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To Whom it may concern

Greetings!

No doubt you are aware of the abuses of U.S. prisoners detained at Abu Ghraib in Iraq and at Guantanamo in U.S. occupied Cuba. Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that U.S. authorities on the federal and state levels in the USA are apparently condoning abuse of prisoners in their custody, contrary to the rule of law. My first inkling of official policy designed to create conflicts, rivalries and unrest within the U.S. prison system came with my interview of Warden Bill Armontrout of Missouri State Penitentiary in 1988. When I asked him to identify any problems he saw in the U.S. prison system, he said, "Race and AIDS, and AIDS is catching up fast." Racial problems were due, as he admitted, to U.S. government insistence that Blacks and Whites were to be forcibly integrated, regardless of conflicts. Contrary to U.S. prison policy, it has been my experience that people who fight are separated, not pushed together! The addition of other large racial groups, such as "Hispanics" and Asians has added to the unrest in the U.S. prison system.

When forced integration of cellmates results in murder and felonious assault, the prison authorities are guilty of complicity in such crimes against inmates in their custody, and when the victim of such forcible integration is of a different race than the perpetrator (s), then the authorities are accomplices in the commission of a hate crime, as well as normal felony. Unlawful prison practices such as these alleged tend to bring the U.S. justice system into disrepute on all levels of government. Is this the lesson we want to teach 'graduates' from our prison system? I sincerely hope not!

As U.S. citizens and tax-payers, we should do our best to investigate these allegations of abuse in our prisons, for it is in our interests to expose them, if true, and to correct them. The USA is getting sufficient bad publicity from the international news media on its abuses of foreign prisoners, so we do not need more of same in regard to our 'incorrect' corrections facilities for U.S. prisoners.

Please let me know what you find out in regard to the enclosures, by writing to me at the above address.

Sincerely,


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