

My name is Jessica Raymond and I am an official visitor for the PA Prison Society. I am a retired teacher and have chosen to work with the homeless and helping those who are incarcerated. My hope is to make the lives of less fortunate human beings a bit better, a bit happier, and to try to have them treated more humanely and justly. This is all volunteer work and I receive no compensation from any source. I have been a prison visitor since 1976 - at Delaware County Prison, and at SCI Chester since August of 1998.

I receive letters and phone calls from inmates, their families and friends, and from other concerned agencies. I always respond to any communication, and if need be, I visit the inmate, discuss the concern, and try to be helpful. It is also my responsibility to work with the

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prison administration to understand their position on problems on which I am working. Here at SCI Chester, I was given a liaison person to communicate about problems. Unfortunately, this has not worked very well. I write numerous letters to my liaison, but have only received one letter from that person. That was early in my visiting SCI Chester - it was a letter admonishing me. I've recently come to the realization that I must improve my relationship with SCI Chester administration.

All my medical issues must be sent to Supt. Byrd. I am not permitted to contact the medical department. Supt. Byrd reviews my letters and sends them to the medical department. I do receive some responses from medical, but not always. I have copies here of all my medical correspondence and all of the responses I have received.

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When visiting SCI Chester, I have been treated fairly by visiting room and desk staff.

Medical treatment, both physical and mental is one of the most frequently mentioned problems presented to me. When I first began visiting SCI Chester, I made the mistake of directly contacting medical - that was when I received the admonishing letter from my liaison. I was told that I might be looked upon as surreptitious. (copy of letter is here.) I had never before been suspected of being surreptitious. I am outspoken and make every effort to be honest and sincere in prison work and in my life as a whole.

I cannot say that my correspondence is never looked into. I have had responses from inmates and their families that situations have been looked into and corrected.

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But that is not common. With medical, the best results I get are, when after a long period of frustration and a seeming lack of action, I send my documentation to Bill DiMascio, Executive Director of the PA Prison Society. He reviews the papers and sends them to Catherine McVey at DOC. I do this only when other avenues do not work - so far, I've done this for two SCI Chester inmates.

I have here medical complaints, and correspondence from SCI Chester inmates and families, along with copies of my letters to SCI Chester, other pertinent documents, and any responses I have received from medical. I will give you the general categories of these complaints.

Epilepsy
Sexual harassment - male CO
harassing male inmate

Personal Cleanliness Denied - 8 days
with no shower, shave, change of
linen or clothes.

Lack of Physical therapy

Dental

Confidential Medical Information -
somehow known to COs

Therapeutic Drug/Alcohol program run
by Gaudenzia House - reports that
some staff do not want this
program to succeed.

Lack of heat on blocks

Hot urines in a drug-free prison

HIV/AIDS
Crohn's Disease

Lack of recreation/exercise

Large weight loss over short period
of time

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome - and then
being heavily cuffed,
Hepatitis C

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Vitamins - inmate not permitted to take his own vitamins

Toe-nail fungus - request for anti-fungal creme - "Wait until you are on the streets."

Testicular cyst / pain

Gall Bladder - operation needed

Refusal of tylenol for pain and ice for pain

Chronic pain problems

Unfulfilled promises to see a surgeon or outside doctor

Inadequate materials for inmates to clean shower stalls.

All of my documents/letters are available for you to review. In order for you to get the full measure of these situations - you need to read the letters.

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Now I wish to detail two cases on which I have been working for months, I have all letters and documents for your review.

Ezekiel Simmons -

Ezekiel Simmons was playing basketball in the SCI Chester gym on 7-27-98. As he came down from jumping for the ball, he landed on someone's foot and his knee was injured. He was taken to SCI Chester medical department - given ice, had his knee wrapped, and was given crutches. He had continual pain in his knee and on 9-21-98, his knee gave out completely. Ezekiel Simmons has never seen the accident report which is supposed to be filed after any prison accident.

Ezekiel Simmons filed medical grievance on 9-25-98, 10-13-98, and 11-1-98. All actions were denied and he still walked on crutches.

I first visited Ezekiel Simmons ⁽⁸⁾ on 1/21/99, seven months after his accident. He told me that an MRI was finally taken on 10/29/98 - four months after the accident. It showed a torn ACL and at least one torn anterior ligament. (I have the name of the group that took this MRI.)

Dr. Hoffman at SCI Chester stated to Ezekiel Simmons that his age (45) prohibited an operation, and that the state did not want to spend the money. A physical therapist at SCI Chester told Ezekiel Simmons several times that he needed a knee operation.

I know that if I incurred such an injury or if one of my children did, I would have immediate professional care and an MRI. I would also have an operation as soon as possible to avoid further injury to my knee. I'm sure that most people in this room would take immediate action.

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I visited with Mary Ann Williams, Assistant to Supt. Byrd on 1/21/99 and one of the things I mentioned to her was Ezekiel Simmons' knee problem.

I wrote to Supt. Byrd on 1/25/99 about Ezekiel Simmons' knee problem. (copy included with this testimony). I told her in that letter that Ezekiel Simmons is a Certified, licensed, Heavy Equipment Operator and would need two good legs to continue that employment upon his return to his home. I received an answer on 2/2/99 stating, "This matter will be appropriately reviewed by our medical staff."

Bill DiMascio, Executive Director of the PA Prison Society visited Supt. Chester on 2/26/99. He spoke with Supt. Byrd about Ezekiel Simmons' knee problem and she told him she would look into it. He also visited Ezekiel Simmons and wrote him a letter on 3/1/99. (copies included.)

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On 8/4/99 I received correspondence from Ezekiel Simmons - seven months after my original contact with him. He told me that there had been no progress toward his knee operation, that his knee was cracking, and he continued to have sharp pain. He was still on crutches one year after his accident and that his back was beginning to show the strain of continual crutch use. Someone also told him that Sgt Chester was not going to give him an operation.

On 8/26/99 I again wrote to Supt. Byrd - letter enclosed - one thing I said in the letter was "How can one complain about recidivism if an operation necessary to make a man mobile for work on the outside is denied." I received no response from Supt. Byrd or the medical department.

1/25/99

Dear Superintendent Byrd-

I'm writing on behalf of inmate Ezekiel Simmons and his medical problem.

He has been on crutches since a July accident at SCI CHESTER. A recent MRI done by MRI PROFESSIONALS, INC. at CHESTER/COZEE HOSPITAL shows a torn ACL and a torn anterior ligament. He has been told that he needs an operation to correct this problem so that he can use that leg.

Ezekiel Simmons has told me that he is a Certified Heavy Equipment Operator. He will certainly need two functioning legs if he pursues that or almost any other work after he is released.

Would you please look into this matter? I know he has been trying to get a resolution for this long-standing problem.

Sincerely-
Jessica Raymond
PA Prison Society

copy to Bill DeMascio PPS

8/26/99

Dear Supt. Byrd,

I am writing on behalf of inmate Ezekiel Simmons and his continuing medical problem. I originally wrote to you about him on 1/25/99 and am enclosing a copy of that letter. Therefore I will not go into the medical details again.

I visited Ezekiel Simmons at SCT Chester on 8/25/99. He is still on crutches after over one year. Now his lower back is beginning to bother him because of the extended time on crutches.

Dr. Khin has told Ezekiel Simmons that he will not get the operation that is necessary. He also asked Ezekiel "what is your minimum?" when Ezekiel offered to give Dr. Khin the crutches back, since Dr. Khin did not consider the operation necessary, Dr. Khin replied, "No, no."

Today I called Kay Kishbaugh at Doc Standards & Procedures about this most unfortunate problem. How can one complain

about recidivism if an operation
necessary to make a man mobile
for work on the outside is denied?

She suggested I call Randy
Pears, Doc Deputy Counsel, to discuss
this problem. I tried - but he is on
vacation. I'm going on vacation
soon, but will take his number
and call him long distance. I'll
let you know what he has to
say about this medical problem.

Sincerely,
Jessie Raymond
PA Prison Society

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re-read

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On 9/14/99 I received correspondence from Ezekiel Simmons stating that when he went to medical, Dr. Khin was hysterical because one of my letters was in Ezekiel Simmons' medical file. Dr. Khin told Ezekiel that he was not responsible for the final decision on Ezekiel's knee operation and that he would have another doctor look at his knee.

The next day, Ezekiel Simmons was told by a unit manager that SGT Chester was going to have him transferred out of the reach of his family. The reason given to Ezekiel Simmons by the unit manager was "behavior problems." Three staff members informed Ezekiel Simmons that they did not vote for his transfer. One of these three told Ezekiel that he declined to vote for his transfer because he was not a behavior problem. On 9/24/99 that unit manager who did not vote for Ezekiel's transfer was himself transferred to Camp Hill.

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Ezekiel Simmons filed an injunction and a restraining order with the Federal Court so that SCI Chester could not transfer him.

Meanwhile, Ezekiel Simmons had filed a civil action against PA DOC, SCI Chester, and its Medical Department, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA. Incidentally, he has done all of his legal work and I am impressed by his ability and perseverance to do so.

I received correspondence from Ezekiel Simmons on 10-4-99. Dr. Khin had yet to schedule him to see another doctor about his knee as he had told him he would on 9-13-99.

I finally wrote a cover letter to Bill DiMascio of the PA Prison Society and sent it along with my correspondence to Supt. Byrd pertaining to Ezekiel Simmons' knee. I asked him to send this information to Catherine McVey at DOC. Copies of my letter to Bill DiMascio and his letter to Catherine "How" are enclosed.

On 11/14/99, Ezekiel Simmons wrote to tell me that Dr. Charles Hummer III at Chester Crozer Medical Center had examined his knee and that he was scheduled for surgery - seventeen months after the accident. He also informed me that his legal mail from Federal Court was being opened without him being present. (This is a common complaint in prisons.)

On 12/9/99, Ezekiel Simmons received documents from the Federal Court that a motion to dismiss his case filed by PA Doc, Martin Horn, Mary V. Hedtrige Byrd, and Roxina Rumley had been received. Their plea for dismissal of Ezekiel Simmons' case was denied.

Ezekiel Simmons received his surgery on 12/8/99 - approximately one and one half years after the

On 12/14/99, Ezekiel Simmons motion for a court-appointed attorney was granted by Judge Marvin Katz.

I visited Ezekiel Simmons on 1/17/2000. On that day, SCI Chester sent him for a medical visit to Dr. Charles Hummer III. Interestingly - two court-appointed visitors came to see Ezekiel that day and were told that he was not available. I only found that out because a staff member at SCI Chester told me. Serendipity!

When I wrote to Ezekiel Simmons about this - he replied that he had never been told of the lawyers' visit.

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On 2/8/2000 I wrote to Supt. Byrd to tell her that the knee brace that Dr. Hummer had prescribed for Ezekiel Simmons had not been given to him. Dr. Hummer told Ezekiel Simmons that he should not be wearing the brace given to him by SCI Chester medical and that he must get rid of it. The surgeon had ordered a different brace, but Dr. Khin did not get it for him and Roxina Rumbey, Health Care Administrator at SCI Chester, said that Dr. Khin had the last word. I asked Supt. Byrd to look into this. (no response from medical)

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from Bill Di Mascio of PA Prison Society to Catherine McVey of DOC about the brace and the prescribed 3x/wk. physical therapy that Dr. Hummer had ordered.



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March 20, 2000

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RE: Inmate Ezekiel Simmons, CT-1684, SCI Chester

Dear Catherine:

Inmate Ezekiel Simmons's knee problems continue. I wrote to you on November 5 on his behalf and I am again forwarding a letter from our official visitor at SCI Chester, Jessica Raymond.

I don't want to trouble you with every complaint that arises, but this prisoner seems to be in physical distress for an awfully long time. Can you please look into this situation regarding the type of knee brace he is using and the amount of physical therapy prescribed?

Best regards,

William M. DiMascio
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Jessica Raymond

Ezekiel Simmons gave a deposition to PA Deputy Attorney General Owen J. Kelly and to attorney Allen Gold, attorney for CMS - the ^{for profit} medical group that runs SCI Chester medical department. Both men interviewed Ezekiel Simmons at the same time. Ezekiel had no representation at this deposition. I know this is legal, but I have a problem with two highly trained attorneys who know the "right" questions to elicit the "right" answers, depose a man with no representation, legal or otherwise. To me - that is not fair. I do not know if there is a transcript or tape of that deposition, but Ezekiel Simmons told me that he felt a bit of "badgering" by Attorney Gold. Ezekiel Simmons may not be highly-educated, but I find him to be an intelligent and perceptive individual. Ezekiel Simmons also told me that during the attorneys' deposition, one of them stated that the time taken to surgery was medically appropriate!!

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On 3/16/2000, during my visit with Ezekiel Simmons, he informed me that he had still not received the knee brace prescribed by Dr. Hummer. He also informed me that during his surgical stay, he was told that he now had three tears in the knee area.

I called Dr. Hummer to ask him several questions. He requested that I write to him and include the questions. I did so on 3/20/2000, but have not yet received a response to them. He is not in his office this week. However, his office did provide me with a letter to Dr. Khin from Dr. Hummer, dated 3/23/2000 - stating that Ezekiel Simmons had not been seen by him since 1/13/2000 and asking that he be scheduled as soon as possible. (copy enclosed)

I have also attached a copy of my letter to Dr. Hummer with the series of questions I asked.

March 23, 2000

Dr. U. Khin, Medical Director, SCI-Chester
Chester Prison
500 East Fourth Street
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RE: Ezekiel Simmons

Dear Dr. Khin:

On routine chart review, it has become apparent that Mr. Simmons has not followed up in our office since January 13, 2000. As you know, he's approximately three and a half months status post ACL reconstruction at this time. I think it is important that Mr. Simmons return for routine orthopaedic follow-up, and I would ask that he be scheduled to see me as soon as possible. If I can help in any way, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Hummer, III, M.D.

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3/20/2000

Dear Dr. Hummer-

My name is Jessica Raymond and I am an official visitor of the PA Prison Society at SCI Chester. I have been working with inmate Ezekiel Simmons since January of 1999.

The accident which injured his knee took place in July of 1998.

The questions I have for you are:

1) How soon after a severe knee injury, when a patient can't walk without crutches, should an MRI be taken?

2) When an MRI shows a torn ACL and ligament damage, how soon should an operation on the knee be done?

3) What could happen to an injured knee if the patient had to wait one and one half years for an operation?

4) What did you find the condition of Ezekiel Simmons' knee to be in when you operated?

5) What was your medical procedure on Ezekiel Simmons' knee?

6) What kind of a knee brace did you prescribe Ezekiel Simmons to wear subsequent to the operation?

7) Why is the knee brace that SCI Chester has given Ezekiel Simmons in appropriate?

8) Is there a cost difference between the type of brace you prescribed and the brace SCI Chester has given him?

9) What is the amount of physical therapy that Ezekiel Simmons should be getting weekly?

10) What is the long-term prognosis for Ezekiel Simmons' knee problem?

I would appreciate this information because I am testifying in April 5, 2000 before the Senate Judiciary Committee about medical problems in state prisons. This is only one of the ^{many} cases I am testifying about. Other lawyers & officials

of various agencies are also
testifying. I have extensive
documentation about Ezekiel
Simmons' problem. As I said,
I've been working with him since
January of 1999. Your medical
expertise information would be
most helpful.

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If you would prefer - you can
send this information to:

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and/or to:

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Ezekiel Simmons minimum release date to enter a halfway house was to be 4/8/2000. He has been staffed for pre-release. All necessary signatures for this action were positive except for SCI Chester's Supt. Ezekiel Simmons did not originally know the reason for her refusal. But, when I visited him on 3/30/2000, he told me that he had just received a two year "hit" from the parole board. The reason given was "unfavorable recommendation from SCI Chester. He was told by someone at SCI Chester that the Supt. considers him a "troublemaker."

Ezekiel Simmons has written to Judge Snipes, his sentencing judge, asking him to honor the original plea bargain. Ezekiel was involved in a non-violent crime.

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I am personally saddened and dismayed that this human being has been treated this way. It is cruel and unjust - not correctional, but punitive. I know that the medical vendors contracted by PA DOC are for-profit groups. But - is money going to be the bottom line for medical treatment at our State institutions?

Enclosed find a copy of
my letter to Judge Marvin Katz.

3/17/2000

Dear Judge Marvin Katz -

I am a PA Prison Society volunteer at SCI Chester. I've been a prison visitor since 1976 - and since Aug., 1998, I've been visiting SCI Chester. I'm writing to you about inmate

Ezekiel Simmons CT1684, an inmate at SCI Chester. His case number in your court is 993402. I've been working with Ezekiel Simmons since Jan., 1999.

Basically - he tore his knee ACJ while at SCI Chester in July 1998 and it was Nov. 1998 before an MRI was done. He had been on crutches all that time. At any rate, I contacted Supt. Byrd Jan., 1999 about his need for surgery - he had been told that by "someone" in SCI Chester medical.

Supt. Byrd never replied & after working with Ezekiel Simmons after that, I wrote her again in Aug., 1999 - no response. Finally, through the intervention of Bill DiMascio, head of PA Prison Society & Catherine McVey, an employe at Dept. of Corrections Camp Hill, PA - Ezekiel Simmons received an operation on his knee in Dec. 1999 - 17 months after the accident. By the time of the operation, that knee had been further damaged - had 2 tears and a cartilage tear. SCI Chester is still refusing to get him the proper

brace, the one ordered by the surgeon, Dr. Hummer. I have written SCI Chester about this - no response. Therapy was prescribed 3x/week by the surgeon - he gets therapy once a week.

That is a basic summary of this problem.

He has filed a suit - you are the judge - against the SCI Chester prison and the medical department (a private company contracted by the Dept of Corrections.)

Here are my present concerns. (I intend to follow through with his problem and help all I can.)

1) As of today - he has no legal representation. Question? Can he go to trial without legal representation? If the court cannot get him a lawyer, will you contact me so I can try to get him a lawyer?

2) Will your office let me know his trial date? I want to attend & be supportive.

3) Ezekiel Simmons gave two depositions at SCI Chester - one to an attorney for the prison (OWEN J. KELLY) and one for the medical company (CAPS) that runs medical at SCI Chester (Alan S. Gold). Ezekiel Simmons gave these depositions with legal representation.

Is it legal for attorneys to take depositions when Ezekiel Simmons has no representation? A law student who works at SCI Chester told Ezekiel Simmons that he could have those depositions quashed because he had no representation. Is this accurate? If so, how does Ezekiel Simmons do this?

Thank you for reading this letter. I hope you can respond to my questions and concerns. This man has been treated unfairly - he is not a prison trouble maker. Even though not highly educated, he did all his legal work himself.

I have documentation of all my work with/for Ezekiel Simmons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Case of George Santiago -
Hepatitis C and Migraine headaches

I have numerous letters and other documentation pertaining to George Santiago and his HEP C and migraine headache conditions. They are available for the committee to review.

On 2/16/99 I received a letter from Roxina Rumley, Health Care Administrator at SCI Chester.

Two short quotes pertaining to George Santiago.

1) "no indication for ice to be used to relieve his migraine headaches."

2) "no clinical indication that warrants interferon therapy at this time." Interferon is one of the drugs used to help HEP C patients.

I have received numerous letters from George Santiago regarding his HEP C condition and his continual migraines. They are available for the committee to see. I have sent much information on HEP C and its treatment to George Santiago. I also bought a book about HEP C and its treatment, both medical and common-sense⁺ procedures such as diet^{and sent SCI} to Chester. On 3/11/99, George Santiago was denied a special diet.

On 3/2/99, George Santiago reported to me continual liver pain and three to five migraine headaches a week. Interestingly, he was given permission for ice even though Roxina Rumbey had shortly before written to me to say "there was no indication for ice to be used."

3/21/99 I received a letter from George Santiago that Dr. Khin had told him that he did not need interferon.

George Santiago's unit manager gave him a single cell when he learned of George Santiago's medical condition, and that an outside doctor told him to avoid loud noise because of his migraines.

On 5/6/99, a letter from George Santiago informed me that Dr. Khin had denied him a single cell. This letter also stated that he was still having continual liver pain. A Physician's Assistant told him there was nothing she could do and prescribed gas pills. Recently however I understand now her pills.

On 3/20/2000 I received a phone call from the PA Prison Society stating that he had again been denied single cell status. side effects and his continual

5/18/99 George Santiago informed me that he was still having continual stomach pain and that Dr. Khin had told him that he might get HEP C treatment. ^{Dr. Khin} Prescribed gas pills.

5/31/99 George Santiago told me he visited medical on 4-30-99 with continual pain - again gas pills were prescribed. This time he refused the gas pills because when he took them previously, they did not help and he was afraid of further liver damage. He was approached by a nurse on his way out of medical and she asked him to sign a \$2 cash slip for gas tablets. He told her that he had not accepted the gas pills, so he did not sign the cash slip. The next month when he received his monthly statement - he was charged for the gas pills even though he did not accept them or sign a cash slip.

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George Santiago brought this to the attention of the Health Care Administrator - but the charge was not refunded to him.

Dr. Khin then prescribed metamucil for George Santiago's pain. This gave him no relief. But he took the second metamucil dosage - it did not help. The third time Dr. Khin prescribed metamucil - George Santiago refused the prescription. However, he was charged \$4 for the metamucil even though he refused it. George Santiago asked the Health Care Administrator to reimburse him for the \$6 for prescriptions he never accepted - he was refused this request. After a state legislator called SCT Chester about George Santiago, Roxina Runkley called George to medical and asked him what his problem was!!

George Santiago wrote to Supt. Byrd asking for her help! no response

7/10/99 letter from George Santiago - sharp, burning liver pain - asked for a liver biopsy - refused.

Also testicular pain - medical told George Santiago it was nothing serious. He continued to write to Supt. Byrd, but never received a response.

George Santiago read in information from the National Institute of Health that a liver biopsy should be given to HEP C patients before treatment to see whether there is cirrhosis or cancer. On sick call 7/7/99, George Santiago was told that the National Institute of Health statement

was not true.

7/20/99 I wrote to Supt. Byrd about George Santiago and his medical problems. No response

7/28/99 in correspondence from George Santiago he stated that he had been given an ultra-sound on 7/14/99. A kidney stone was found. He had previous x-rays in his file from Lockview showing kidney stones. When he had previously mentioned this to Dr. Khin, George Santiago was told that his pain was not kidney stones and Dr. Khin prescribed metamucil. George Santiago informed me that his testicular pain was worse, causing him to limp at times.

8/4/99 I received a letter from Roxina Rumley stating "no clinical indication that interferon therapy is warranted."

8/12/99 In correspondence from George Santiago, I was told that he had be sent to Chester Crozer Medical Center for kidney stone x-rays. Before he went to the hospital, he had a visit with Dr. Khin. When George Santiago walked into his office, Dr. Khin was upset because he had a copy of a letter sent by me. Dr. Khin stated that that was the kind of "stuff" that really upset him. He would not answer any questions pertaining to George Santiago's blood tests, but kept picking up the letter and waving it in the air and telling George Santiago how it upset him. He then asked George Santiago "time was up!"

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Finally, on 11/1/99 I wrote to Bill DiMascia at the Prison Society. I enclosed all correspondence pertaining to George Santiago and his HEP C problem. I asked Bill DiMascia to send this on to Catherine McVey at DOC since I had been trying to help George Santiago since 3/1/99.

On 11/2/99 George Santiago sent me a copy of his inmate request for a liver biopsy. Dr. Khin's reply was "liver biopsy no longer essential step for HEP C treatment and that he would be among the first group of patients to receive interferon treatment. This was said to George Santiago even though Roxina Rumley had written to me "interferon therapy is not indicated for George Santiago."

1/20/2000 I received correspondence from George Santiago. He had a friend write to Senator Specter about his medical condition and treatment at SCI Chester - both HEP C and migraines. After SCI medical received a letter from Senator Specter's office, George Santiago was called to see Dr. Khin. He asked George Santiago if he wanted to try a new drug for migraines. George Santiago refused because he did not want to risk more damage to his liver. Dr. Khin told George Santiago that taking medications can be harmful to the liver.

2/23/2000 In correspondence to me from George Santiago, I was informed that he had begun interferon/ribitol treatment. He had asked for ice for his migraines, but was refused.

2/28/2000 I wrote to Supt. Byrd to request ice for George Santiago's migraine condition, stating that as of 2/23/2000, he had been refused ice.

3/9/2000 I received correspondence from Roxina Rumley that she had prescribed ice for his headaches.

3/12/00 Letter from George Santiago -

So - you thought the ice for
migraines situation was settled.
The problem is - Dr. Khin and Roxina
Rumley make George Santiago go to
the medical lobby when he has a
migraine. There he must sit on a chair
to apply ice to his head! As George
Santiago wrote to me, "this situation
is very, very difficult, because I
need to be lying down on a bed, and
the medical lobby is always crowded
and noisy."

Ah - man's inhumanity to man -
even incentive!

Quote from inmate
letter:

"The greatest mistake
and injustice done to prisoners
is to treat them as if they
are a lower form of life, to
segregate them from basic
human feelings - care, compassion,
understanding... Abuse them,
look to them as inferior,
then release them and
demand that they make it."

All of my correspondence
& documentation are available
for the committee's review.

I can present you now with
a copy of my testimony.

Justice Raymond