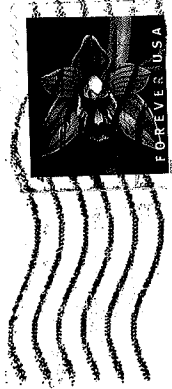


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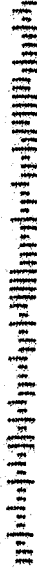
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Dearest reader,

Here I am once again to share a few thoughts with you in hopes of enlightening you and your organization to some inside facts regarding the Corona Virus situation here at San Quentin Reception Center.

When I sent my first letter to your organization I left out some very valuable important information that should have been added in support of my argument regarding the conditions here in the Reception Center.

First of all the quarantine was originally suppose to be lifted last month then it was changed to May 3rd and it's extended to May 31st now. If it keeps getting put off any longer it might be another several months down the road before it's finally lifted. But in the mean time CDCR hasn't offered any educational, self-help, therapeutic or extended cell living rehabilitative programs to help deal with stress associated with this Corona-Virus pandemic not knowing if we have it or will get it being confined ~~during~~ in a one man cell living with another individual 24 hrs. a day month after month. The longer we stay confined during this stressful situation the worse it will be on our health and state of mind. Some inmates have been endorsed for several months waiting to be transferred and some a lot lesser, but for sure 85% of us all have been endorsed. Instead of leaving we are stuck here in a sweat box waiting on the unknown to happen.

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A lot of tension and frustration is starting to rise and the longer this quarantine goes on the more incidents will occur from it.

Normally the RC processing takes anywhere from 60 to 120 days before the inmate is transferred to a mainline.

Some inmates are serving their entire term here in the reception center and unable to earn any good time credits or work credits. In order to earn any time credits, if ~~an inmate~~ an inmate receives half-time (50%) they can only earn 33% if they are placed on mainline and see classification committee.

If CDCR would allow inmates who are eligible to receive their reduced time credits while in RC due to this quarantine it would help ease a lot of stress and tension knowing that the inmates has something positive to look forward to out of a bad situation, especially if the inmate remains disciplinary free and continues a positive program.

I know that CDCR has the ability to create a milestone or another type of RAC credit earning program to appease us reception center inmates during this dire experience.

Social distancing could definitely be implemented here in the reception center by transferring all inmates who have been endorsed and medically cleared for transfer.

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Once the minimum custody inmate is granted the privilege of seeing classification at the receiving institution their release date would change and a lot or some of them will be eligible for early release dates or another type of program that will help clear a broader area for social distancing. We have been given a mask to wear anytime that we come out of our cells but it's extremely difficult for staff to implement social distancing on the yard being that 3 other units ~~use~~ use the very same 2 yards that are really small. With a total of about 900 to 1100 hundred inmates. They do the best that they can with the options they have to work with. When it comes to the cleaning supplies we're only given a very small amount of bleach to clean our cells with and the supply they give barely last 3 days. The elderly, the inmates with mental or physical disabilities would possibly benefit from this transfer. A lot of cells here would become available for incoming violent inmates from the county Jail once quarantine is fully lifted. From the time S.R. first went on quarantine 3-14-20 we have totally been isolated from the dining hall and served extremely cold meals which has caused me another major health concern due to my age. It has ~~become~~ become a lot more difficult for me now to digest my food being cold and greasy all the time. I know there are a lot of people outside who wouldn't care one way or another about the inmates conditions here in prison, but if your organization could reach out to those who do care, maybe you could seek donations from them to help purchase some

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cheap Am/Fm hand held dialing tuning radios that would help ease our worried thoughts while we're on this roller coaster pandemic ride or maybe your organization could request 2 or 3 day old discarded newspapers that could be donated to the S.Q. RC inmates so at least we'd be able to stay abreast to any new information regarding this Corona Virus.

The only time we hear any news regarding the virus is when we receive a medical ducat and able to watch some news or staff informs us that the quarantine has been extended again. Whenever we hear this, it's a natural reaction for us as humans to become extremely concerned, especially when you're isolated as we are not able to read the newspaper, watch the news, or receive any type of news, fliers from SAN QUENTIN administration advising us of any new updated changes.

There is about ~~1000~~ 1300 available beds here on the RC side and about 900 or so of them are being occupied. Having music to listen to during these difficult times or a newspaper would be very helpful and inexpensive.

A small hand held sony, apex, Ge, or another type of 10 to \$20.00 cheap am fm dial tuning battery operated radio could be very soothing and relaxing to the minds while on this quarantine. They could be purchased from all the donations then turned back into R:R whenever the inmate transfers ~~from~~ from S.Q. A \$30.00 trust account hold could be placed in each inmates R:R file in case the radio is not returned, and

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each inmate would be responsible for their radio.

It appears as though we are going to be on this quarantine for quite sometime and not having anything to look forward to, causes a negative attitude to surface and built up tension and stress to explode.

RC inmates are being discriminated against because the mainline inmates have been on a modified program from the beginning of this quarantine and they are going to chow hall and able to ~~enjoy~~ enjoy hot meals as if they were never affected by this quarantine.

If your organization have any connections with the warden, the secretary of corrections or the Governor.

We RC inmates would very much appreciate ~~any~~ any support your organization provided us, with or help us ~~transfer~~ get transferred to mainline since we are already endorsed and medically cleared, help us to receive RAC milestone credits, minimum custody inmates start earning their 33% credits or seek donations from concerned citizens to help purchase cheap radios and discarded 2 or 3 day old newspaper.

I am from Sacramento and I would love to be able to read a 2 or 3 day old Sacramento Bee newspaper to help ease my worries and fear of catching the coronavirus or be able to listen to some world news or ~~music~~ music.

This pandemic is something that was written about in a Dean Koontz Novel some years ago and ~~no one~~ no one

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Knows for sure how long this will ~~grow~~ go on or if it will go away for awhile then return later, but in the mean time one must live with the constant fear of the virus returning much stronger and much more deadlier than before.

What I am asking for is that ~~anyone~~ your organization would and could speak to the warden regarding the above issues.

I know that myself and the rest of the RC inmates would very much appreciate anything you provided us with.

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P.S.

May your staff, you, and all your families be blessed with good health and free of this corona virus. God Bless you All!

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