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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

THOMAS CAPPS, et al.,)
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) Plaintiff,
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) vs.,
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VICTOR ATIYEH,)
) Defendant.) Friday, 9:00 o'clock a.m.
) Portland, Oregon

DECISION OF COURT

Before:

The Honorable James M. Burns, United
States District Court Chief Judge.

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THE COURT: As will be apparent to you in the next few moments, part of the things I am going to say come from somewhat rough drafts and part will not come from rough drafts and as a consequence, the grammar, obviously, will leave something to be desired. But I am satisfied that a proper discharge of my responsibility certainly calls for announcing a decision on this matter at this time, given the variety of considerations that are involved.

For reasons which I think will become clear to you as we go along here, the remarks which follow when transcribed and filed with the Clerk will be treated as findings and conclusions under Rule 52, although I anticipate that there will be opportunity for the Court itself, as well as other parties to submit, prepare or request, as the case may be, additional findings and conclusions.

And insofar as there may be some difference between the transcribed matter which will be transcribed and filed and findings later to be prepared, submitted or entered, to that extent, of course, I reserve the right to amend what I am going to say at this juncture.

This matter came on for a hearing at the request of the plaintiffs for a preliminary

1 injunctions against the defendants with respect to the
2 so-called overcrowding issue.

3 With the consent of the parties and
4 under the provisions of Rule 65(a) the Court treats
5 the issue of overcrowding as having been segregated
6 under Rule 52 and that issue of alleged overcrowding
7 is being treated as having been submitted on the merits
8 as permitted by Rule 65(a)(2).

9 My findings are based upon the
10 testimony, the exhibits, the interrogatories and the
11 depositions received as evidence in this case. Although
12 an invitation to visit the facilities was extended to
13 the Court, for reasons which I explained yesterday, it
14 seemed to me that it made it unnecessary for me to
15 visit during the time when there is currently a strike
16 going on and the officials involved here are extremely
17 busy in other matters.

18 Also, for reasons which I explained
19 yesterday, I do not think that any failure on my part
20 to have visited the institutions during the pendency
21 of this case would render any less valid the findings
22 I make, particularly, in view of the various substantial
23 number of times in the past that I have visited both
24 institutions over the good many years in the past, in
25 which, essentially, the basic structure and so on of the

1 institution has not, essentially, changed.

2 The record in this case is clear,
3 there has been serious overcrowding at the Oregon State
4 Penitentiary and at the Oregon State Correction
5 Institution.

6 The Oregon State Penitentiary was
7 designed to house 1,107 inmates. It currently houses
8 1,476 persons.

9 I should add at this point that these
10 figures that I am using are based upon the most current,
11 recent information furnished, the 1,476, came, I believe,
12 from Mr. Cupp at the hearing a week or so ago. I am
13 not aware of any change in that, if there has been,
14 I am sure there is some modest change. But for my
15 purposes I use that figure.

16 The State Correctional Institutional
17 has a design capacity of 476. And they now house
18 773.

19 The annex was designed to accommodate
20 100 to 125. 206 inmates are now housed there.

21 These conditions have not developed
22 overnight; since January 1977, the monthly population
23 at the penitentiary has not been less than 1,429; and
24 in December, 1979, reached an all-time high of 1,523.

25 I might add here parenthetically as

1 well that statement is based upon the Exhibit 1013
2 that was just discussed. And the evidence otherwise
3 in this case indicates that at one point the high mark
4 was 1,540.

5 During the same period of time the
6 population at OCI has ranged from 672 to about 775.

7 To accommodate the increased
8 population, prisoners at each institution have been
9 doubled in cells designed for one inmate and day rooms
10 have been converted into dormitories. When the popula-
11 tion at OSP peaked last winter, prisoners in E Block
12 was doubled up in 44 square foot cells, one inmate
13 sleeping on a bunk, the other on a mattress on the
14 floor. Usually, with the one end of the mattress being
15 almost immediately adjacent to the urinal.

16 These arrangements continued for
17 a period of several months. The exact number is somewhat
18 uncertain in my mind, but the evidence would indicate
19 that those arrangements continued for a period of four
20 to six months. And that the inmates thus affected at
21 one time ranged as high as perhaps 70, 75, although
22 the evidence is here as of the time of the commencement
23 of our hearing in May that particular situation had been
24 alleviated by the measures which have been discussed
25 here by Warden Cupp and the others.

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This situation is the result of a very simple phenomenon. If one uses the pipeline analogy, the judges are pouring more prisoners into the pipeline, and the parole board has somewhat tightened the spigot at the other end of the pipeline. At least as of the period of the time near the end of 1979.

Indeed, while the figures are somewhat uncertain, the flurry of interest that was stimulated late last fall resulted from the change in the policy of the parole board which meant that the average sentence served went from approximately 20 to approximately 30 months.

Now, those figures differ slightly depending upon the point at which they appear. They seem to be in the range from 19 to 21 months, and from 29 months to 31 months. But for our purposes here, I think it's fair to make a finding that the change was from 20 to 30 months, obviously, that kind of a mechanism being invoked, the results are not only stark, but clearly apparent to all.

Resuming the pipeline analogy. The pipeline had become swollen to a near bursting point.

One could adopt a number of analogies to describe that situation. The crucial point,

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however, is that we are not dealing with quantities of water, but with human beings. Regardless of how depraved their behavior may have been which brought them to that situation, the fact that these human beings have committed criminal acts against society does not render them any less human for Eight Amendment purposes. And certainly it does not deprive them of their Constitutional rights to be free of cruel and unusual or inhumane treatment while they are in prison.

While I have had the benefit of a good deal of expert testimony, and I pause here to express my appreciation to the experts who have appeared or testified or both on both sides for their concerns about the matter and for what seems to me to be their very earnest desire to be of assistance to the parties in this case and to the Court; nonetheless, in my view, whether there was expert testimony or not, one needs only common sense to conclude that overcrowding leads to stress and in the setting of a penal institution, illness, disease, tension, resentment, bitterness, and ultimately violence and brutality.

The only question, of course, is the extent and degree of that. Any one of those conditions, at a particular time, of course, we have had testimony here which has ranged all the way from Mr. Sarver's

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prediction in New Mexico, it was just around the corner to the almost diametrically opposed comments that came yesterday from Miss Wheeler, Mr. Pickenare and Mr. Satrine .

In my view, however, that particular aspect is not controlling because the Constitutional issue does not depend, in my view, as I read the case law, upon the maintenance of a particular level or the existence of the particular degree of tension.

And of the other attributes that all of us know as human beings that follow overcrowding, whether it occurs in courtrooms, prisons, bus stops or otherwise.

The superintendents of each institution were aware of the seriousness of the overcrowding situation and of the problems resulting from it, as their monthly reports to the Director of Human Resources revealed.

And I refer now to the Exhibits which are in the record and which consist of the monthly reports from Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Cupp, through the period of time to which we are concerned. They reported that the crowded conditions were producing increase idleness.

In that regard, I note that there is some difference in the actual figures, but, Mr. Cupp's

1 indication was that the idleness as far as the peniten-
2 tiary was concerned was something on the rate of 30
3 to 40 percent and there were slightly different figures
4 there and I note there were some different figures
5 yesterday from the folks that testified.

6 But again, the precise number or
7 decrease of idleness in that regard, in my opinion, are
8 not controlling.

9 In addition to idleness, the records
10 indicates that there were more assaults on inmates and
11 staff, growing numbers of disciplinary reports, and
12 an increase in inmate defiance, disturbances, and
13 rumors of riot.

14 Again, I pause to mention that there
15 is some flurry in this case about whether or not the
16 testimony given by Warden Cupp at his deposition in
17 March was accurate with respect to the number or rates
18 of assaults and the like. It seems quite clear to me
19 that in each instance, however, the conclusions formed
20 by the reporting superintendent, Mr. Sullivan, Mr.
21 Cupp, during that period of time was an accurate
22 conclusion and is an accurate reflection of the facts
23 in each institution as of the time.

24 Mr. Sullivan, for example, when he
25 was here, earlier, I think in early May, indicated that

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he would perhaps recede a little bit from some of those. For my purposes, however, I think the facts set forth in those monthly reports are accurate facts for purposes of making the Constitutional evaluations that I am called upon to make.

Vocational, educational and recreational programs, indeed, all inmate services, were being overtaxed, resulting in a negative affect on morale, both with respect to the prisoner, as well as with respect to the staff.

The testimony of the inmates taken earlier in this case tend to confirm the precipitations expressed by those officials.

Memos between the Corrections Division and the Parole Board in December, 1979, and January, 1980, discussed a variety of mechanisms to alleviate the problem. In particular, in December, late December, Mr. Watson, in a memo which is marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 17, discussed the problem and requested -- and requested considerations be given to three programs or proposals which he believed would produce, at least, some short term reductions. They were, and I will omit any detailed discussion of these, because it's in the record, we talked about it yesterday and all concerned here know of those. They

1 relate to a change with respect to detainer matters,
2 a reduction in prison terms, based upon recommendations
3 of the superintendent of the institution and an
4 acceleration of the parole release scheduling for an
5 increment of one to two months over the next periods
6 of time. And two of those three were put into place and
7 the third was not.

8 It seems clear from what the
9 evidence is so far, though this is not entirely pre-
10 cise, but it seems clear that those mechanisms served
11 to reduce what would otherwise have been the count as
12 of now, by about 200 persons.

13 Mr. Watson spoke to that yesterday
14 and, again, I don't think a finding in precise numbers
15 is necessarily required. However, as of March, at
16 least, whatever affect had then been produced, was
17 quite clearly in the judgment of the responsible
18 officials insufficient, and so we have the Plaintiff's
19 Exhibit 18, which is Mr. Watson's memo of March 21,
20 which was furnished to the Department of Human
21 Resources following the taking of his deposition on
22 March 19th. And at that time the recommendation was
23 made by Mr. Watson and/or as follows:

24 No. 1, to create additional bed
25 space without either doubling, single-cell or

1 overcrowding the dormitories; No. 2, parolees would not
2 be returned for revocation while they were awaiting
3 revocation hearings; and, No. 3, that certified
4 sentence orders would be required instead of informal
5 transport orders.

6 And in each instance a prediction was
7 made with respect to what Mr. Watson then believed
8 would be the affected numbers of the implementation of
9 these programs.

10 Two of these proposals, of course,
11 that of having the parole revocation cases continue in
12 County Jails and having the committed prisoners not
13 come down until the technically proper sentence and
14 judgment of commitment had been executed, and I don't
15 think anybody really felt otherwise, simply, have an
16 effect of transferring the population problem of the
17 state institutions to the local jails. And, of course,
18 I think it does not need any specific case citations
19 to indicate or suggest that if the count or numbers at
20 a given institution are continually impermissible, it
21 is hardly an answer for that institution to export its
22 unconstitutional overcrowding to another institution.

23 It might, of course, result in a
24 short-term change of who the lawyers would be arguing
25 the cases. But that is hardly an adequate defense, in

1 my view, to a claim of unconstitutionality, which is
2 otherwise well taken.

3 In addition, Mr. Watson had also
4 proposed that the new parole matrix applicable to new
5 prisoners arriving after May of 1980 be applied to the
6 entire prison population. That is, in effect, that it
7 be applied retroactively.

8 That new matrix serves to change the
9 time served for various offenses in over-simplified
10 terms by reducing the time served for the less serious
11 offenses, categories one through four, letting them
12 remain the same, approximately, for category five and
13 increasing them somewhat for category six and seven,
14 more serious offenses.

15 Originally it was projected by Mr.
16 Watson that application, retroactive application of this
17 new matrix to all prisoners would result in a reduction
18 of the total population at both institutions by about
19 200 by the end of this year, December, 1980.

20 And by 400 to 600 by October of 1981.

21 And I point out here that Mr. Watson,
22 of course, was careful when he furnished those estimates
23 earlier to indicate that they were, of course, very
24 rough estimates, and understandably there had to be
25 room for a margin of error. I do not in any way suggest

1 that in that regard he or the other officials here,
2 or in any other regard, have been carrying on in
3 anything, other than the best of faith.

4 Accordingly to the most recent
5 calculations, however, this mechanism retroactive
6 application would result in a population reduction of
7 a good deal less than that, perhaps about 150, as he
8 said yesterday. This proposal clearly is not an
9 adequate answer to the problem that has existed for a
10 long time at the two institutions.

11 Indeed, even if the originally
12 projected reduction of 200 were accomplished by the end
13 of the year, it would be too little, too slowly.

14 What stands out so sharply from the
15 record in this case is that the responsible state
16 officials were well aware, as of late 1979, and early
17 1980, that with the Court's committing more persons
18 to prison and the parole board releasing fewer from
19 prison, the time was inevitably approaching when the
20 overcrowding would cross the constitutional line, to
21 which there would ineluctably follow a reaction.

22 It was apparent to those responsible
23 state officials, at that time, had been for some time,
24 a sensible resolution would have been to move ahead --
25 to have moved ahead as quickly as possible on the

1 programs previously outlined, at least, in the absence
2 of additional bed space, and additional prison facilities
3 which, of course, could only be provided by legislative
4 action and the appropriation of the funds.

5 While none of the individual defen-
6 dants, at any stage in this proceedings are willing to
7 admit in so many words that the conditions that these
8 institutions constituted unconstitutional overcrowding,
9 each was aware, none more painfully so, than Mr. Watson,
10 in his memo of March 21, that the Federal case law
11 strongly suggested that legal conclusion.

12 The federal judiciary has no great
13 desire to interpose itself between Oregon officials and
14 person confined in the penal institutions of the state.
15 The contrary is the case. This Court believes very
16 strongly in the principles of local governmental control
17 and in the principles of a healthy and cooperative
18 federalism between state and federal sovereigns.
19 Because of the reluctance of federal courts, in general,
20 and the reluctance of this one, in particular, which I
21 think among qualitative terms is much greater than
22 that evidenced by Judge Kane in the Colorado case and
23 the other judges who have spoken to this issue,
24 because of that reluctance to intervene in matters of
25 state prison administration, a great deal of deference

1 has been generally been accorded to state officials and
2 I think properly should be.

3 Indeed, I have, in every appropriate
4 way, that I have been able to devise, suggested to the
5 parties to this lawsuit that resolution by agreement
6 be arrived at. But it is obvious that these efforts
7 have failed and one or more defendants, for whatever
8 reason, believes that he or she cannot accept what is
9 abundantly clear to all, namely, that 1,500 prisoners
10 or 1,400 prisoners, for that matter, in an institution
11 designed for 1,100 is simply too many.

12 The same is true with 776 in an
13 institution designed for 476.

14 Defendants have cited several recent
15 Supreme Court decisions which reiterate the long-standing
16 policy of the Federal Courts to defer to prison
17 officials. I have read those decisions and to whatever
18 extent they are relevant, I am bound by them.

19 Nevertheless, the Supreme Court has
20 also stated that this policy of judicial restraint
21 cannot encompass any failure to take cognizance of valid
22 constitutional claims, whether arising in a federal or
23 a state institution.

24 When a prisoner regulation or practice
25 offends a fundamental constitutional guaranty, federal

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courts will discharge their duties to protect constitutional rights.

While neither are invited nor solicited, constitutional issues which arise here are properly before the Court and this Court is not entitled, as I would personally otherwise desire, to turn a deaf ear to them.

This Court is guided by the fact that the United States Supreme Court has not waived in his holding that the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibiting the imposition of cruel and unusual punishment is among other things, intended to protect and safeguard a prison inmate from environment where degeneration is probable and self-improvement unlikely because the conditions of confinement inflict needless suffering, whether physical or mental.

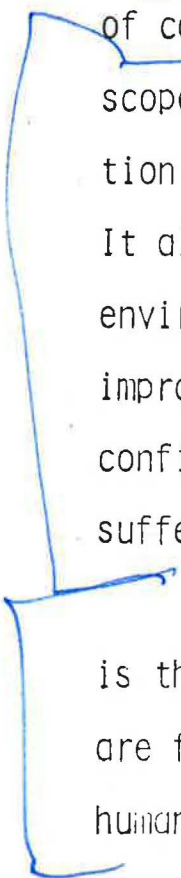
Borrowing from Judge Kane in the Ramos v. Lamm, I feel a complete and utter distaste for having to cross the federal and state boundaries.

Plaintiff have presented substantial and often compelling evidence of existing and continuing constitutional violations in the sense that I have just described and except in fashion as necessary relief deference is no longer possible.

The basis of plaintiff's attack on the

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conditions of confinement in a penal institution,
of course, is the Eighth Amendment prohibition. The
scope of that amendment is broader than a mere prohibi-
tion against physical barbarous forms of punishment.
It also protects prison inmates from being held in an
environment where degeneration is probable and self-
improvement unlikely because of the conditions of
confinement inflicting needless physical and mental
suffering.



For a convicted inmate, confinement
is the punishment. If the conditions of that confinement
are foul, inhumane, or violative of basic concepts of
human decency, that punishment is cruel and unusual.

Neither the Supreme Court nor the
Ninth Circuit has defined the circumstances under which
crowded conditions constitute cruel and unusual punish-
ment. I am satisfied that Bell v. Wolf, provides some
useful guidance for the Court. That case arose, of
course, in connection with pre-trial detainees that were
there at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New
York for a very short period of time and had little,
if any, applicability, in my judgment, to the conditions
in a large-scale long-term prison setting where inmates
serve lengthy sentences.

I should also say, as far as I am

1 aware, there is no Ninth Circuit case which provides any
2 particular help in this regard.

3 I tried to locate, through the Clerk's
4 office in San Francisco, any cases and was unable to do
5 so except I did find some cases where there pending, and
6 a Nevada case, for example, recently had been remanded.
7 But without a written opinion.

8 In these circumstances, therefore,
9 I must draw guidance from the opinions of other circuits
10 and District Courts, including the Southern District
11 of Ohio; Chapman v. Rhodes; the Northern District of
12 Mississippi, Gates v. Collier, and the other cases
13 in Alabama; Nelson v. Collins, in Maryland; and Battle
14 v. Anderson, in Oklahoma.

15 One can distill from these opinions
16 that the following considerations are appropriate in
17 determining whether crowding constitutes cruel and
18 unusual punishment:

19 One, the duration of the prisoner's
20 confinement;

21 Two, the degree to which the popula-
22 tion exceeds the institution's design capacity;

23 Three, the number of hours per day
24 an inmate must spend in close quarters and the closeness
25 of those quarters;

1 Corrections Association state that prisoners that spend
2 no more than 10 hours per day in their cells should be
3 accorded 60 square feet per person and those that spend
4 more than 10 hours a day should be accorded 80 square
5 feet. For those prisoners housed in dormitories or in
6 converted day rooms, no privacy barriers exist.

7 According to the testimony of one
8 expert, such conditions are no better, and in fact,
9 worse than double celling. The stress resulting from
10 overcrowding has had a deleterious affect on the well-
11 being of the inmates, most noticeably by creating a
12 climate of some degree of tension as shown by the records
13 of the superintendent as well as the other evidence in
14 this case.

15 Along with their tension, has been a
16 claim of anxiety and fear, both among inmates and staff,
17 the degree of which, of course, is a matter of dispute
18 here. But the evidence in the monthly reports, as well
19 as other evidence in my opinion justifies the findings
20 I am making and have made here today.

21 That of tension, anxiety, and fear,
22 which if not corrected, may well erupt in violence
23 leading to serious physical harm and death, of course,
24 is the awesome aspect that I think has overcome all of
25 us in this case, and quite clearly, was uppermost in the

1 minds of administrators, Mr. Watson, Mr. Cupp and
2 Mr. Sullivan.

3 I may add at this point, that I have
4 known each of those gentlemen professionally for a
5 very substantial number of years. I have nothing but
6 the highest regard for each one personally. I do not
7 believe that any of their actions or conduct in this
8 case were undertaken in bad faith. I think that each
9 one in his own way and from his own official responsi-
10 bility and point of view is as devoted to the idea of
11 a safe and humane confinement as I believe I am and
12 must be under my duties.

13 I do not believe that any one of
14 them can take any oath to the Constitution any less
15 mindful of its obligations than I believe that I can
16 and have.

17 While the witnesses' perception of
18 the degree of tension present varies substantially,
19 there is no doubt in my mind that the facts justify
20 a finding of tension exists, apprehension exists, and
21 existed for a substantial period of time. And I am
22 further of the opinion, and I think the facts justify
23 a finding that to the extent that tension does exist
24 from the overcrowding situation, that subjects not only
25 the inmate but the staff as well, to needless mental

1 suffering. This overcrowding which has been shown here
2 is not a relatively recent or temporary phenomena.
3 These conditions have persisted for at least three-and-
4 a-half years.

5 For purposes of this disposition of
6 this aspect of the case, I believe that I do not need
7 to define a specific point at which overcrowding becomes
8 unconstitutional, except to say I find it has been and
9 continues to be for purposes of granting relief in this
10 case. Necessarily, there is a continuum involved.
11 One could not say that housing 1,108 at OSP, 476 at
12 OCI would be unconstitutional. Yet, none would disagree
13 that housing 2,214 at OSP or 950 at OCI would quite
14 clearly be unconstitutional regardless of the superiority
15 of the programs. Somewhere inbetween these points on
16 the continuum, the constitutional line is crossed and
17 has been crossed.

18 Last winter, when conditions were
19 such that prisoners were sleeping on the floor, that
20 line was crossed -- I am satisfied that line was crossed.
21 While that practice has been discontinued, the number
22 of inmates at that institution has not substantially
23 changed.

24 The current populations are not
25 close enough to 1,107 or 476 to be constitutionally

1 permissible.

2 The number of prisoners at these
3 institutions must be reduced in a sensible manner, but
4 without delay, to the design capacity of each institution.
5 Only in short term emergencies after the jurisdiction
6 of this Court ceases in this matter, may the design
7 capacity be exceeded.

8 While I declare that the conditions
9 at each of these institutions is unconstitutional, I
10 do not propose to issue an injunction today. It is
11 appropriate that the state defendants be given an
12 opportunity to put their own house in order by presenting
13 a plan that assures immediate acts to bring the correc-
14 tions system into constitutional compliance with a
15 reasonable and realistic degree of promptness. The
16 efforts which have been underway since late 1979 and
17 early 1980 are bearing some tiny amount of fruit.

18 But the pace is too slow and cannot
19 constitutionally be tolerated. Neither good will nor
20 lack of financing is a defense to a continuing failure
21 to meet minimum constitutional standards. This Court
22 is sympathetic to the ever-increasing budgetary demands
23 on state taxpayers. Nevertheless, if the State of Oregon
24 wishes to hold inmates in institutions, it must maintain
25 those institutions in a constitutionally permissible

1 manner. As strongly as I believe in the principle of
2 comity and the preservation of a healthy state/federal
3 relationship, as much as I fear that treading into the
4 morass of supervision of a prison system that was so
5 eloquently described here yesterday, nonetheless, where
6 the state has failed to act to remedy a constitutional
7 violation, I will not refuse to act.

8 I am granting relief for violations
9 of prisoners' constitutional rights, courts have employed
10 a variety of mechanisms. The type of mechanism used
11 has depended in large part upon whether the court has
12 needed assistance in fact finding and in fashioning
13 a decree, or in implementing and enforcing the decree.

14 In some over populations, admissions
15 to penal facilities have been forbidden until they reach
16 the design capacity.

17 In others, graduated reductions to
18 design capacity have been ordered. To assure compliance
19 with Court orders, one system was placed in receivership.
20 Indeed, it is ironic that in the Alabama case the
21 receivership consisted of the Corrections Divisions
22 officials and after some considerable period of time
23 that was changed and the receiver appointed was not the
24 corrections officials themselves, but the Governor
25 himself.

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1 In many other cases, the special
2 masters have been appointed to oversee and implement
3 compliance.

4 One or more of a variety of these
5 remedies may become necessary in this case. However,
6 in ruling as I do here this morning, that I do not
7 issue an injunction here today, I call upon the state,
8 the defendants, to return to this Court in approximately
9 30 days with their suggestions at what ought to be
10 the language and wording and component of an injunction.

11 In that regard, I advise the counsel
12 for the defendants that in making this request, I do not,
13 in any way, mean to suggest to you that by participating
14 in this at my request you would be waiving any rights
15 which you may have to appeal this decision.

16 I do think, however, that it is much
17 more preferable that the parties themselves, with the
18 plaintiff -- consult with the plaintiff, that the
19 parties themselves present a plan which would be
20 incorporated in some kind of injunctive order. And
21 that plan prescribe a method by which reductions ordered
22 here could be achieved with a reasonable and realistic
23 degree of promptness and that plan as well encompass
24 your suggestions with respect to the necessity of any
25 supervising mechanism that you believe to be appropriate

1 in these circumstances.

2 Based upon the testimony that was
3 furnished yesterday, and upon the entire record in this
4 case, I am satisfied that there is every likelihood
5 that if you folks talking now specifically to the
6 lawyers, but I include as well, Mr. Sullivan and Mr.
7 Cupp and Mr. Watson, if you folks would exhibit the
8 same degree of integrity and professional responsibility
9 that I think you have exhibited up to this point, that
10 should not be all that difficult to come back in about
11 thirty days with a suggested plan.

12 Again, I remind all concerned that
13 in doing so, I do not mean to suggest that compliance
14 with that request would constitute any waiver by
15 defendants of their rights to appeal.

16 I suggest July 30th, we will have
17 a hearing at that time at 8:30 in the morning, at which
18 time these matters can be discussed and such action
19 as is appropriate be taken.

20 To summarize again, with respect to
21 that, I request the plan submitted be a plan for the
22 expeditious reduction of the population at OSP, its
23 Annex and OCI, to the design capacity of the facilities.
24 The plan include a timetable by which the reduction
25 is to be accomplished and should address the issue of

1 what, if any, possible -- what supervising mechanisms
2 are appropriate. That the plan also include the
3 necessity of construction of new or additional facilities,
4 of course, it must be born in mind, necessarily, that
5 to the extent that new construction is necessary, the
6 timetable for that, obviously, be consistent, both with
7 the realistic, but also, consistent with the obligations
8 of this Court to enforce the constitutional rights of
9 any person, may he or she be a prisoner or otherwise.

10 To the extent that the plan is found
11 by the Court to be acceptable, the plan will be
12 incorporated into an appropriate decree of injunctive
13 relief.

14 As mentioned earlier, on two or
15 three occasions, defendants will not be deemed to have
16 consented to the decree merely by their participation
17 in this plan preparation efforts.

18 If defendants fail to submit an
19 acceptable plan, I will issue special orders and directions
20 with respect to the matter.

21 In that regard, I reserve jurisdic-
22 tion to determine what mechanism, if any, may or ought
23 to be employed to assure the objective of the decree
24 and that they are achieved with the dispatch essential
25 to a problem of such a serious nature.

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The use of a daily fine is one tool available to the Court. I should come to that only with the greatest degree of reluctance.

I invite the parties to comment on the appropriateness of various enforcement mechanisms in light of any possible appeal that may be taken. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind what must be done will be done from achieving the necessary reduction as soon as it's realistically possible and prompt.

I reserve jurisdiction to take up the question of availability of attorney's fees with respect to the plaintiffs under Section 1938.

I reserve jurisdiction to enter additional findings as they seem appropriate to me.

I invite both sides to submit proposed findings to the point they believe findings are inadequate, unnecessary, erroneous or otherwise objectionable.

It would help me if proposed findings can be submitted perhaps a few days and maybe a week ahead of July 30th. We will have, of course, promptly as the reporter can manage it, a transcript of these remarks here this morning.

I express my appreciation to all concerned for the ----

1 I do not address at this time,
2 though I take into account the medical testimony that
3 has been given with respect to the medical services.
4 I do not address this separate claim for medical
5 services per se at the penitentiary. I think it's more
6 appropriate that that be left as a separate claim,
7 treated as a separate claim under Rule 42 and addressed
8 hereafter, particularly, in light of the commendable
9 actions of the Corrections Division to address that
10 problem in the fashion that has been described here
11 already and need not be repeated at this point.

12 Further, with respect to the other
13 subsidiary issues, the so-called other issues of
14 conditions, I will establish later a schedule for the
15 taking of testimony and disposition of those issues that
16 may seem to be the most appropriate to the needs and
17 demands of the parties and to the schedule of the Court.

18 I express my appreciation for all
19 concerned ----

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23 (End of proceedings.)
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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

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4 I, the undersigned, Robert Stimler, Official Court
5 Reporter of the United States District Court, for the
6 District of Oregon, do hereby certify that on the date
7 set forth on the title page of this transcript, I reported
8 in stenotype the proceedings occurred in the transcript
9 appended hereto; that I thereafter caused my stenotype
10 notes to be reduced to typewriting, under my direction, and
11 that the foregoing transcript, consisting of Pages 1 to 30,
12 both inclusive, constitutes a full, true and accurate tran-
13 script of said proceedings so reported by me on said date as
14 aforesaid.

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16 DATED at Portland, Oregon, this ____ day of June,
17 1980.

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22 ROBERT STIMLER
23 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
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