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What are you thinking???

Thus I wonder as I see this LCF, Michigan prison facility, seemingly, violating prisoners rights, all while only trying to avoid Corona Virus liabilities.

There is no way to give any distancing of greater than 3-ft - since we are in bunk beds most of the time. And the efforts being made might slow the spread unit-to-unit - but we all eat in the same chow hall (being ~~and~~ "disinfected" by prisoners who are lazy, typically on their jobs).

But perhaps there is an effort, as it seems, to make it more difficult to seek the only remedies available (civil suits). This under the guise of "helping" us.

Deceit is typical for the MDOC (Michigan dept of Corrections) as I've pointed out in many of my previous essays.

Included here is my "lite" to (acting) warden Brown that addresses some of these issues. as I ask him, "What ARE you, thinking???"

This, rather long, 3½ page "lite" I've assumed will go unanswered - but should an answer actually be given - I'll address that in the near future. Meanwhile read on...

LCF Warden Brown:

("kite")

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My rehabilitation is important to me, in spending my time reading, learning, studying - toward that goal. This is why the library is important to be able to use in working toward that goal. It's also, important for leisure reading to stay occupied doing the "better things" of prison life. All of which should be obvious.

But, your decisions regarding this facility leave me wondering about several things. Mostly, what are you thinking???

1. You close the barber shop, where sanitary cleanings between "clients" could easily be done. This has caused the unit bathrooms to become the full-time (instead of the part time - that they were) "barber shop's" wherein it certainly gets crowded when hair is being cut by someone, and it is not very sanitary to start with. Once again distancing is an issue too. This is not the controlled environment that the "real" barber shop offers.

2. The library (general) has no alphabetical index to know what's available to check out. Many of those materials <sup>were</sup> bought by the Prisoner Benefit Fund (PBF) to benefit "prisoners". That index could have been compiled by now (and still could be). So it seems we prisoners have a library, but its use (for leisure reading, research, and **LEARNING**) <sup>is</sup> being detured. Let me guess: Maybe its "keeping them stupid makes them easier to control" (as Ching can attest to), or is it just lazy prisoners you

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you don't want to piss off by putting them to work?!?

3. You have spent PBF funds to subscribe to periodicals for the prison population that only a select few (those without work details that conflict with your only mornings, 5-days a week scheduling) ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> read. And this IS US Constitutional discrimination. Ok by you too.

4. Now you have limited law library access to only those with active cases (ongoing) in process.

So what about access for research? So lets <sup>just</sup> say I want to file a law suit (as is my US Constitutional right). But for me to do so I would need to do research in the law library - where I'm no longer (by posted memo) able to do so. What would you call that? Perhaps that's your plan to stop or hinder law suits against you?!

That too, seems like another Constitutional violation of prisoners rights to access the Courts (which also needs law library research).

I'm confused. Last I looked I'm still an AMERICAN prisoner on American soil - I still have Constitutional rights - ALL laws say so.

What I guess I didn't know is that a viral pandemic over-ruled our Constitution (No marshal law has been enacted). We are NOT in China - last I looked! So who has given you these "powers" of dictatorship to this extent in overseeing us prisoners? I know the State of Michigan doesn't like to follow

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Federal law - but even its own Constitution is being violated (I believe - but I would need to research that in the law library - OTH but that's right - I can't!!!).

OF course - I forgot, how - The MDOC (Michigan dept of Corrections) exempt from the laws.

The actions at this facility certainly appear to be stopping prisoners from having access to information (and the laws). There is also an appearance that these actions are to enable further prisoner rights violations without consequence of law suits for doing so in the first place.

So again I ask - What ARE you thinking???

As always, I'm open to discussion to settle any conflict. Though I'm sure you will not respond (as usual). I'll take that lack of response as my above allegations being true and correct - since nothing has been given to correct these issues or even a "reasonable" explanation for them. (Covid-19 is not a "catch all" excuse to violate our rights under the guise of keeping us prisoners safe by social distancing - since in the units (where most of time is spent, housing us) it's only possible to be about 3-feet away - due to bunk beds.) So none of your other efforts really make much difference for distancing.

This letter is in no way meant as a threat of any kind, way, shape, or form to anyone. There is an expectation, by me, of no retaliation of any kind,

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way, shape, or form for writing it by any state or officers. But knowing the vindictiveness of people I'll probably have to file complaints of such retaliation (which, of course, also needs research in the law library - that you aren't giving!!!)