



## COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN

January 9, 1989

Warden Gary Henman  
Marion Prison  
Marion, Illinois 62959

Dear Warden Henman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown. As you know, about two months ago we mailed a document entitled "Reflections on Five Years of the Lockdown" to 27 prisoners at Marion. To date all of them that we have communicated with inform us that they have not received this document. Furthermore, we have not received any of them in return mail.

This event is similar to previous such occurrences. We are all are very concerned about your continued censorship of mail at Marion and are enraged at your treatment of this particular, very sensitive, document. As citizens of this country, we demand to know why you are holding back these pieces of paper. We know that you will have many lies to tell about how these 27 letters managed to get "lost," but we nonetheless eagerly anticipate hearing from you.

It is wonderfully ironic that whenever you or Director Quinlan are criticized for the way that Marion is run, you both always sound hurt and act as if you are being misjudged. Yet, in instance after instance you continue your arbitrary and abusive manner of running that institution. No wonder that more and more people are beginning to understand that Marion is the real crime.

Yours in Pursuit of Ending the Lockdown,

*Steven Whitman*  
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for CEML

cc: Danny Schecter, "20/20"  
Dan Rather, CBS News  
A. M. Rosenthal, *New York Times*  
J. Michael Quinlan, Director, Bureau of Prisons  
enclosed to each, "Reflections on Five Years of the Lockdown"

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