



COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN

January 22, 1991

J. Michael Quinlan, Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Director Quinlan:

It was good of you to send your unsolicited letter, dated November 28, 1990, to CEML. We appreciate your desire to reassure us that "the Bureau is committed to providing the highest possible quality correctional services in the interest of public safety and that our new facility in Florence, Colorado will be operated on a safe, humane, and professional manner."

One of the central problems with your letter is that despite the claim that the letter contains "information" to reassure us, the letter contains only your assertions, and no information at all. In an effort to overcome this problem, which is far more than one of semantics, we are enclosing some specific questions about the new control unit prison (you call it the "administrative maximum security prison") the BOP is planning for Florence. Your answers to these questions will begin to provide us, and other concerned members of the public, with some genuine information that we will then be able to use in our efforts to evaluate the likely outcome and mission of this new prison.

We hope that you will quickly be able to provide us with a thorough set of answers to these questions.

Thank you for your desire to reassure us.

Sincerely,

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown