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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

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ROBERT CHARLES JORDAN, JR.,

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No. 44786

12 Vs.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Defendants.

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PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR DISMISSAL

I. THE PRESENT PROCEDURAL POSTURE

19 This is an action brought under the Civil Rights Acts,

10 42 U.S.C. §§1981, 1983, 1985 and 1986. Plaintiff has alleged

11 that he has been denied rights under the United States Consti-

tution in that all the facts and circumstances of his incarcera-

tion establish that he has been subject to cruel and unusual

4 punishment.

Defendants attempt by three motions to parse plaintiff's amended complaint; defendants would have the court rule
upon isolated segments of plaintiff's case rather than consider
the full impact of all conditions to which plaintiff has been
subjected. This the defendants cannot do, for in conspiracy
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"plaintiffs should be given the full benefit of their proof without tightly compartmental-izing the various factual components and wiping the slate clean after scrutiny of each." Continental Ore Co. v. Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., 370 U.S. 690, 699 (1962).

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where the conspiracy relates to conditions of alleged unconstitutional incarceration, consideration of the totality of circumstances is not only required by the niceties of procedure but it is essential to the very determination of constitutionality vel non. Robinson v. California, 370 U.S. 660, 676 (1962) (Douglas, J., concurring); Fulwood v. Clemmer, 206 F. Supp. 370, 378-80 (D.D.C. 1962).

Plaintiff has filed ten affidavits which are hereby incorporated by reference.* The congeries of horrors described therein cry out for a trial on the merits of plaintiff's case as a whole.

Not only do plaintiff's supporting affidavits lay bare the stark reality of defendants' conduct, defendants' own admissions help lay the foundation for their undoing. Defen-

^{*} Plaintiff's affidavit has not been filed simultaneously with this Memorandum and the accompanying ten affidavits for the reasons set forth in the Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraphs 2 through 8.

Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides in relevant part that "The adverse party prior to the day of hearing may serve opposing affidavits." In order to conform with this portion of the Rules governing summary judgment, it was necessary to file this Memorandum and the accompanying ten affidavits by Friday, June 17.

As set forth in said Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraphs 2 through 8, it has not been possible to obtain plaintiff's affidavit prior to June 18.

In order that plaintiff's affidavit may be considered with respect to the defendants' motion for summary judgment as well as with respect to defendants' motions to dismiss, plaintiff respectfully requests that the court receive his affidavit on the date of hearing rather than on the day prior thereto, pursuant to Rule 56(f) which provides in relevant part that "Should it appear from the affidavits of a party opposing the motion that he cannot for reasons stated present by affidavit facts

dant Fitzharris has answered interrogatories propounded to him by the plaintiff, and defendants have submitted three affidavits in support of their motions. Defendants' affidavits and defendant Fitzharris' answers to interrogatories are in conflict with each other on the most vital aspects of this case.

Solely for the convenience of the court and without conceding in the slightest that defendants are entitled to biforcate this case, plaintiff will treat defendants' motions seriatim -- but discussion is necessarily interrelated and the court's consideration of the action as a whole is invited throughout.

II. DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT MUST BE DENIED BECAUSE AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF HEREIN DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT THERE IS A GENUINE ISSUE OF MATERIAL FACT.

Defendants have moved pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for summary judgment as to the amended complaint as a whole on the ground that the "complaint is sham and frivolous and this action represents no more than an attempt to harrass and annoy the defendants." (Defs.' Notice of Motion, page 1, lines 29-30). A determination by this court that there is a genuine issue of material fact precludes summary judgment. United States v. Diebold, Inc., 369 U.S. 654 (1962); Brawner v. Pearl Assurance Co., Ltd., 267 F.2d 45 (9th Cir. 1958).

(footnote continued)

essential to justify his opposition, the court may ... make such ... order as is just."

As set forth in said Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraph 9, plaintiff's counsel represents that he has reason to believe at the time of filing this Memorandum that plaintiff's affidavit will support the allegations of plaintiff's amended complaint.

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There is not only a genuine issue of material fact, there is a veritable flood of tendered evidence which puts Edgar Allen Poe's imagination to shame.

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Defendants would appear to be trying to avoid a factual inquiry into pre-medieval prison conditions by resorting to medieval legal theory. Defendants' Memorandum in support of their motion for summary judgment relies almost exclusively upon the assertions that an inmate is inherently lacking in veracity, that lawsuits brought by inmates are per se no more than shams. This is like the "barbarous rule" of the Middle Ages, that an accused may have no witnesses on his own behalf because they would tend to perjury. II Wigmore on Evidence (3rd Ed.), p. 685.

The problems of proof in this case may be real, for as a general matter it may be observed that both inmates and defending prison officials come into court from an environment where outside scrutiny is a rarity. As stated by Chief Judge Henley in Talley v. Stephens, 247 F. Supp. 683 (E.D. Ark. 1965):

"The Court has been caused some difficulty by the fact that none of the inmate witnesses, including Talley, is particularly worthy of belief, and because of the patent interest of Mr. Harmon whose conduct as Assistant Warden has been called into serious question in the course of the proceedings." (at p. 685, fn. 2).

In that case the court went on to hold that the conditions of incarceration constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

At this stage in the proceedings, plaintiff asks no more than that he be permitted to submit for the court's determination which witnesses are credible, what the conditions have been and are. A trial is imperative.

A. The Affidavits Filed on Behalf of Plaintiff Demonstrate Clearly the Presence of Genuine Issues of Material Fact. Nothing could speak more forcefully of the actual conditions in the strip cell than the live testimony of those who have been subjected to that form of "rehabilitation". At the present stage of the proceedings, affidavits must suffice. The court's attention is respectfully invited to the affidavits themselves; the recapitulation herein is but surface treatment.

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The testimony tendered to the court through affidavits herein can be but a sample of what a full-scale investigation would likely produce. This is a lawsuit, not a State investigation, although the latter would surely seem called for.

The ten persons whose affidavits are submitted herewith represent but a random sampling. Plaintiff propounded interrogatories calling for the names of those inmates who happened to have been confined in the one of six strip cells in which plaintiff himself was detained. Only inmates occupying that cell for the periods sixty days prior to and sixty days subsequent to plaintiff's detention therein were called for. Only ten of the nineteen inmates listed in response were available for interview at the Correctional Training Facility. All ten affidavits have been submitted to the court.

The ten affidavits tend to show that the stated policies of the Correctional Training Facility were not adhered to in at least the following respects: (1) water was not made available twice a day, as much at each time as an inmate requested; (2) showers were not afforded at least every five days; (3) the strip cell was not kept in a clean condition either through inmate porter or orderly cleaning or through supplies afforded inmates of the cell itself; (4) the window flaps in the wall directly outside the bars of the strip cell itself were not kept open at all times except when an inmate created

a disturbance requiring their being closed; (5) ventilation of the strip cell was not afforded by the so-called ventilation ducts within the strip cell itself; (6) the Chief Medical Officer did not visit each inmate in a strip cell once a week; (7) Medical Technical Assistants did not visit each inmate in a strip cell once a day; (8) a blanket or canvass mat was not supplied to each inmate in a strip cell; (9) each inmate was not clothed in coveralls, one pair of shorts, one pair of socks, and one T-shirt; (10) each inmate was not permitted to have toilet paper, soap, comb, and a toothbrush.

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B. Defendants' Own Assertions by Way of Affidavit and Interrogatory Answers Reveal Inconsistency and Conflict in Abundance.

Defendant Fitzharris has filed answers to interrogatories propounded to him by the plaintiff. According to defendants' counsel, Robert R. Granucci, Esq., 245 hours were spent preparing these answers and they represent the sum total of any information available. (See Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraph 10.)

Throughout the answers to interrogatories, it is asserted that there is no information available as to specific conditions prevailing with regard to plaintiff's own incarceration at the relevant times. Yet, throughout the affidavit of William Thomas Friedrick there are purported assertions of just such specific knowledge. The affidavits and the answers to interrogatories were filed and served by defendants' counsel on the same day.

1. Affidavit of William Thomas Friedrick

Mr. Friedrick asserts several facts regarding the specific conditions to which plaintiff was subjected: (1) "the door and window flaps of plaintiff's cell were open all

the time that I was on duty" (Friedrick Aff., p. 2, lines 1-2);

(2) "toilets in all the quiet cells, including the cell where

plaintiff was confined, were flushed at least twice per shift"

(Id., p. 2, lines 3-5); (3) "each inmate was furnished at least

two styrofoam drinking cups. At least twice during the morn
ing and afternoon shifts, each quiet cell prisoner was given

as much water as he cared to drink, in addition to two cups

of water which were left for him to either drink later or wash

with" (Id., p. 2, lines 22-28).

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Superintendent Fitzharris was unable to ascertain any of these specific facts which his subordinate seems to have been able to supply to counsel for filing on the very day that counsel filed Superintendent Fitzharris! answers to interrogatories. Thus, Superintendent Fitzharris' answer to Interrogatory 22(e) states that no information is available as to the actual handling of the flaps which Mr. Friedrick tells the court he knows to have been open. Further, Superintendent Fitzharris' answer to Interrogatory 22(m) states that no records are available to determine the actual exercise of control over flushing of the toilets. Defendants' counsel has stated that all interrogatories reflect all information available even where they are phrased in terms of records available. (See, Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraph 10.) Yet, Mr. Friedrick tells the court that he knows what his Superintendent couldn't find out, that the toilets were in fact flushed at least twice per shift. Similarly, Superintendent Fitzharris tells us in answer to Interrogatory 22(r) that there is no information available as to when in fact water was supplied to plaintiff; Mr. Friedrick tells us that he, however, does know.

In addition, Mr. Friedrick states that he personally saw plaintiff take at least one shower. This will be dealt with in plaintiff's own declaration to be filed prior to hearing on the instant motion. But it must also be emphasized that Superintendent Fitzharris has sworn that there was no information respecting whether or not plaintiff took a shower. (Ans. Int. 22(r)). It is shocking that a factor which is so material to this action and which was specifically called for was not discovered during the 245 hours of preparation of answers to interrogatories, but that counsel was able to garner that very same information in an affidavit which was filed on the same day as the answers to interrogatories. The same can be said of Mr. Friedrick's assertion that each quiet cell inmate was given "one set of underwear, one pair of coveralls, one pair of socks and one pair of rubber sandals." (Compare Friedrick Aff., p. 3, lines 5-12 with Ans. Int. 22(jj).)

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In addition to these flagrant inconsistencies, Mr. Friedrick's affidavit consists of conclusionary statements and assertions which he is wholly incompetent to make.

- (1) Mr. Friedrick swears that he is competent to testify that "all cells were cleaned every Saturday morning" (Friedrick Aff., p. 2, lines 9-10.) But Mr. Friedrick has also told us that he was on duty only Monday through Friday. Unless he spends his spare time down in the strip cells making sure that they are cleaned every Saturday, this is at the very least nothing more than wholly inadmissible hearsay. The entire paragraph relating to the cleaning of strip cells is subject to the same fatal defect.
- (2) Mr. Friedrick further tells us that it "is customary practice to flush the toilets twice from 4:00 p.m. to midnight,

and from midnight to 7:30 a.m. a prisoner's toilet is flushed at his request" (Id., p. 2, lines 5-7) (emphasis added), and 2 that the "general practice is that each quiet cell prisoner is removed from his cell at the end of four or five days, brought out for a shower, sooner if at all possible." (Id., p. 2, lines 19-21) (emphasis added). In the first place, the general practice is no evidence of what in fact was done with the plaintiff. In this respect, the ten affidavits submitted herewith tend to show overwhelmingly that general practice doesn't exist very generally. Secondly, the assertions are made in the present tense; Mr. Friedrick's affidavit goes on to state many other changes which have allegedly been made subsequent to the filing of plaintiff's lawsuit. And, again, Mr. Friedrick was not on duty at all the times of which he speaks. Thus, these statements are without weight as to the actual conditions which prevailed as to the plaintiff during the time he was detained in the strip cell. 7

2. Affidavit of Edward Paul Kunkel

Dr. Kunkel's affidavit, insofar as it relates to the specific occurrences regarding plaintiff, will be dealt with in plaintiff's declaration to be filed prior to hearing on the instant motion.

3. Affidavit of George Francis Johnston

There is nothing in Mr. Johnston's affidavit relating specifically to the facts alleged by plaintiff.

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III. EVEN IF THE ALLEGED PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF PLAINTIFF'S SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ARE NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL STANDING ALONE, PLAINTIFF'S FURTHER ALLEGATIONS THAT HE HAS BEEN AND MAY BE SUBJECTED TO SUCH PHYSICAL CONDITIONS WITHOUT ADEQUATE PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS STATE A CAUSE OF ACTION.

Defendants purport to move to dismiss "pursuant to Rule 12(b)". Defendants have already answered plaintiff's

amended complaint; defendants' motions ought to be made pursuant to Rule 12(c) and, thereunder, be treated as though made for summary judgment under Rule 56. Rule 12(b) provides in relevant part:

"A motion making any of these defenses shall be made <u>before pleading</u> if a further pleading is permitted." (Emphasis added.)

Rule 12(c) provides that:

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"After the pleadings are closed but within such time as not to delay trial, any party may move for judgment on the pleadings. If, on a motion for judgment on the pleadings, matters outside the pleadings are presented to and not excluded by the court, the motion shall be treated as one for summary judgment and disposed of as provided in Rule 56, and all parties shall be given reasonable opportunity to present all material made pertinent to such a motion by Rule 56."

(Emphasis added.)

not go to their merit; however, supporting affidavits filed and to be filed on behalf of the plaintiff and other documents on file herein are properly considered with respect to all of defendants' motions in view of the express provisions of Rules 12(b), 12(c) and 56.

Defendants' Memorandum misconceives plaintiff's allegations respecting the exercise of administrative discretion.

At the outset, it must be emphasized that in the first instance it is plaintiff's contention that the United States Constitution precludes the imposition upon any human being in any circumstance of the physical conditions alleged in plaintiff's amended complaint and further described in affidavits.

^{*} The validity of this contention is not presently before the court. Plaintiff's present "motion to dismiss" does not attack the allegations respecting physical conditions, but is addressed solely to the allegations regarding procedural safeguards. Defendants refer only to "Paragraph 20" of plaintiff's amended complaint. (Defs.' Memorandum, page 7, lines 14-19.)

In addition to the allegations respecting physical conditions, plaintiff has alleged that such conditions are imposed without adequate procedural safeguards. If this court should subsequently hold that such physical conditions may be imposed, plaintiff submits that their extraordinary character requires that they may only be imposed under certain circumstances with attendant procedural safeguards, safeguards which plaintiff alleges have been and are wholly lacking.

Thus, defendants misrepresent plaintiff's position when they state:

"Reduced to its [sic] essentials, these allegations merely mean that plaintiff does not agree with the defendant [sic] as to the degree of custody required to maintain proper control and discipline over him." (Defendants' Memorandum, page 7.)

To the contrary, it is plaintiff's alternative contention that if such a degree of "custody" be constitutionally permissible at all, the method of imposition has fallen short of constitutionally required procedure.

Plaintiff does not seek to interfere with the exercise of discretion by prison officials. Plaintiff does contend, however, that the administration of prison discipline must meet constitutional standards; above that minimum level, the authorities are free to choose their own means of custody and rehabilitation as far as a federal court is concerned.

"A punishment out of all proportion to the offense may bring it within the ban against 'cruel and unusual punishment.'" Robinson v. California, 370 U.S. 660, 676 (1962) (Douglas, J., concurring); Fulwood v. Clemmer, 206 F. Supp. 370, 378-80 (D.D.C. 1962). Even where restraint of freedom lies within the executive discretion of the Governor and any freedom on conditional parole is but a matter of executive

panied by procedural due process. Fleenor v. Hammon, 116 F.2d 902, 906 (6th Cir. 1941); United States ex rel. Howard v. Ragen, 59 F. Supp. 374 (N.D. Ill. 1945). And it is axiomatic that where an individual's rights are affected by official action, even though it be of a non-judicial nature, minimum requirements of procedural due process must be met. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Comm. v. McGrath, 341 U.S. 123 (1951).

Thus, even if the physical conditions of plaintiff's confinement in "solitary" do not of themselves infringe plaintiff's constitutional rights, the circumstances attending his detention in such surroundings must be inquired into. There must be a reasonable relationship between the punishment and the alleged violation, even within the prison walls (Fulwood v. Clemmer, supra), and it is thus incumbent upon the prison officials to provide a responsible forum to make this constitutionally imposed determination, a forum fulfilling the demands of due process.

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Whether the procedures actually employed in confining plaintiff in the strip cell were adequate as a matter of constitutional law must be determined after full hearing where the facts and circumstances can be established.

Solely from the face of defendants' own admissions at this preliminary stage of the proceedings, it is apparent that even the "policy" set forth with respect to detainment in "solitary" is ignored in practice. The very confinement which is the principal subject of plaintiff's lawsuit was imposed by one officer without the "hearing" called for by the institution's own alleged rules. Sergeant H. Owens confined plaintiff for twelve days in the so-called "strip cell", and the

and v reason stated by Superintendent Fitzharris was "Hold pend-

answer, "policy" demands that the only circumstance when an inmate may be subjected to isolation without full review by committee is for a holding purpose pending investigation, and even then that action can only be taken by the Chief Disciplinary Officer, must be followed by the Adjustment Center Program Administrator and the inmate cannot be forced to spend an undue time without committee action. (Ans. Int. 9, App. A thereto, p. 4 thereof). It is admitted on the record that plaintiff was held without any of the requisites called for by institutional policy. This is a very long headstart toward proving the constitutional challenge itself.

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IV. WHERE ALLEGATIONS OF SPECIFIC FACTS CLAIMED TO CONSTITUTE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT INCLUDE AN ALLEGATION OF FAILURE TO RENDER ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND WHERE SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS SET FORTH SPECIFIC INSTANCES THEREOF, A PIECEMEAL DISMISSAL IS NOT WARRANTED.

Again seeking to avoid the impact of the overall factual context, defendants would have the court consider the conditions of plaintiff's incarceration piece by piece. As previously shown, supra pp. 1-2, an action of this nature necessitates consideration of all elements together in judging whether the tolerance of our society has been stretched beyond the breaking point and constitutional rights have been impinged.

In particular, the defendants ask this court to separate from all other allegations of mistreatment the alleged mistreatment respecting medical care. Invoking the shibboleth that allegations underpinning constitutional causes must include specific factual assertions, the defendants would have the court put to one side an abundance of pinpointed allega-

tions and focus upon one sentence of plaintiff's amended com-1 plaint.

Defendants' "motion to dismiss" as to this single 3 allegation presupposes that the court will reject their claim that the action is no more than a sham and frivolous, for if อ์ the court should sustain that ground for summary judgment the question of adequate pleadings as to but a part of the amended complaint will not be reached. In these circumstances, the court will of necessity be considering defendants' "motion to dismiss" as to the allegation of inadequate medical treatment as but one of several interrelated allegations.

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The theory underlying courts' insistence that allegations in constitutional cases include specific factual references is itself the very reason for denying defendants! motion here. The constitutionality of any course of action is inherently dependent upon a view of the facts and circumstances taken as a whole. For that reason a court could never judge the validity of a cause of action unless there were included factual rather than conclusionary allegations. For that same reason, a court cannot permit defendants to lift from the midst of factual allegations a plaintiff's further and related allegation that as an integral part of the course of action complained of he was denied adequate medical treatment.

Indeed, in United States v. Ragen, 337 F.2d 425 17th cir. 1964) (cited by defendants at page 7), the court said:

"Deprivation of essential medical care by state prison officials may be an exceptional circumstance which is actionable in federal courts under the Civil Rights Act." (at p. 426).

In the instant case, whether defendants' alleged failure to render adequate medical care is actionable does not even depend upon its own weight as an "exceptional circumstance", for it is but part of a congeries of horrors which themselves constitute -- to say the least -- exceptional circumstances. Moreever, the court in <u>Ragen</u> rested its holding upon its determination that the record supported the trial court's findings of fact adverse to plaintiff. It is no more than an opportunity to make a complete record which plaintiff seeks here.

Even if plaintiff's amended complaint be deemed in any respect deficient standing alone, any such defect will have been cured by the time this matter is submitted. Plaintiff's counsel has represented to the court that plaintiff himself is competent to testify and to make an affidavit or declaration setting forth facts in support of the allegations of the amended complaint. (Declaration of Charles B. Cohler, paragraph 9.)

Defendants' motion for summary judgment -- brought on erroneously as a motion to dismiss -- cannot be granted in view of the genuine issues of fact apparent on this state of the record.

- 18 V. THE COURT SHOULD AT THIS TIME DENY THE "MOTION TO DISMISS" FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY BECAUSE:
 - (A) A PROPER CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATUTES IN QUESTION PERMITS AN ACTION AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WHERE THERE IS NO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY UNDER STATE LAW;
 - (B) THE TRIAL OF THIS LAWSUIT WILL NOT BE ALTERED ONE IOTA IF THESE DEFENDANTS ARE LEFT IN, WHERE-AS SHOULD THIS COURT DISMISS AS TO THEM AT THIS TIME AND BE REVERSED ON APPEAL AN ENTIRE NEW TRIAL WOULD BE REQUIRED
 - A. A Proper Construction of the Statutes in Question Permits an Action Against Governmental Entities Where There is No Sovereign Immunity Under State Law

The term "person" in the Civil Rights Acts has been consistently construed narrowly. Plaintiff submits that where as a matter of State law the doctrine of sovereign immunity is

no longer applicable, the State or other governmental entity is subject to suit under the federal statute.

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The internal legislative history of the original Civil Rights enactments has been relied upon by the Supreme Court in limiting the reach of those statutes. Monroe v. Pape, 365 U.S. 167, 187-92 (1961) (cited by defendants at page 6). A careful consideration of that judicial construction and the internal legislative history relied upon therein supports plaintiff's contention.

Mr. Justice Douglas, writing for the majority, relied upon the Conference Report's rejection of a Senate provision which would have expressly included liability against towns and counties, and the Conference Report's conclusion is said to have resulted from the House's intractability on the question. The House's position rested, according to the spokesman for the House conferees, upon the theory that:

"the House had solemnly decided that in their judgment Congress had no constitutional power to impose any obligation upon county and town organizations, the mere instrumentality [sic] for the administration of state law.'" (as quoted at 365 U.S. 190).

Thus, the position of the legislators responsible for the passage of the Civil Rights Acts was that those Acts should not attempt to create liability where there might be constitutional infirmity; constitutional infirmity was thought to cerive from the immunity under local law of local governmental entities. In other words, the legislative purpose was to reach as far as, but no further than, local governmental immunity would permit.

The development of the "law of officers" and suits against the sovereign is a revealing testimonial to the law's ingenuity and bears on the instant question. When the principle

that "The King can do no wrong" became accepted and stretched into the doctrine of sovereign immunity, social conscience found its outlet in suits against lower officials. This was frustrated to some extent by notions of indispensible parties which required joinder of higher executive officers who themselves enjoyed immunity. Yet where actions against officials have been sustained, it has been commonly accepted that a judgment rendered against them will ultimately be satisfied from the sovereign's pocketbook. Thus, the law has permitted plaintiffs to do indirectly what has been denied them directly: sue the sovereign.

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It was in a context of prevailing notions of sovereign immunity that the Congress in 1871 felt unable to provide expressly for actions against governmental entities. But today the doctrine of sovereign immunity has been rejected by California's legislators and Supreme Court. There is no reason not to breathe life into Acts which were originally designed to go as far as sovereign immunity would let them, where sovereign immunity no longer exists as a stumbling block.

It is clear today under California law that neither the State nor any governmental subdivision or entity thereof is immune from suit in an action of this nature. In <u>Muskopf</u> v. <u>Corning Hospital Dist.</u>, 55 C.2d 211, 11 Cal. Reptr. 89 (1961), Mr. Justice Traynor held the doctrine of sovereign immunity inapplicable in California, saying:

"After a re-evaluation of the rule of governmental immunity from tort liability we have concluded that it must be discarded as mistaken and unjust." (11 Cal. Rptr. at p. 90).

Thereafter the California legislature provided a grace period to permit time to examine the question, and subsequently the

present statutory provisions "waiving" governmental immunity were passed. Gov. Code §815.2(a) provides that:

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"A public entity is liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of the public entity within the scope of his employment if the act or omission would, apart from this section, have given rise to a cause of action against that employee or his personal representative."

Thus the liability to suit of a governmental entity is triggered by liability of "employees" or officers thereof. The defendants in the instant case have raised no question respecting the immunity of individual named defendants, nor would such a contention be meritorious. Cohen v. Norris, 300 F.2d 24 (9th Cir. 1962); Jobson v. Henne, 34 L.W. 2381 (2d Cir. 1966); Gov. Code §§820(a), 820.2.

In <u>Williford v. California</u>, 352 F.2d 474 (9th Cir. 1965) (cited by defendants at page 6), the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the People of the State of California were not subject to suit under the Civil Rights Acts, relying upon <u>Monroe v. Pape</u>, <u>supra</u>. The Court of Appeals did not indulge in extensive discussion, and the contention raised herein by plaintiff respecting the factor of sovereign immunity was not touched upon.

Plaintiff recognizes that the District Court hesitates before holding contrary to authority from the Court of Appeals in its Circuit. But where the reviewing court has not met arguments advanced to the court of original jurisdiction, the lower court ought to exercise its own judgment more freely, for the appellate court is more likely to alter its own position. This is particularly true where there are strong forces of judicial economy at play, as are set forth in Subsection B, directly infra.

B. The Trial of This Lawsuit Will Not be Altered One Iota if These Defendants are Left in, Whereas Should This Court Dismiss as to Them at This Time And be Reversed on Appeal an Entire New Trial Would be Required.

Considerations of judicial economy must be given great weight in a trial court's ruling on dispositive motions (Mont-gomery Ward & Co. v. Duncan, 311 U.S. 243 (1940)), even where there are strong countervailing considerations (see Momand v. Universal Film Exchange, 72 F. Supp. 469 (D. Mass. 1947) (Wyzanski, J.)). Here there are strong considerations of judicial economy and no countervailing difficulties.

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The trial of the present lawsuit will not be altered in any conceivable manner by the presence of the State of California and the Correctional Training Facility as defendants.

Their presence is urged by plaintiff solely to insure that any injunctive relief which may be afforded plaintiff will have permanent value and not be subject to future claims of nullity by subsequent incumbents to the positions occupied presently by individual defendants.

The Office of the Attorney General represents all named defendants in this action. No counsel will be relieved of responsibility by virtue of a dismissal as to the State of California and the Correctional Training Facility. No additional expenses will be borne by any party and no additional time of the court will be consumed by leaving these parties in the action.

On the other hand, should the court grant defendants'
"motion to dismiss" at this time, and should the argument urged
here by plaintiff be upheld on appeal, a new trial could be required as to the defendants who had been dismissed in this court.
Having been dismissed before verdict, they would not have been
parties to any determination made at trial, favorable or unfavor-

able to plaintiff. In such circumstances, consideration of the court's 2 and counsels' time which could be required for a full-scale 3 new trial should be controlling. This court has nothing to. lose and everything to gain by denying defendants' motion at 5 this time. 6 7 CONCLUSION 8 Plaintiff respectfully submits that the court should 9 deny each and every motion of the defendants. 10 Dated: June 16, 1966. [] 12 ,3 Respectfully submitted, 5 Charles B. Cohler Charles B. Cohler 3 Attorney for Plaintiff

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CONCLUSION

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                AFFIDAVIT OF ALFONSO HENRY ESPARZA
    STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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    COUNTY OF MONEREY
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           ALFONSO HENRY ESPARZA, being duly sworn, deposes and
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    says:
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           1. My true name is Alfonso Henry Esparza. I am
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   currently detained at the Correctional Training Facility,
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   Soledad, California.
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           2. From August 21, 1965 through at least August 24,
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   1965, I was detained at the Training Facility in Cell 0-121,
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   a so-called "strip cell".
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          3. During the entire time that I was detained in
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   Cell O-121 the flaps on the outer wall were closed as was the
   door of that wall. At no time, except when food was brought
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- to me was the door open, and the door was closed immediately
- 2 after passing me my food. During the first night that I
- 3 was in this strip cell I was given no blanket whatsoever
- 4 and was stripped absolutely naked. There wasnothing in
- 5 the nature of afurnishing of anykind in the cell -- nothing
- but me and concrete. During the whole period that I was in
- 7 this strip cell I was only given an opportunity to have water
- 8 in the morning and in the evening. At those times, the
- 9 officer poured one cup of water only into a plastic cup and
- 10 refused to give me more than that one cup of water. This
- 11 cup is a small plastic cup similar to a ten-cent coffee cup
- 12 on the streets. There was no opportunity for me to get
- 13 water at anyother times at all. The so-called ventillation
- openings in the rear wall were not functioning at all. I
- 15 felt no air, either going in or going out of those openings.
- 16 I am positive that there was no air coming through these
- ventillation openings because I was looking for matches
- behind the screen over the openings, and I never felt the
- passage of air in or out at all.

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- 4. There was human bodily waste smeared all over the walls and floor, particularly in the area of the so-called
 - commode from previous inmames that were detained in this
 - cell. Because of the waste throughout the cell, and be-
 - cause the flaps and door were continuously closed there
 - cause the IIaps and Gool were continuously closed there
 - was no ventillation whatsoever, the air in the cell during
 - this period was extremely foul and nauseating.
 - 5. From on or about October 26, 1965 through
 - December 24, 1965, I was detained continuously in isolation.
 - During that time, from approximately October 26th until
 - approximately November 18th, I was in one of the two rear

- 1 strip cells. Thereafter, for a period of about five days
- 2 I was in another isolation cell. On approximately November
- 3 23rd I was returned toone of the two rear strip cells.
- on November 24th, after I refused to yield my clothing,
- a full can of tear gas of the size which I believe generally
- to be used to quiet an entire tier of about 25 cells was
- 7 shot into the strip cell where I was. Immediately there-
- 8 after all the flaps and the door were closed and I was left
- 9 there in convulsions. I was not moved to any other strip
- ocell to permit the tear gas to be removed from the cell.
- Even three days later, Officer Nash, a guard on the evening
- shift, had tears in his eyes from the presence of tear gas
- which was still hanging in the cell.

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6. During the October-November period when I was in the strip cell I was never given an opportunity to take showers as frequently as once a week.

If sworn as awitness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty ofperjury that everything said in the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Alfonso Henry Esparza

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th dayof June, 1966.

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   STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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   COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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          SIEGFRIET PORTE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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          1. My true name is Siegfriet Porte. I am currently
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   detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad,
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   California.
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          2. From approximately May 15, 1965 through approxi-
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   mately May 18, 1965 I was detained in a so-called "strip
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   cell", Cell 0-121.
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         3. During this time while I was in this strip cell
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  all my clothing had been taken from me and I was permitted
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  nothing to wear at all. I was given no blanket or mattress
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  of any kind. Three times a day I was given onecup of water
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only. No more than one cup of water was poured for me at one time. This cup is about half the size of a "Mainline" drinking cup. I was never permitted to take ashower. The flaps and door of the outer wall were closed the entire time I was in this cell.

- 4. When I came into this cell there was human bodily waste smeared on the walls and left on the floor. At no time while I was in this cell was I given anything to clean it up with. I was never visited by the Chief Medical Officer or any Medical Technical Assistant.
- 5. In approximately March 1965 I was detained in a "strip cell" for 29 days. During this time I was not permitted to have more than one cup of water at a time, three times a day. The flaps and door of the outer wall were closed the entire 29 days. I was never given an opportunity to take a shower during this time. I was never visited by the Chief Medical Officer and saw a Medical Technical Assistant only twice. I was never given anything to clean my cell up with. I never heard anyone cleaning any other strips up.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of myknowledge.

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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     STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,
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                            Defendants.
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          1. My true name is Wendell Harris. I am currently
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   detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad,
   California.
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          2. From approximately Adgust 29, 1965 through
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   August 30, 1965 I was detained in a so-called "strip cell",
   Oell 0-121.
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         3. During the time that I was in this strip cell
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   I received no water at all at any time. During this time
   I was supplied with no toilet paper or anyother furnishing
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   Whatsoever except that I was permitted to wear shorts and a
   T-shirt. When I arrived in this cell there was human bodily
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waste spread on the floor and the walls. At no time was I with given anything/which to clean this cell.

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- 4. During the entire time that I was in this strip cell the flaps and door on the outer wall were closed. There was no ventilation of any kind in the cell; I felt with my hands near both of the so-called ventilation openings, and could feel no air moving in or out.
- 5. From approximately May 2, 1966 through May 10, 1966, I was detained in a "strip cell". At this time I was supplied with toilet paper. I was permitted to wear shorts, T-shirt, overalls and sandals. Towel, soap, toothbrush, a plastic wash basin and a plastic water pitcher were available and water was supplied for use in the basin and the pitcher. The flaps in the outer wall were continuously left open.
- 6. In addition to the period in August 1965 and the period in May 1966, I have also been detained in strip cells for approximately eleven (11) days in February 1966 and three (3) days in October 1965. The only time that I was ever offered an opportunity to take a shower during those times was in May 1966.
- nave been in the strip cells, I have never once seen the Chief Medical Officer. During each of the times stated above that I have been in the strip cells, I have never seen a Medical Technical Assistant in the strip cells, except once in May 1966 when I was able to get the attention of an MTA which resulted in my going to the hospital thereafter (to be examined after having been roughed up by several officers) and except once in February 1966 when I was also

trying to get into thehospital.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lisensell Harris

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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    COUNTY OF MONTEREY
           HENRY WINBUSH, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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           1. My true name is Henry Winbush. I am currently
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    detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad,
    California.
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           2. I am presently living in South Facility, the
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    minimum security portion of the Correctional Training Facility.
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    The only time that I have ever been in a "strip cell" was
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    on or about September 10, 1965.
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           3. At the time I was in the strip cell I was
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    provided with shorts, T-shirt, overalls and sandals, and
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    was permitted to bring my towel with me. The flaps and
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    door on the outer wall were kept closed from the time I
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entered the cell throughout the night and until morning just before breakfast. A Medical Technical Assistant visited me that morning.

4. I have been an inmate porter for about two years.

5. I am due before the Parole Board around June 28, 1966. I last appeared before the Parole Board in January, 1966.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjurythat theforegoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Deney Winbush

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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  COUNTY OF MONTEREY
         WARREN WILLIAM WELLS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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         1. My true name is Warren William Wells.
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  currently detained at the Correctional Training Facility,
  Soledad, California.
         2. From approximately August 3rd through August 5th,
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  1965, I was detained in a so-called "strip cell". This was
  my first time in a strip cell at Soledad. During this time
27 I was given water twice a day, and each time I was permitted
28 to have only one cup of water -- a small cup like a dixie cup.
29 There was no soap, no water for washing, no towell and no
30 furnishing of any kind, except that I was permitted to wear
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coveralls (no socks or other clothing of any kind) and slept on a convas mat.

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- 3. During this whole period the flaps and door of the outer wall were closed continuously, except when the door was opened for feeding twice a day. I didn't make any noise or create anydisturbance. I was too scared to, since I was new to the strip cell. I was not permitted to take a shower at all.
- 4. When I came into the strip cell there was human bodily waste all around the so-called commode in the rear and on the wall. I asked for rags or anything to let me clean it up, but I was not allowed anything. There are two square openings in the rear wall which are supposed to be for ventilation, but there is no ventilation at all. I felt with my hands at both openings to see if there was air going in or out and it never was.
- nasty that I could not eat anything during the whole time I was in this strip cell. To try toget away from the filth and odor, I sat at the front end of the cell as far from the so-called commode as I could. I saw a Medical Technical Assistant only once while I was in this strip cell at this time; that was on the day before I was let out of the strip cell and I complained that I had a pain and strange growth at my rectum. He said I probably had hemoroids and should see the doctor.
- 6. The Monday after I left the strip cell I saw
 Dr. Kunkel, the Chief Medical Officer. He had me taken to
 the prison hospital where he examined me and told me that I
 had hemoroids. He asked me if I had been in a strip cell

lately, and I told him that I had just gotten out the past week. He asked me if I had been sitting on the floor; I said yes, and he said that that was how I got the hemoroids. The hemoroids were removed by surgery that day.

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7. From October 26, 1965 through December 24, 1965 I was continuously in isolation. During that time I was in one of the two rear strip cells all of the time, except about five days preceding Thanksgiving, which was mu on November 25th. During the time that I was in one of the two rear strip cells the flaps and door were closed almost all the time. Whether or not they were left open at all was dependent upon which officer was on duty. Officer Nash and his relief Officer Thompson were the ones who opened the flaps for me occasionally. Each time, Officer Nash told me to keep the noise down so no one else would know the flaps were open and said that if I did not he would get chewed out by his Sergeant for opening the flaps. During this time I received water only twice a day. During the morning shift I never received more than one cup of water. During the afternoon shift Officer Nash or Officer Thompson usually let me drink more than one cup of water. During this time the only furnishing I was permitted was a stiff canvas mat and a pair of coveralls. Only once did I have a chance to take a shower within a week of my previous shower; I had no more than four showers during the 57 days I was in isolation. The so-called ventilation system was never working while I was in the strip cells.

8. There was, of course, no opportunity for me to brush my teeth the whole 57 days/was in isolation and I first began to brush my teeth again min as soon as I got

out of isolation. After I had been released from isolation and begun brushing my teeth again, two fillings in my front upper teeth came out. When I was first able to see the prison dentist to have new fillings put in, he told me that I hadn't been brushing my teeth often and that when I had begun to brush them again it caused the problem of the cavaties falling out.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Warren William Wells

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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    COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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           ANTHONY ESTRADA, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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           1. My true name is Anthony Estrada. I am currently
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    detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad,
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    California.
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           2. I recall that I was in a so-called strip cell
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    toward the end of July 1965. I also recall that I was given
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    a shot or sedative at that time due to the fact that I had
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    been under emotional strain. I am frankly unable to re-
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    collect any details of my experience in the strip cell at
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If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Anthony pstrada

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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                     AFFIDAVIT OF HERMAN LOUIS ALEXANDER
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     COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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            HERMAN LOUIS ALEXANDER, being duly sworn, deposes
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     and says:
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            1. My true name is Herman Louis Alexander. I am
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    currently detained at the Correctional Training Facility,
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    Soledad, California.
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                From approximately June 24, 1965 through June 29.
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    1965 I was detained in a so-called strip cell. This is the
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    only time I have been in a strip cell at Soledad. When I
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    came into the strip cell there was general filth, including
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    human bodily waste all over. I asked the officer on duty
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    to clean it up and I asked him to let me have something to
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clean it out with myself, but he didn't do either. I used old paperlunch sacks which were lying on the floor to try to scrape the waste on the floor into one corner by the so-called commode.

- 3. During the six days I was in this strip cell the flaps and door were kept closed all the time except when they were opened for feeding and delivering my mail, and except on one occasion when a visiting Catholic priest opened the flap himself to ask how I was. I couldn't read my mail in the dark and the officer closed the flaps as soon as he had thrown the mail in. I felt two openings for ventilation in the rear wall but I never felt anyair moving in orout.
- taken to the strip cell, and I was nude for all of the six days. There was not even a canvas mat to sleep on, and no furnishings of any kind. I tried to sleep on the old paper lunch sacks. The paper lunch sacks were also the only thing I could use as toilet paper. I couldn't sleep any more than about two hours during the day and had to remain standing almost all the time. The reason I couldn't sleep and the reason I had to stand up was that the only time the so-called commode was "flushed" was once a day at midnight, and the "flushing" was really flushing out into the cell, not draining the commode. I couldn't keep the waste shoved back far enough to let me lie down.
- 5. I was only offered water once aday in a very small plastic cup, and I was never given more than one cup full of water. I did not have a shower at anytime during the six days I was in this quiet cell.

1	6. I only was visited by a Medical Technical
2	Assistant one one of the six days I was in the strip cell.
3	At that time I told him that my back hurt, but he didn't
4	do anything about it. After I saw the Medical Technical
5	Assistant I also askedan officer on duty if I couldn't
6	please see the doctor. I was never visited while in the
7	strip cell by any doctor, including the Chief Medical
8	Officer.
9	7. When I was released from the strip cell I fell
10	from weakness and dizziness.
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13	Herman Louis Alexander
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15	Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.
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Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF DICK RAE JERRELL

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DICK RAE JERRELL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- l. My true name is Dick Rae Jerrell. I am currently etained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, alifornia.
- 2. From approximately August 24, 1965 through august 27, 1965 I was detained in a so-called "strip cell". This is the only time that I have been in a strip cell at soledad.
- 3. When I was taken to the strip cell in the morning I was not permitted to wear anything at all; in the evening I was given coveralls, shorts, T-shirt and socks (the same and

only clothes I was given for approximately fifteen days). 2 in the cell was a small amount of toilet paper, only one 3 day's supply; I had no toilet paper or anything to use for toilet paper for the other four days. The only other furõ nishing of any sort in this strip cell was a thin canvas mat. 6 4. Twice a day I was given a small cup of water and 7 occasionally the cup was refilled once at that time. 8 5. When I first came to the strip cell I pushed 9 the accumulated waste down the commode with my hands. During 10 the five days I was in the strip cell it wasnot cleaned by 11 The flaps on the wall directly outside the bars 12 were sometimes left open and sometimes left closed. I 13 never made any noise or disturbance while I was in the strip 14 I never had a shower while in the strip cell. 15 6. On only one occasion while I was in the strip

cell did a Medical Technical Assistant or anyone who seemed to be a Medical Technical Assistant ask how I was. That one time the MTA opened the flap, asked if I was O.K. and slammed the flap shut before I could tell him that there was something I wanted.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th dayof June, 1966.

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State of California

My Commission Expires Feb. 13, 1987

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                  AFFIDAVIT OF MAHLON DALE ROOT
     STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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     COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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            MAHLON DALE ROOT, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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            1. My true name is Mahlon Dale Root. I am currently
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     detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad,
23
     California.
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            2. From approximately July 3, 1965 through July 5,
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     1965 I was detained in a so-called "strip cell". This was
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     the only time I have ever been in a strip cell at Soledad.
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                In the early morning after I was taken to the
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     strip cell I was given a broom to sweep the cell and then a
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    wet mop to mop the cell and I did the best job I could to
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    clean it up although it was a littledifficult because there
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wasn't a lot of light. The flaps on the wall outside the strip cell were open while I was sweeping and mopping, but they were closed all the other time I was in the strip cell except at meal time. I was permitted to wear only coveralls and I had a thin canvas mat to sleep on or sit on. I did not have a shower during the time I was in the strip cell. I was given two cups of water each noon, and thisis the only time I was given water. While I was in the strip cell no one but the officers on duty spoke to me and I spoke to no one except the officers on duty.

If sworn as a witness I could competently testify to the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Mahion Dale Root

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 11th day of June, 1966.

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      ROBERT CHARLES JORDAN, JR.,
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                              Plaintiff,
                                                      No. 44786
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           vs.
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      STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,
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                              Defendants.
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                    AFFIDAVIT OF MELVIN EUGENE ALLISON
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     STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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                                 SS.
     COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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           MELVIN EUGENE ALLISON, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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           1. My true name is Melvin Eugene Allison. I am
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    currently detained at the Correctional Training Facility,
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    Soledad, California.
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           2. On May 27, 28 and 29, 1965, I was detained in a
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    so-called "strip cell". This is the only time I have been
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    in a strip cell at Soledad.
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           3. When I first was taken to this strip cell I was
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    able to feel the filth all over the floor, including human
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    bodily waste. I wore coveralls, shorts and socks. I was
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    given a canvas mat. Each evening I was supplied with a very
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2	or furnishings of any kind, except a so-called commode at
3	the rear of the cell.
4	4. During the time I was in this strip cell I was
5	given one cup of water only in the morning and in the evening.
6	The flaps in the outer wall were continuously closed; the door
7	was opened only at meal time, twice a day, except once a day
8	when an MTA asked if I was all right and except for head
9	checks or counts when a light was flashed in. I did not
10	make any noise or create any disturbance while I was in
11	the strip cell. I could not feel the movement of anyair
12	coming in or going out of this cell. I asked an officer
13	on duty to open the flaps and he said he couldn't. I was
14	not given an opportunity to take a shower at any time when
15	I was in the strip cell. I was released from the strip
16	cell Saturday evening, the third day.
17	5. A lot of the time I was in the strip cell I
18	tried to pull the mat over my head in order to try to
19	prevent burning sensation in my eyes from the foul air.
30	If sworn as a witness I could competently testify

short strip of toilet paper. There were no other facilities

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Subscribed and Sworn to befvore me this 11th dayof June, 1966.

CLAUDIA WAGGONER NOTARY PUBLIC State of California

My Commission Expires Feb. 18, 1967

to the above facts.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

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DECLARATION OF CHARLES B. COHLER

CHARLES B. COHLER deposes and says:

- l. By order of this court, I am counsel for the plaintiff in this action. I make this declaration in opposition to defendants' motions for summary judgment and dismissal.
- 2. On or about May 23, 1966, I was duly served with copies of defendants' motions for summary judgment and dismissal and notice of hearing thereon set for Wednesday, June 22, 1966; defendant Cletus J. Fitzharris' Answer to First Set of Interrogatories Propounded to Defendant Cletus J. Fitzharris by Plaintiff Robert Charles Jordan, Jr. was also served at that time.
- 3. Said Answer to Interrogatories included in response to Interrogatory 20 the names and addresses, where known, of persons who had occupied the cell allegedly occupied by plain-

tiff in this action for a period of 60 days prior to and sub-

- 4. Through the courtesy of the Office of the Attorney General, on June 6, 1966 I arranged to visit and to interview those persons listed in response to Interrogatory 20 who were presently detained at the defendant Correctional Training Facility.
- 5. On Saturday, June 11, 1966, in the company of a secretary, I traveled to the defendant Correctional Training Facility and there interviewed each of the ten persons referred to in paragraph 4, <u>supra</u>. The affidavits of those ten persons are being filed herewith. I arrived at the defendant Correctional Training Facility at approximately 9:30 a.m. and departed therefrom at approximately 11:30 p.m. In view of the approximately fourteen hours thus occupied at the defendant Correctional Training Facility, it was my best judgment that I could not ask my secretary to remain longer in order to permit a necessarily lengthy interview with my client, the plaintiff herein, and that under the circumstances an interview with my client could not have been as comprehensive as was called for.
- 6. On Monday, June 13, 1966, through the courtesy of the Office of the Attorney General, I arranged to visit my client, plaintiff herein, on Saturday, June 18, 1966.
- 7. On Tuesday, June 14, 1966 I was advised by Mr. Peter Grace that the court wished to move the hearing forward from Wednesday, June 22 to Monday, June 20. In view of the urgent nature of this litigation and the request of the court, I informed Mr. Grace that such a change of hearing date was welcomed, but that I would not be able to file an affidavit of my client on the day prior to the date of hearing.

8. In view of the above circumstances and in spite
of diligent efforts, I am unable to file an affidavit of my
client, plaintiff herein, on the day prior to the date of hear-
ing.
9. Without intending hereby in any way to waive

the attorney-client privilege, I hereby represent to the court that on the basis of my previous communications with my client it is my good faith expectation that my client is competent to testify and to make an affidavit or declaration which will support the allegations of the amended complaint.

10. On May 24, 1966 I spoke by telephone with Robert R. Granucci, Esq., an attorney for the defendants in this action. In the course of that telephone conversation, Mr. Granucci stated to me that 245 hours had been spent preparing Mr. Fitz-harris' answers to interrogatories propounded to him by the plaintiff. Mr. Granucci further stated that in each instance the answer was prepared on the basis of all information available and that answers were not limited to what was discovered in formal or written reports, even where the answer was phrased in terms of no records being available.

If sworn as a witness I could testify competently to each of the above facts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that each of the foregoing statements is true to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 16th day of June, 1966 at San Francisco, California.

Charles B. Cohler
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CHARLES B. COHLER 111 Sutter Street 2 San Francisco, California 94104 Telephone: 434-0900 3 Attorney for plaintiff JUN 2 0 1.3 4 Robert Charles Jordan, Jr. 5 IS P. WILLIE, Clork 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT 8 9 OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION 10 11 ROBERT CHARLES JORDAN, JR., 12 Plaintiff. No. 44786 13 vs. 14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 DECLARATION OF ROBERT CHARLES JORDAN, JR. 18 ROBERT CHARLES JORDAN, JR., deposes and says that: 19 1. My true name is Robert Charles Jordan, Jr. 20 I am the plaintiff in the above-entitled action, and I 21 make this declaration in opposition to defendants' motions 22 for summary judgment and to dismiss. I am presently 23 detained at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, 24 California. 25 2. From Friday, July 9, 1965 through Tuesday, 26 July 20, 1965 I was detained in a so-called strip cell, 27 Cell 0-121. 28 3. I was placed in this strip cell by Sgt. Wens 29 on Friday, July 9. At that time, all my clothing was 30 removed and taken from me by Sgt. Owens. When I was put

the strip cell, the window flaps and door of the sate wall immediately outside the bars of the strip call are closed.

4. On Monday, July 12, I am all Officer Dodd if he would get my clothes for me and if he would open the flaps. I had not been making any noise or disturbance at any time while I was in the strip cell: I did not make any noise or disturbance at any time during the twelve days that was in the strip cell. Officer Dodd said 10 he would get my clothes for me, but when he returned he 11 said that he wasn't authorized to give them back to me 12 and that I would have to ask for them from the Third Watch. 13 That afternoon, I asked Officer Nash of the Third Watch 14 for my clothes and to open the flaps. Officer Nash said lõ that he wouldn't give me my chothes or open the flaps. 16 I asked Officer Nash if I could see the Sergeant on duty 17 about this. Sgt. Loefsky came to see me, and I asked 18 him for my clothes and to have the flaps let down. Sgt. 19 Loefsky said that he couldn't do it, that Sgt. Owens had 20 taken my clothes and left me with the flaps up so only Sgt. 21 Owens could give me back my clothes or open the flaps for 22 me.

5. Thursday, July 15, was the seventh day I had been in the strip cell. This was the first day that Sgt.

Owens saw me after I had been told that he was the only one who could give me back my clothes or open the flaps.

(I understand that Sgt. Owens worked only on Thursday and Friday in this area.) Sgt. Owens told me that he would give me bake my clothes and open the flaps as soon as he could.

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- o. On Friday, July 16, at about 5:00 p. m., Sgt.
- 2 Gwans gave me a pair of coveralls (only, no more) and
- 3 opened the window flaps.
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- 5 closed by the officer on duty. The por flap was opened
- 6 in the morning of Tuesday, July 20, the day I was released
- 7 from the strip cell.
- 8. Except as stated above, the door and window
- 9 flaps were conginuously closed, except during feeding,
- when head counts were made and when medical visits were made.
- 11 9. On Friday, July 16, about 5:00 p. m., I asked
- 12 Sgt. Owens when I could get out of the strip cell. that I
- 13 had not been creating any disturbance there. Sgt. Owens
- 14 agreed with me that I hadn't been creating any distrubance.
- and he said that he would let me out; but he said he couldn't
- do it until Monday, because from 4:00 p. m. Friday until
- 6:00 a. m. Monday his shift couldn't move anyone except
- 18 for emergency. He said that he would leave a note so that
- 19 I could get out Monday.
- 20 10. On Munday, July 19, I told the officers
- on duty that Sgt. Owens had left a note that I was supposed
- 22 to get out then. No one could find the note. On Tuesday,
- July 29. I was released from the strip cell and put in
- 24 Cell 105, a solitary cell but not a strip cell.
- 25 11. During the time that I was in the strip cell,
- 1 was given a cup of mater three times a day. On each
- occassion that I was offerred water, I was permitted to
- drink as much as I wanted while the officer or "trustee"
- was there to pour from the pitcher they carried.
- 12. During the time that I was in the strip cell,

- the "toilet" was flushed sometimes in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon and always at night, but no more often than that. The midnight shift never thanked the toilet.
- 13. When I was first put in the strip cell, I
 was given a new "strong blanket" which was so stiff that
 coldn't cover myself with it unless using so much conscious
- η effort that I couldn't slepp; if I wasn't covered, I was
- 8 too cold to sleep. On approximately Tuesday, July 13, I
- $_{9}$ was given an older strong blanket which could be used better $_{10}$ for sleeping.
- 14. During the time that I was in the strip cell,
- 12 I was never given an opportunity to take a shower and I
- never took a shower. On Thursday, July 15, I asked Sgt.
- 14 Owens for a shower, but he said he didn't have authority
- to let me take a shower. Approximately two days after
- 16 I was released from the strip cell, I was given a shower.
- 17 I did not see Sgt. Freidrick at that time. About a week
- after that, I had taken a shower and saw Sgt. Freidrick
- 19 when I came out of the shower.

- 20 15. During the time that I was in the strip cell,
- 21 I was never given anything to clean the cell myself. At
- 22 no time was the cell cleaned by anyone else, either. On
- 23 Thursday, July 15, I asked Sgt. Owens if I couldn't have
- 24 a mop or rags to clean the cell. He said that he wasn't
- 25 authorized to let me have anything to clean it out with.
- 26 16. During the time that I was in the strip cell,
- 27 the so-called ventilation system never let air in or out
- of my cell. I felt with my hands at the two openings in
- the rear walland never felt anything going in or out. On
- Thursday, July 15, I told Officer Nash that there was no.

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      of toilet paper up to the openings in the rear walland
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      athing moved the paper, inm or out. Officer Nash said
      that he would go around in the tunnel behind the cell to
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      see 11 the system was working. He came back and told me
      that it wasn't working, but he couldn't do anything about it.
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      Later that same day, I told Sgt. Owens that there was no
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      ventilation, that the system wasn't working in the strip
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      cells. I could/hear the system working somewhere, but no
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      air was coming through into the strip cells. I knew that
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      there had been air coming into my cell when I had been
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     up frontin an isolation cell (not a strip cell).
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             17. During the time that I was in the strip cell,
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     I was visited by a Medical Technical Assistant every day
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     and the Chief Medical Officer or another doctor on the
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     two Mondays that I was there. I complained that I had
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     very bad stomach pains and that I was very sore from
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     sleeping on the hard floor. I was given pills; the problem
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     continued. At least twice during this time, I vomitted
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     in my cell: it was never cleaned up.
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             18. About a week after I was released from the
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     strip cell in July, I wrote a letter to Dr. Kunkel. I
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    wrote that I had never "shammed" about illness and now I
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    really wanted to have a physical examination because my
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    stomach was really bothering me and my bones were very sore
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    and I hadn't had a physical at all since I had arrived.
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    received no reply to this letter. In late October or earty
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    November I again wrote to Dr. Kunkel and asked for a
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30 Shortly thereafter, I wrote to Dr. Bailey about dental

physical becaue the same conditions were bothering me.

1	problems. Dr. Bailey saw me aoon afterwards and took out
2	two teeth for me. I still never heard anything from Dr.
3	Kunkel and couldn't get a physical. In early February,
4	1966 when I was out of the isolation area and up in the
5	regular part of "O Wing", I wrote again to Dr. Kunkel
6	asking for a physical. On February 14, I was taken from
7	my regular cell, not a quiet cell, to the hospital where
8	Dr. Kunkel examened me. He did not take a urine sample or
9	a blood sample. His examination consisted in its entirety
10	of looking at my eyes, tapping my knee with a hammer, using
11	the stethescope on my chest, having me cought while
12	touching my groin, looking at my anus and looking at my
13	fingers. My stomach still bothers me.
14	If sworn as a witness, I could testify competently
15	to each of the above facts.
16	I declare under penalty of perjury that each of
17	the above statements is true to the best of my knowledge.
18	Executed this 18th day of June, 1966 at Soledad,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I hereby certify as follows:

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