

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

JULY 23, 1951

TO: CAPTAIN L. S. NELSON

SUBJECT: BUCKOWSKI A-16470

Chessman 66565, Allen A-3287,
Smith A-6763

At approximately 8:15 A.M. this date, the writer was informed that trouble was imminent on Condemned Row, involving the above named subject and some of the other inmates on Condemned Row.

The writer immediately proceeded to the Isolation and Condemned Unit to investigate.

After interviewing Sergeant A. D. Hutchings, who is in charge of the Unit, and Officers J. T. Snead and T. O. Treanor, who assist in the operation of the Unit, the writer wishes to respectfully submit the following findings:

The tension and general dissatisfaction of the inmates on Condemned Row is at a high peak at this time due to specific incidents and actions involving the above noted subject.

Inmate Buckowski is very sarcastic and disagreeable toward the other inmates. He constantly makes sarcastic remarks to any and all of them concerning their walking past his cell during the exercise period, also, he resents them talking in his presence, and tells them so in a very sarcastic way. He is also very sarcastic and disagreeable toward the officers, to cite some examples; On July 21, 1951, the subject asked for a mirror and razor. In view of the recent incident when Inmate Buckowski broke his mirror and cut himself, permission was first obtained from the Captain's Office for him to have same. When informed that he could only have the mirror and razor to shave himself, he told Officer Treanor "to stick it up his ass", and refused the articles offered him. On Sunday July 22, 1951, Inmate Buckowski asked the Officer in Charge to get him a specific brand of cigarettes from the Canteen. A special trip was made to get same. When they were delivered to Inmate Buckowski, he threw them out of his cell. When asked the reason for his actions, he stated that he wanted a different brand. Another trip was made to the Canteen to get the other brand of cigarettes. When these were delivered to him, he threw them out of his cell also. During Lieutenant Praetzel's inspection of the Unit, the Lieutenant gave Inmate Buckowski this carton of cigarettes back and asked him if he really wanted them. Inmate Buckowski stated that they were poison, so the Lieutenant told him that he would lock them up, after which Inmate Buckowski decided to take the cigarettes. Also, when the subject was visited by the Medical Officer on July 22, 1951, and was asked if there was anything that he could do for Inmate Buckowski, subject replied that the only thing that the Medical Officer could do for him was furnish him a machine gun.

All three Officers interviewed by the writer state that they have been politely warned by the other inmates on Condemned Row, specifically, 66565 Chessman, A-3287 Allen, and A-6763 Smith, that they are all "fed up" with Buckowski's actions and attitude toward them and that there can be and will be trouble the first time that Buckowski makes threatening moves toward any of them. The inmates stated that they did not want trouble, but have had all of the abuse from Inmate Buckowski, that they are going to take.

In view of a past incident involving Inmate Buckowski and the three other inmates previously mentioned, it is the writer's opinion, that serious trouble will result on the slightest provocation on the part of Inmate Buckowski toward the other inmates on Condemned Row.

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