



STATE OF OREGON

To: Governor
Bob Oliver

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TELEPHONE

TO: Leo T. Hegstrom, Director
Department of Human Resources

DATE: July 22, 1983

FROM: R. J. Watson
Administrator *Bob* Corrections

SUBJECT: Superintendent Appointment if Necessary

The recent illness and following complications in the surgical procedures involving Hoyt Cupp have caused serious consideration to be given to what emergency action may be needed in the event a new superintendent must be appointed at the Penitentiary.

It is my belief that the top leadership position in a maximum security prison is not a position that can be left in limbo while long and exhaustive deliberations take place. The inmates make themselves heard and could more easily be moved to riot or cause other disturbance if any void in the leadership occurs. In times when the prisons are crowded, this is a situation that must be avoided to the point of making a preliminary selection of a superintendent.

For this reason, I strongly recommend that J. C. Keeney be immediately appointed should Hoyt Cupp be either unable to return or decide to retire because of his health.

J. C. Keeney has over 20 years experience in the Oregon prisons and has proven leadership abilities. He is considered to be far and away the most eligible and suitable candidate. He has been the acting superintendent whenever Hoyt Cupp was absent for any reason and has handled difficult situations with professional ease. The employees of the Penitentiary have great respect for J. C. and the same is true of the inmates. In his job as assistant superintendent, he routinely handles complex employe relations matters and inmate grievances. In matters of policy he has served on division task forces and committees implementing new laws, rules and policies. He is a person of action and gets the job done without undue complications. He has made superb comments to the press about difficult situations that I wish I had made when asked; this presence of mind is a "plus" when considering J. C. for appointment to this very important position.

It is important that this request be kept very confidential because the justification for it, control of the prisons, is the very reason this request should be made known only to those who have a need to know.

Thanks.

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*I concur
L.H.*

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TO: Leo T. Hegstrom, Director
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FROM: R. J. Watson *Bob*
Administrator of Corrections

SUBJECT: Escape at OSCI

DATE: July 21, 1983

I discussed the Tuesday night escape from OSCI with Superintendent Sullivan. It is our belief at this time there was no staff misconduct.

The movement of the three inmates inside OSCI was observable for one to two seconds at three separate locations and it is possible for inmates to observe the officer in the tower, crossing each open area when the officer is looking in another direction.

The need to improve security is being carefully developed now. An experienced Lieutenant, Don Jackson, recently transferred from the Penitentiary and is being assigned fulltime to propose improvements in: (1) night lighting, (2) addition of an alarm system, (3) placing the razor band on the ground between fences instead of on top of the fence, and (4) removal of trees or shrubs that conceal inmate movement.

It may be possible to add fences or barriers, dismount a tower or two and put a mobile patrol on the ground similar to our design for Pendleton.

Training of staff for greater weapons familiarity and relocating the weapons in the tower are also being considered for improvement.

The "timing" of this escape couldn't be worse just as we are reassuring Pendleton that OSCI is a model of penal excellence. The design of EOCI perimeter security will help us in the re-examination at OSCI.

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cc: Les Belleque
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