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Ronald Clark, DC# 812974
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Re: Letter of Complaint

Inmate Clark:

Your letter of complaint has been received and reviewed.

With regard to your complaint concerning the P Dorm longevity moves, Warden Barry Reddish advises that the decision to conduct these moves was made by the administration in keeping with the Security and Good Daily Order of the institution. Contrary to your statements, we have observed no increase in fights, assaults, or other violent activities as a result of the moves. The administration is not intentionally trying to cause friction as you allege and there have been no documented cases of anyone contacting bio-hazards as a result of the longevity movement.

Security pens are necessary in Death Row as a staff and inmate safety precaution. Also, the decision to limit special housing units (including Death Row) to boneless chicken was made by a former administration at the institution and the current administration agrees with the security precaution of restricting potentially dangerous chicken bones from these units.

Warden Reddish advises that there is no merit to your allegation that he does not like death row inmates. He indicates that he has spoken to numerous death row inmates about their televisions and reception and that he has personally viewed numerous channels at cell front to ensure that the number of channels being received is a reasonable amount.

Chapter 33-601.830 mandates that death row inmates are to be provided 6 hours of out of cell activities during each week; however, it does not specify how such hours are to be conducted. It has been considered prudent and security wise to give these 6 hours in 2 three-hour increments. This is far better for death row inmates than the 4 hours of minimum exercise that were afforded in years past. With regard to letting inmates out of their cells to roam around in the hallways, this type of activity would be dangerous and a threat to institutional security. Therefore, your request is denied. Death Row inmates receive the use of telephone privileges by request for emergency purposes only; however, legal phone calls are routinely granted and conducted.

The guidelines for Keefe canteen pricing and the operations of the canteen review committee are overseen by Central Office. Death Row inmates are not allowed to possess MP3 Players or CD Disks, nor can they receive such items through a package permit program. There is no current consideration being given toward allowing death row inmates to possess hot pots and typewriters.

In regard to your request to consider changing rules to allow death row inmates to place ads for pen pals, the very reason that this is not allowed is precisely because inmates have traditionally used this avenue to solicit funds from citizens. Such solicitation is forbidden and will not be allowed.

I hope this response is informative and that it addresses your concerns sufficiently.



Timothy H. Cannon
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Cc: Barry Reddish, Warden
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