

Sue Johnson

~~3/24/99~~ 3/24/99

Hi Mom,

I'm in the hole. Some officer that doesn't even know who I am said he saw me on the tear during the riot. I wasn't on the tear at all.

My social worker Shannon McKennon told me yesterday that she could say for sure that I wasn't out on the tear.

Naw because of that they won't let her be my staff representative, and I don't know if she's going to be able to testify for me, tomorrow the 25th.

On top of all this my plastic cuffs were so tight, ~~too~~ and left on so long that I can no longer feel any part of my left hand. It feels like millions of needles are pricking me. The riot was on the 19th, it's now the 24th 5 days later and I still can't feel my hand or my fingers.

Mom this is all I remember, I went to sleep at about 8:30 am, at about 11:20 I was awakened by an explosion (Tear gas & flash grenade), my roommate was halfway in the door, I told him to get his stupid ass in the room & shut the door.

We sucked gas for an hour or so, he was telling me what all went on, at 12:45 or so the gas squad was at my cell door telling me to get my tuckered ass on the ground, after I was on the ground, they burst in (plastic cuffing me and hitting me in the back & head, after that

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I was Mace-ed, - After I didnt put up any fight they Spray me right in the eyes with pepper spray.

I'm still in my underwear as they drag me from Brovo South to a little cage in Seg. I'm left there for over an hour, my hand is turning Black, and no one would cut the cuff off.

They just laughed and said I shouldn't have fished with CCA, or Welcome to Oklahoma Weather factor

finally I saw an officer that knew me, I said hey I'm not bull shitting you, I cant feel my hand and it's turning black.

When he saw my hand, he started screaming get those cuffs off now.

Next they take me from Seg to A-S, They drag me threw bloody walls and floors in my bare feet, all I had on was a pair of Boxers. - They put me at risk by doing that shab.

Now my wrist is still scared and black & blue my hand is ^{still} numb. ³⁻²⁴⁻⁹⁹ Now I really wish

I would have written that attorneys name down that's Sving CCA in Tennessee.

Cause there is no reason for me getting hurt or dragged threw all that blood. Especially

when I didnt do any thing wrong and have a Staff member who knows it.

In the officers statement, He said She was standing right next to him. - So how can an officer that dosent know me (see me) and a Social work that has known me for 4 months or more (wotsee me) She knows for a fact that I wasnt out there on the tier (shes right cause I was in my cell)

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I just feel like I'm gonna get rail roaded, and there isn't anything I can do about it. The guy in the cell next to me just got 30 days for the same rule violation I'm charged with. (9)+(13)

Mom if I don't write again tomorrow, will you call down here and ask why I was kept in the hole, when a Staff member "Mrs McKennon Brave South's Counselor" knows for a fact that I wasn't involved.

The people to call would be ^{Chet} Wisener - Head of Security or call the warden or assistant warden (Mrs page & Hudson)

It's up to you, I just can't get around to talk to those people myself.

Mom everything I've told you is the truth word for word, I didn't down play anything, or up play it. I just wrote it as I remember it.

I'll try to write again soon, I'll for sure write tomorrow if I get out of here, if not, I'm gonna have to write until I do get out of the hole.

Sorry it's not good news

Love
always
CJ

Vance, Vaughn

From: chad demeyer [cjs99@newnorth.net]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 1999 2:42 PM
To: Sen. Breske
Subject: OKLAHOMA PRISONERS

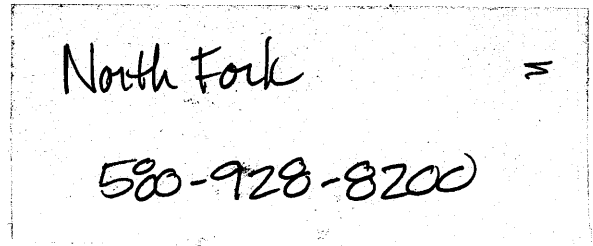
Dear Mr. Breske,

I don't know how many times I could say THANK YOU for caring enough to start looking into the Oklahoma inmates situation. I have a son who is in Oklahoma at the North Fork facility. I have heard of the abuses by the guards my son was taken into a bathroom (beyond camera range) and one guard held him from the back around the arms and another guard tried to beat him up. The guards were not successful as my son did get away and back into the hallway. They are fed oatmeal for breakfast, beans or rice for lunch and supper. We both know that these are the CHEAPEST staples available. Corrections Corporation of America is big business and they do not care anything of what goes on behind the prison walls as long as they make money. I have been to visit once because I am an over the road truckdriver and my load went past there. Otherwise it is a great hardship to visit and the phone calls from there cost almost \$11.00 each for 15 min. I have tried to spark an interest in this subject, but I was told they are only prisoners and the general public doesn't want to hear about them. Yes, Mr. Breske they are and they are all there because they did something wrong but they are also human beings with families who care about them but can't afford to visit or even more than one phone call per month. I have a friend in CCA's Tennessee facility and it isn't any better there. the same oatmeal, rice, and beans. So please Mr. Breske please investigate and try to help these people. They don't have anyone with any power that cares what happens to them. They need you! You are one of their only hopes to get things changed.

THANK YOU.

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Feel free to contact me:
715-282-6188



3/26/99 Vaughn called
Jeff Wyden, Supervisor
6-8993

CONSTITUENT INTAKE FORM

Date: 3.26.99
Name: Sue Johnson
Address: 7705 Highway 8 West
Rhineland, WI 54501
Phone: 715-282-6188
SSN:

Legislative Issue: North Fork Prison, OK

Standpoint:

Case: Her son, Cory DeMeyer, is a prisoner there. She is very happy that Roger is going down there to try to do something. She extends a huge "Thank You" to him. Says the living situation is horrible: rice and beans for lunch and dinner, oatmeal for breakfast. The prison wants to keep Wisconsin and Hawaiian prisoners because Wisconsin and Hawaii give the prison the most money. Her son did not take part in the recent riot – locked himself in his cell instead... She would like us to keep her updated on what Roger accomplishes.

Note:

Staff: ekp

*Vanman called.
No other requests*

*Roger -
Should we set up
meeting?
-Jr.*

**RACINE NAACP PRISON REFORM COMMITTEE
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April 4, 1999

Roger Breski, State Senator
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 9 EAST
PO BOX 7882
MADISON, WI 53707-7882

FAX: 608-267-0309

Dear Senator Breske:

Our Committee for Prison Reform, Serving Under the Racine Branch of NAACP has learned of your upcoming trip to lead a delegation of Wisconsin officials on a visit of the North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Our Committee has a particular interest in the exporting of Wisconsin Inmates to the facility in Oklahoma and the treatment they receive at the prison.

It has been brought to our attention that there are prison guards professing to be members of the KKK. It is reported that one guard claimed to an inmate to be a member of the Klan and he personally did not care if the inmates lived or died while serving time in the facility.

Attitudes and statements of this type lend themselves to a more hostile environment. The inmates from Wisconsin that are incarcerated in the North Fork Facility have already suffered the injustice of being separated from their families and loved ones by an unreasonable distance. They do not need to suffer further injustices by the actions and statements of local people serving on the prison staff that share the same attitude as evidenced by the guard mentioned.

Our Committee asks that your delegation question the officials of the North Fork Facility about reported affiliations of its staff with the KKK and what disciplinary action they have in place to contend with situations of this type when these affiliations compromise the efforts of maintaining a non-disruptive environment at the prison.

We have been in contact with Representative Robert Turner on this matter. He has also expressed an interest in this matter.

We appreciate your review of these allegations and anticipate the summary of your findings from this visit.

Sincerely,



Maime Crockett
Chairperson, NAACP Prison Reform Committee

cc: K. Plache
B. Ladwig
J. Lehman
R. Turner



State Senator
Chuck Chvala
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

April 6, 1999

The Honorable Roger Breske
Wisconsin State Senator
Rm. No. 18 S., Capitol
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Senator Breske:

The Senate Committee on Organization has approved your request for the Members of the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections to travel to Sayre, Oklahoma on April 21-22, 1999 for the purpose of conducting legislative oversight meetings will staff and inmates at the North Fork Correctional Facility.

It is the Committee's understanding that you are seeking reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses associated with the committee members' attendance at these meetings.

Your request has been approved contingent upon the Senate not being in session. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Chvala".

CHUCK CHVALA
Chairman
Senate Committee on Organization

Vance, Vaughn

To: Wydeven, Jeffrey T. (Exchange)
Cc: pcc@quarles.com
Subject: RE: Oklahoma Report

Jeff:

Sorry for the delay. I still haven't done a final trip report for the members, but here's what will go out today.

April 21 - Wednesday

9:30AM Depart Capitol

(Senate Sergeant to provide transportation)

10:00AM Lift off from Madison Airport

2:00PM Arrival at Sayre, Oklahoma Airport

If weather conditions necessitate, flight may be re-routed to Elk City, OK. If plans change, I will coordinate myself with prison officials. (Van transportation required for delegation of five).

@3:00 Arrival at Prison

Tour/Briefing/Informal Prisoner Contacts

@5:30 Depart for Hotel (Holiday Inn in Elk City)

(Van transportation required for delegation of five)

@6:30 Dinner with Oklahoma Legislators

R.O.N.

April 22 - Thursday

Breakfast at hotel

10:00AM Depart hotel for Prison

(Van transportation required)

Informal meetings with staff/inmates

12:00PM Lunch with Inmates

1:00PM Depart Prison for airport

(Van transportation required)

2:00PM Lift off for Madison

6:00PM Arrive Madison

(Senate Sergeant to Provide Transportation to Capitol)

ON PRIVATE MEETINGS: Roger would like to request that the following three inmates meet with him briefly. I do not know if this is complicated by the fact that all or some may be in the SEG unit.

Corey DeMeyer
John Waube
George Armstrong

Get out of Seg. No Programs for Him

Dustin Marshall

offer that Quit Sunday

Thanks for all of your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

VAUGHN L. VANCE, J.D., M.P.A.
Chief of Staff & Legal Counsel
Office of Senator Roger Breske
WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wydeven, Jeffrey T. (Exchange)
[mailto:Jeffrey.Wydeven@doc.state.wi.us]
Sent: Friday, April 16, 1999 8:59 AM
To: Margolies, Robert S. (Exchange)

Cc: Vance, Vaughn; Verhagen, Dick J. (Exchange)
Subject: RE: Oklahoma Report

Vaughn:

There is no final report yet. Do you have details of the trip next week? If you can get me the time of your expected arrival at the Sayre airport on Wednesday (4-21), I will make sure there is ground transportation waiting. I will plan on 5 people (4 Senators and yourself), and luggage, unless I hear otherwise.

Also, let me know if you have any other details (e.g. names of specific inmates you wish to see, other times, etc.) and I will gladly try to make pre-arrangements.

I will be in Oklahoma on Monday and Tuesday (4-19/20). If you need to get in touch with me, use my cell phone (tel. 608-575-4119). Otherwise, feel free to call North Fork Warden Rick Hudson directly at 580-928-8200.

Thanks.

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> From: Margolies, Robert S. (Exchange)
> Sent: Thursday, April 15, 1999 9:31 AM
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MEMORANDUM

April 16, 1999

TO: Oklahoma Prison Delegation
FR: Senator Roger Breske, Chair
Senate Committee on Corrections
RE: Itinerary for April 21 & 22

Below, please find additional information about the Committee's April 21-22 trip to the North Fork Correctional Facility. Please feel free to give Vaughn a call in my office should you have any questions or concerns.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999

9:30AM Depart Capitol
Senate Sergeant to provide transportation

10:00AM Wheels Up

2:00PM Arrive Sayre, Oklahoma Airport
Should weather conditions necessitate, flight may be re-routed to Elk City.
Department of Corrections to provide transportation

3:00PM Arrive at North Fork Correctional Facility
Briefing by Warden
Facility Tour
Informal Staff/Inmate Contacts

5:30PM Depart North Fork for Holiday Inn, Elk City, OK.
DOC to provide transportation

6:30PM Dinner with Oklahoma Legislators
[Location: Holiday Inn]

R.O.N.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

10:00AM Depart hotel for North Fork Correctional Facility
DOC to provide transportation

10:15AM Informal meetings with staff & inmates
Private meetings with constituent inmates (advance requests required)

12:00PM Lunch with inmates in cafeteria

1:00PM Depart North Fork Correctional Facility

1:30PM Arrive Sayre, OK Airport

2:00PM Wheels Up for Madison

6:00PM Arrive in Madison
Senate Sergeant to provide transportation

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Should your staff need to contact you during the visit, I have listed several contact numbers below.

North Fork Correctional Facility: 580/928-8200

Warden: Rick Hudson

Jeffrey Wydeven, DOC Quality Control: 608/575-4119 (cell)

Jeff will be on-site during April 21-22

Elk City Holiday Inn: 580/225-6637

Bob Margoleis: Legislative Liaison, DOC 266-2931

Vance, Vaughn

From: chad demeyer [cjs99@newnorth.net]
Sent: Monday, April 19, 1999 10:04 PM
To: Sen.Breske
Subject: Cory DeMeyer

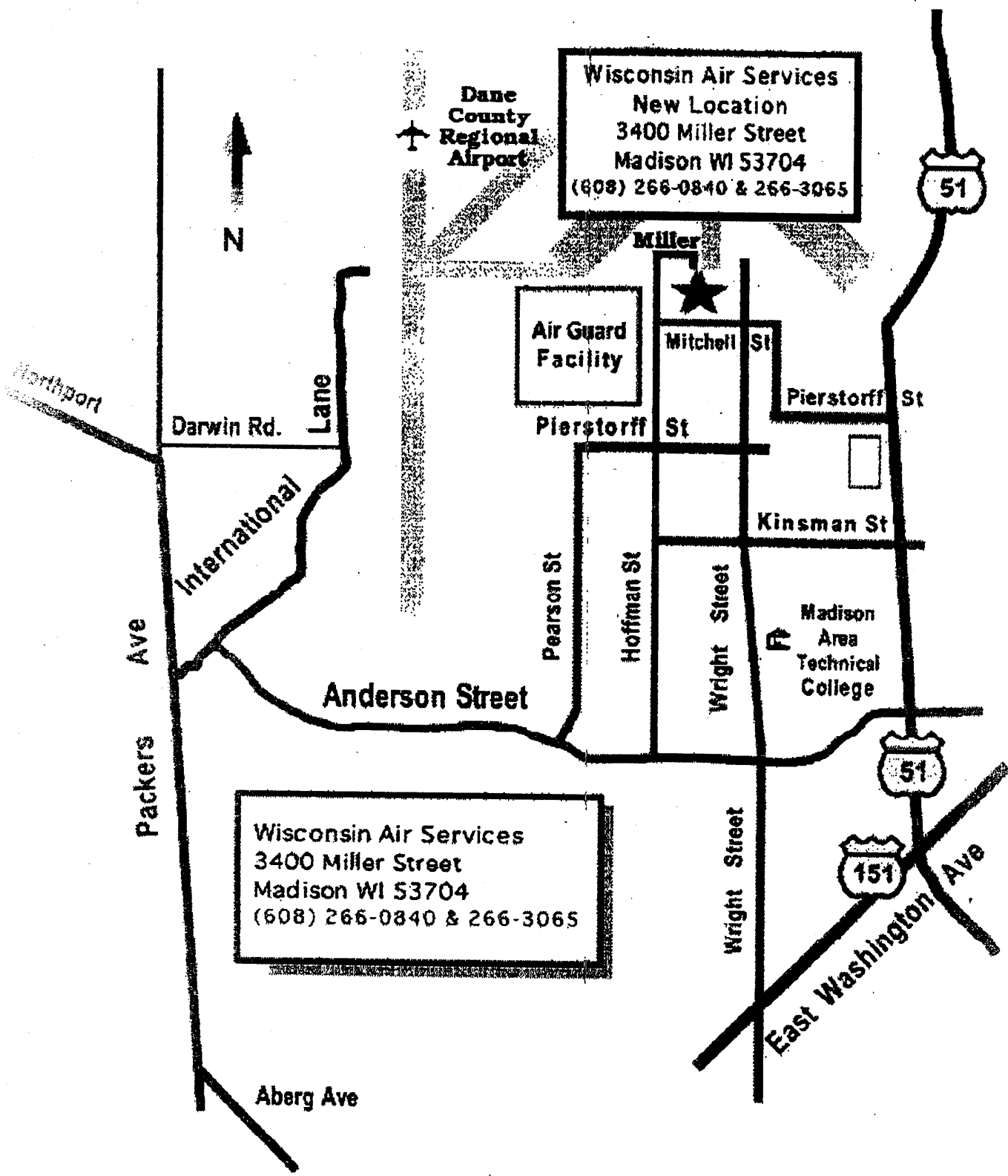
Dear Senator Breske/ Vaughn

Thank you again for doing what you are doing. Cory will appreciate it at least someone will be listening to what he has to say instead of telling him to keep his mouth shut. Please tell Cory that I send my LOVE. Evidently a guard let him make a phone call on Sunday night there was a message on my machine with the phone recording on it. Tell him I'm sorry I missed it by less than 10 minutes.

Take care and I hope your trip goes well. May God Bless all of you for taking the time to care. You are a godsend.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Ann Johnson
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FROM PEC ENTERPRISES 405 973 0028

MEMORANDUM

Fax to: [unclear]
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414-271-

To: Bob Morgan, Maj. Gen (Ret), Principal
Capitol Consultants & Associates
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Date: April 19, 1999

Re: Northfork Correctional Facility - Agenda

General Morgan:

The following is the suggested timing Agenda for your legislative guests at the economic business and the governmental officials from the State of Wisconsin. It is my understanding that the Wisconsin delegation is arriving via the Wisconsin's Governor's airplane in mid-afternoon April 21, 1999.

AGENDA

Wednesday 21 April 1999
Departure 4:00 pm
Wiley Post Airport - Oklahoma City
Millionaire Terminal
Transport - State of Oklahoma King Air

Arrival Hinton 4:18 pm

Departure Hinton 4:35 pm

Arrival Elk City 5:00 pm

General Aviation Terminal
Transport - Northfork Correctional Facility (NCF)

Dinner 5:15 pm

Holiday Inn

Departure to Airport 7:00 pm

Transport to Airport NCF

Wednesday 21 April 1999
Departure 7:15 pm

Elk City Airport - Elk City
General Aviation Terminal

Arrival Hinton 7:40 pm

Departure Hinton 7:50 pm

Arrival Wiley Post 8:15 pm

Attendees: Legislative Guests From Wisconsin, NCF Warden Rick Hudson, NCF Assistant Wardens

Honorable Senator Gilmer N Capps (D) Dist 26

Honorable Senator Robert M Kerr (D) Dist 38

Honorable Senator Bruce Price (D) Dist 23

Honorable Senator Dick Wilkerson (D) Dist 13

Honorable Rep Dale W Wells (D) Dist 33

Honorable Rep Randy L Beutler (D) Dist 60

Honorable Kent Whinary Mayor City of Sayre

Honorable Jack Ivestor Jr. Mayor Elect Sayre

General Kerr, EVP Norris & Associates, Contract Monitor for the Sayre Industrial Authority

General Bob Morgan, Principal Capitol Consultants for the Sayre Industrial Authority

Contact Number: (580) 928-8001 NCF Sharon

Private Airplane passenger

Dinner meeting of Oklahoma and Wisconsin legislators hosted by NCF

Attendees:

Oklahoma State House of Representatives

Beutler, Randy L.	P.O.Box 1981 Elk City, OK 73648	336 State Capitol Bldg. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd Okla. City, OK 73105
Wells, Dale	1107 East 8 Cushing, OK 74023	329-A State Capitol Bldg. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Okla. City, OK 73105

Oklahoma State Senate

Capps, Gilmer N.	820 E. 11 Street Snyder, OK 73566	424-A State Capitol Bldg. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Okla. City, OK 73105
Kerr, Robert M.	#1 Confederate Road Altus, OK 73521	412-A State Capitol Bldg. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Okla. City, OK 73105
Price, Bruce	P.O. Box 160 Hinton, OK 73047	515-A State Capitol Bldg. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Okla. City, OK 73105

City of Sayre

Ivester, Jack	115 W. Main Sayre, OK 73662	Mayor
Whinery, Kent	215 E. Main Sayre, OK 73662	past Mayor

North Fork Correctional Facility

R.L. (Rick) Hudson	1605 E. Main Sayre, OK 73662	Warden
Linda Page	same	Assistant Warden
David Backer	same	Assistant Warden

CCA

Kevin Ashburn	10 Burton Hills Blvd. Nashville, TN 37205	Director, Business Development
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Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Jeff Wydeven	149 E. Wilson St. PO Box 7925 Madison, WI 53707-7925	Contract Monitor Supervisor
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Others in Attendance

Peter C. Christianson	P.O. Box 2113 Madison, WI 53701	Attorney at Law
Gen. Bob Morgan	Principal Capitol Cons. Okla. City, OK	Sayre Industrial Authority
D. Patrick McCoy	PEC Enterprises Okla. City, OK	CEO

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MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1999

TO: Roger
FR: Vaughn
RE: Oklahoma Prison Tour

Below are a list of the issues that we have discussed in relation to our tour of the North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre, Oklahoma. At your request, I have prepared a listing of some general topic areas that you indicated an interest in reviewing with management at the prison.

STAFFING

1. What is the current staffing plan for the prison (i.e., ratio of guards to prisoners)?
2. Does this facility follow the same guard training program that Wisconsin prisons follow?
3. What is the process of reviewing prisoner complaints?
4. What types of contact do you have with Wisconsin Department of Corrections officials?
5. How many visitors does this facility receive from Wisconsin and what are your policies to accommodate families?

PRISONERS

Remember to get inmate numbers from prisoners with whom you have direct contact. This will better allow staff to follow up on any concerns that you have. You are also supposed to be having private, personal meetings with three inmates from your district.

OKLAHOMA LEGISLATORS

1. What is capacity of state's correctional system?
2. Does Oklahoma contract with private prisons either in or out of state?
3. What is your average cost per day of in-state prisoners?
4. Is Wisconsin the largest "importer" of prisoners to Oklahoma?
5. What has been local reaction to the construction of prisons such as North Fork?

R. Breske
May 21, 1999
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Our committee is concerned with the lack of rehabilitative programs being offered at this facility. From the input we have received, it seems that there is a very young population at North Fork.

These young adults will be returning to our communities eventually. A fair and rehabilitative treatment for the inmates is important to everyone

We once again, ask for your review of these issues, and await your assessment of the conditions for the Wisconsin inmates housed at the North Fork Correctional Facility.

Sincerely,

Mamie Crockett
Chairperson, NAACP Prison Reform Committee

cc: K. Plache
B. Ladwig
J. Lehman
R. Turner
M. Reece
T. White