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In attendance:

vanden Heuvel	Terry Strauss - CJCC
Singer	K. Hawks
de Monte	Leo Zefferetti - COBA
Schulte	Mr. Cranston "
Dribben	Mr. Brown "

Mrs. Singer was asked by the Chairman to visit the Women's House of Detention to try to determine the opening date of the facility on Riker's Island.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Zefferetti, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cranston of the Correction Officers' Benevolent Association were asked to discuss their view of problems of the Department and of the Tombs in particular. In essence the problems were as follows: Overcrowding; Inadequate staffing of CO's; Inadequate training of new CO's; Social problems brought in by prisoners from the streets; re staffing, the DC is the only department not to recognize employment of veterans returning from Vietnam; Absence of classification system for incoming prisoners; Absence in Tombs of maximum security areas for isolation of inmates considered riot material.

Mr. Zefferetti made some suggestions for actions desirable for improvement of conditions within the existing system: Increase safety of CO's on the job; Increase in dialogue between inmates and CO's; Increase training of CO's.

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The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion of the Lavon case and the ensuing report.