

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION

June 17, 1975

A regular meeting of the Board of Correction was held on Tuesday, June 17, 1975 at the Brooklyn House of Detention for Men, 275 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Present were Father Rios, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Singer and Mr. Tufo. Also present by invitation of the Board were Marc Rosen, Executive Director; Michael D. Cleary, Executive Secretary/Fiscal Officer; Barbara Armstrong, Acting Director, Clergy Volunteer Program; Greg Harris, Deputy Director, Clergy Volunteer Program; Reverend Charles Straut, Institutional Coordinator, CVP; Stephen Fisher, Staff Assistant; and Jeff Buss, student intern.

Mr. Tufo served as Chairman and Mr. Fisher as Secretary of the meeting.

At 3:35 after a tour of the institution, including the 10th floor high security risk area, and adjoining service corridor (the route of the May 25 escape attempts), the Board met in Executive Session.

At 3:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order. The Board expressed its displeasure with Warden West and Assistant Deputy Warden Guzman in their refusal to escort them through the institution and meet with them.

The matter of CVP access to the institution was raised. It was stated that there appears to be a lack of cooperation, communication and mutual respect on the part of the institutional administration towards the CVP. In addition, the Warden seems to be overriding Department wide regulations concerning the CVP members. It was agreed that the Commissioner would be apprised of the Warden's disregard of his directive.

The Chairman declared that the Board will offer its assistance to the Department of Investigation in investigating system-wide security.

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Singer and seconded by Mr. Schulte the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Before departing from the institution, the Board was informed that Warden West was available for a meeting in his office. The Board met with him and discussed the recent escape and the agencies involved in the investigation. CVP access was also raised, and it was agreed that Father Rios and Reverend Wilson would meet with Warden West in a few weeks to resolve the problem.