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RE: STEP DOWN PROGRAM UPDATE (HEARINGS)..(POST).

GREETINGS.

There was a meeting with prison representatives and CDCR officials this past week and they are saying that we can now have another radio that wasn't approved because it had a speaker. But officials said if an inmate wants to have it removed he can sign a waiver and officials will remove the speaker. This is good, because this means that we can order the radio we want and even if it has a speaker it can be removed here. Instead of waiting several years before its made without one. Personally I'd still rather have the CD/Radio, it don't look too stylish but it works and I believe the CD player will come in to play later and I sure would like to have some music discs to listen to when I want to. So I'm hope to get some one to order it for me.

Okay the other thing is that prison officials said that in March they will resume with the (DRB) hearings, so that's good. Those of us who didn't go in December will be seen in March. Where they left off on the list. So I'll find out what happens in March. I think they will let some more of us that have been in SHU over twenty years out, if they want to make it look like they're trying to change their image, they will continue to kick some of us out of the SHU.

Oh yeah another thing they said that once we get to step two we can have two packages, which is really huge for a lot of us who don't have the funds to go to the prison commissary each month. That 2nd package will make a big difference.

But we are waiting to see it on paper. Also enclosed is the next part of the step down program.

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you know I read a lot about how CDCR and society are doing their best to combat gang activity. and there's been a crackdown on crime for the last 15 years. which have led to harsher, and stiffer sentences.

The legislatures and politicians have called us the menace to society. But that sounds good to those making the claims, and those who don't know any better.

I read about politicians, government workers who are committing a lot of crimes similar to those that most prison inmates commit.

But you rarely hear of them being sent to prison, or if they are they get pardons, or they are given lenient sentences.

They are in the news all the time. What is worse a regular run of the mill guy that commits a crime, or the police officer that commits the same crime.

There's really no difference, except a police officer is sworn to be a law abiding person, to protect and serve. so his crime is twice as bad. But again he gets a lenient sentence because he is an ex-cop.

Corruption is an every day thing in the government, all governments.

But it's not looked at as a real problem, even though it's always happening. crooks are everywhere. the only thing is that government officials have friends in high places that will eventually pardon them. when the normal guy (criminal) has no one.

What it really comes down to is who do you know.