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NYC BOARD OF CORRECTION
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Dear Richard:

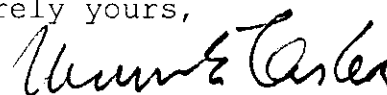
I apologize for not having responded earlier to your kind letter of January 22 enclosing the material relating to the proposed amendments to the minimum standards for New York City correctional facilities.

I have now had an opportunity to study and ponder the papers. My reaction to the proposed amendments is mixed. They are clearly well thought out and on the whole the justification is offered for those which diminish the rights of inmates. Nevertheless, as I read them I was disappointed that the Board seemed to feel a need for narrowing inmate's rights. This was particularly true as to the proposed amendments 1-07, 1-08 and 1-09.

I recognize that, as a result of the passage of time, I am out of touch with the day to day necessities of the correctional system. I have no reason to believe that the drafters of the amendment do not believe in good faith that the amendments are necessary. However, I think that even in the field of corrections, the most productive philosophy is to apply a minimum of restrictions consistent with the safety of the inmates.

Thank you for telling me about your chat with Judge Justice and for putting me in his class. With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Morris E. Lasker