

June 30, 09

Dear Mr. Spinato:

Thanks for your June 4 letter. I have received two letters from you in the past. I responded to each. Did you get either of my letters?

Letters to the media typically turn up "missing." The government keeps a pretty consistent black out over this place. The sadistic Warden Wiley will not allow face-to-face interviews with the media. And the fact that I got your June 4th letter on June 30th tells you they do not like any other contact with the media either.

Which is why I do not believe the government will bring Git mo detainees here; they do not want the detainees high-powered lawyers focusing their ire on Supermax. Washington built a nice little black hole where they throw their unmentionables;

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and they do not want a bunch of New York lawyers shining any light in here.

The prison is at capacity now, so even if they did decide to move the detainees here, I do not know where they would put them. To house that many detainees staff would have to empty one, two, maybe three entire units. And only those convicted in U.S. Federal court would be cycled in with us. The rest would probably be housed in a separate unit.

When I arrived here I was one of only two non-Muslim in this section. Since then they've moved most of the Muslims to another section. Now, my range holds mostly common criminals who came here from General Population (GP) prisons. Some have earned a sentence here for assaulting staff or other inmates. Many are gang "drop-outs" or "check-ins" - these are

are inmates who have made enemies in General Population and need protective custody. Many of these inmates have no respect for anyone or anything. They bang on the walls and showers; throw urine and feces; and fill the halls with threats and profanity. The Arab Muslims are different. They are generally respectful and quiet and keep to themselves.

The government goes out of its way to please its non-Christian inmates. Muslims can buy prayer rugs and Kufi cap. Morans are given away free. A Muslim Imam has recently been attached to the Chaplain's Office. The Chaplain has an extensive library of Islamic and Jewish books. Black Muslims can even watch the racist rants of Louis Farrakhan every week on the prison television channel. And there is a special Kasher and Halal food tray for Jewish and Muslim inmates. The tray offers

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many items not found on the other trays, such as real whole wheat bread and large quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables, many of the less than honest inmates "convert" to Judaism or Islam just to get the Kosher-Halal food tray. In contrast, the government's treatment of Christians is different. Christian cannot get the Kosher-Halal food tray. Pro-life literature is routinely rejected by the Mail Room because it "threatens the good order, safety, and discipline of the institution." I, for example, cannot meet with pastors of my choice. And the Chaplain will not show movies like Mel Gibson's The Passion of The Christ because it's just "too controversial." We get treated to a weekly dose of Farrelton, but the Passion is too controversial

"How has Supermax changed me?" you ask. It hasn't. I'm still the same person - a little older and a little wiser, but still

same person, the same conviction.

For a better look at
the prison read my essay
"Supermax", posted at ArmyofGod.com
You will also find there my
recently finished book, Abortion:
The Irrepressible Conflict.

Sincerely,

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