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ADDENDUM

Update to March Progress Report

April 4, 1978

In the March Progress Report under the Implementation Plans were a number of steps which were to be completed for the end of February or the end of March. The following lists those steps and indicates by recommendation whether those implementation stages have been completed. If they were not completed on schedule the reason has been set out along with the new expected completion date.

Recommendation Number and Summary of Stage to be completed:

- 3 - Discussions with the provinces over correctional standards were to have been led with Regional data gathering and analysis of that data. This was done with representatives from provincial governments, CPS, NPS and NPB.
- completed
- 4 - Job descriptions have been finalized and a list of alternatives to the present selection standards has been submitted to the Senior Management Committee. In addition, standards for tasks and competencies have been completed. These are now being assessed by supervisors and should be approved by the end of June.
- completed
- 8 - National Headquarters personnel were to have visited all the Regions to explain the process of identifying training positions.
- completed
- 12 - The revised policy on expansion of international contacts through exchange visits was to have been approved by Senior Management.
- completed

- 14 - Name identification tags to be worn by staff and inmates was to have been fully implemented. - completed*
- * Saskatchewan Penitentiary and Bowden Institute in the Prairies have not yet issued all I.D. tags. A shortage of printing materials at Bowden, and sick leave, educational leave and shift scheduling at Saskatchewan Penitentiary are the reasons for the delay. All other institutions report full implementation.
- 15 - The Commissioner's Directive on the transfer and discharge of inmates from Special Handling Units was to be approved by Senior Management and issued to the field. - completed
- 16a - A training program for the Emergency Response Teams was to have been established. - completed
- 17 - With reference to the employment of women as CX officers, selection standards and recruitment practices were to have been reviewed. - completed
- 19 - A 3-man committee was to have been established in every region to conduct an analysis of all Correctional and Living Unit Officers' positions. - completed
- 29a - Analysis and policy papers have been completed. It is expected that all present Commissioner's Directives will be processed in the new format by July 1, 1978. It is still expected that all C.D.'s, present and future, will be consolidated by April, 1979. - completed
- 33a - The Commissioner's Directive on Inmate Transfers was to have been prepared and sent to the Directives Management Team. There it will be processed, translated and issued. - completed

- 33b - Negotiations for standing offers on the use of charter flights, and discussions with the R.C.M. Police on the use of their flights are under way. - completed
- 34 - A centralized purchase of core legal materials has been done; however, this initial order will not be deemed to be full implementation. CPS objective is to provide materials that are not only relevant, but are packaged and presented in a manner that can and will be used and understood by the inmate population. - completed
- 38 - The new Commissioner's Directive on Inmate Committees was to have been approved by Senior Management, and all institutions were to have an Inmate Committee. B.C. Penitentiary is now holding elections. - completed
- 41b - The first evaluation of the Joyceville project was to have been analyzed. The possibility of establishing a similar industrial program at Springhill Institution has been examined and the results have proved positive. - completed
- 41c - The Bonus Plans, after one year of application in most of the institutions with industrial shops, have been a "great success". As a result there will be no need to re-submit to the Treasury Board, but instead a comprehensive report will be issued at the end of April which will form the basis for continuance. - completed
- 41d - Divisional Instructions were to have been prepared on the procedures to be used in implementing the earned remission system. Regional Officials were to be trained for implementation. - completed*

* The Commissioner's Directive and the Divisional Instructions will not be issued until this part of the Act has been proclaimed.

- 43 - The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education was to have begun its review of Penitentiary Education and Training in Canada. - completed

The new Chief, Vocational Training, has started his analysis of present educational and training facilities, but the final report has been delayed for three months because he is on language training.

- not completed

A survey has been completed on the current practice of persuading inmates to learn.

- completed

- 45 - The draft terms of reference were to have been received for the employment of Dr. Boyd to study the possibility of applying the Oak Ridge Social Therapy model as a pilot project. The contract is now in the hands of Dr. Boyd for signature. - completed

- 53 - Senior Management was to have approved of the concept of common dining rooms. - completed

Consultants have been assigned the task of developing building programs and it is expected that the programs will be completed by the end of April, 1978. The expected completion date is still in the Spring of 1980.

- 55 - The National Planning Committee on the Female Offender met in March. A statement was prepared for the Ministry and the studies on security classification, population, prediction and transfer mechanisms have been completed. - completed

59 - The detailed plan on the treatment of sex offenders program has been delayed by one month in order that more CPS officials can have an input into the development of the plan. - not completed

63 - A paper on the approaches to the problem of long-term offenders was to have been presented to Senior Management. - completed

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