of the written report to the plaintiffs on September 1, 1997. The draft of the remainder of the report was returned to the auditor for additional work and clarification. After plaintiffs filed their status report with the Court, the parties agreed that the completed report will be forwarded to plaintiffs no later than October 15, 1997, with the understanding that this deadline is final and no extensions will be allowed.

The DOC and the CCA intend to forward a remedial plan in response to the audit to address any areas of noncompliance in the report.

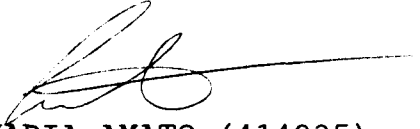
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Status Report was mailed postage prepaid to Caroline Brown, Esquire, Covington and Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., P.O. Box 7566, Washington, D.C. 20044, and Brenda Smith, Esquire, National Womens Law Center, 11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20036, on this 29th day of Sept, 1997.



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