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TO: *Nikki Haley*

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS TO YOU, INCLUDING A PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT THAT IS INCENTIVE BASED. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THIS LETTER WERE THOUGHT THROUGH.

SINCE MY INCARCERATION HERE IS A LITTLE INFORMATION:

- I ATTAINED MY GED IN 2007.
- I GRADUATED COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY @ KIRKLAND IN 2012.
- I AM CURRENTLY THE CHAPLAIN'S CLERK AT WATEREE RIVER.
- JUMPSTART IS ONE OF SEVERAL PROGRAMS I CONTRIBUTE TO HERE.

MANY DESCRIBE OUR TIMES AS POSTMODERN. THIS IS A COMPLEX PHILOSOPHICAL POSITION, SO WE DENOTE IT HERE TO MEAN THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES. MANY ADVOCATES OF POSTMODERNISM WOULD CHALLENGE THE BASIS FOR KNOWING ANYTHING. MY POINT IS, OUR CULTURE IS PRESENTLY THE ANTITHESIS OF ABSOLUTISM.

THE INFERENCE I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT AN INMATE WITH A SENTENCE LIKE MINE IS BASED ON ABSOLUTISM. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO MOTIVATING FACTOR TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING DURING MY INCARCERATION. NEVERTHELESS, I MADE A COMMITMENT TO C.I.U. TO CARRY OUT ITS PRISON INITIATIVE PROGRAM. SINCE THAT TIME, GOD HAS EXTENDED HIS GRACE TO ME DAY BY DAY.

CONCERNING SCDC, THE HERE AND NOW IS VERY REAL. HERE ARE SEVERAL INCENTIVE BASED THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER:

	BASE CREDIT(S)	BONUS CREDIT(S)
• MERITORIOUS WORK CREDITS	PRO-RATED FOR EVERYONE	?
• GED CREDITS	30 DAYS	30 DAY PER YEAR
• 1 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	60 DAY PER YEAR
• 2 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	90 DAY PER YEAR
• 3 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	120 DAY PER YEAR
• 4 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	150 DAY PER YEAR
• 5 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	180 DAY
• 10 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	360 DAY
• 15 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	360 DAY
• 20 YEAR DISCIPLINARY FREE	30 DAYS	360 DAY

WE NEED AN INCENTIVE BASED SYSTEM DESIGNED TO EMPOWER ADMINISTRATION AND INMATE ALIKE. WE NEED A PURPOSE-DRIVEN SYSTEM THAT "MAJORS ON THE MAJORS," AND "MINORS ON THE MINOR." NO PROPOSAL IS BLACK AND WHITE. ISSUES ARE COMPLEX, BUT ONE CAN SEE THAT CHANGE IS NECESSARY.

MAJORS =TIME DEDUCTIONS

MINORS =EXTRA DUTY, ETC... (3 MINORS = 1 MAJOR)

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE OF THE DEATH OF THE LATE MR. JAMES H. HARRIS, JR., WHO DIED AT HIS HOME IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ON THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1901.

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Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of January, 1901.

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TODAY, WE ARE ARCHAIC WHEN IT COMES TO CULTURE. PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE CRYING FOR JUSTICE. POSTMODERNISM HAS TAUGHT US THAT EVERYTHING IS NOT ABSOLUTE. THE SOCIAL DESIGN THAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR JUSTICE IS ABSOLUTE. THE PROBLEM IS, MEN DO NOT ALWAYS IMPLEMENT GOD'S SYSTEM.

THE GROUNDS FOR WRITING TO YOU IS FROM AN INSIDERS PERSPECTIVE. I SEE CHAOS AND DISTORTED IDEAS THAT MEN ASSUME. I BELIEVE THAT OUR CULTURE RESPONDS WELL TO POSITIVISM. FURTHER, WE NEED TO TEACH THE MASSES TO REDUCE THE SENSATIONAL. POSTMODERNISM IS INCORRECT, BUT ONE CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY IT EXIST. THERE IS DESPAIR AT EVERY TURN, AND RIGHTLY SO.

ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES. THIS IS TRUE FOR THE CRIMINAL, AND IT STANDS TRUE FOR ANY SYSTEM THAT MAN DETERMINES TO EMPLOY. I SEE THE GANG ACTIVITY. FIRST RESPONSE CALLS ARE FREQUENT. I SEE GUARDS, AND INMATES ALIKE, DEJECTED. I SEE GUARDS THAT DO NOT LAST IN THE DEPARTMENT (NOR SHOULD THEY). WE CANNOT SAY THAT THIS IS HOW IT IS IN THE PRISON SYSTEM. THAT IS DISTORTED THINKING. WE SHOULD BE ASKING WHAT OUGHT TO BE, AND START FROM THERE.

I HAVE A 20 YEAR SENTENCE. I WILL COMPLETE 17 YEARS (UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES), FOLLOWED BY 2 YEARS OF POST-RELEASE. I WOULD RATHER BEGIN WITH 100% OF MY TIME AND BE GIVEN A PURPOSE DRIVEN PROGRAM TO POSSIBLY DEDUCE MY TIME BY 30 TO 35%. THIS WOULD HAVE AN AWE-INSPIRING EFFECT. ALSO, YOU WOULD CAUSE THOSE WHO ARE ANTI-ADMINISTRATION TO RETHINK THEIR POSITION.

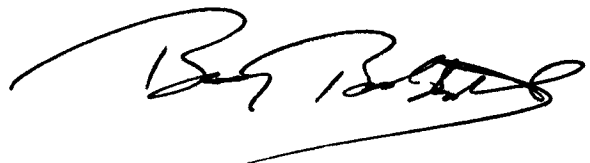
UTILITARIAN IDEAS ARE WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL. IN AN IDEAL WORLD, THE PENAL SYSTEM WOULD FUNCTION WELL. IN ACTUALITY, THERE IS CHAOS AND DESPAIR. THE CONTEMPORARY CULTURE WILL NOT HAVE ANY PART OF THE ABSOLUTIST OR COLONIAL THINKING THAT HAS MARRED PAST CULTURES.

CHANGE IS NECESSARY. THE PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATION NEEDS TO BE RESTRUCTURED. WHAT I MEAN IS, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT HOW ONE THINKS DETERMINES HOW ONE ACTS. THE LOSS OF MEANING AND VALUES HAS GREATLY IMPRESSED OUR CULTURE. I PRAY THAT SOMEONE WILL INTERPRET THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE, AND MAKE A RIGHT JUDGMENT. WHAT THIS CULTURE NEEDS IS SOMETHING TO EMBRACE. TO ALTER THE COURSE OF OUR CULTURE WE NEED REAL CHANGE.

IF THIS LETTER MAKES AN IMPRESSION, SHARE IT.

SINCERELY,

BARRY BOBBITT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Bobbitt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.