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JOHN P. KEARNS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

MEMORANDUM

11 August 1981  
REF: 8-17

Walter Slipe,  
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Sacramento, California

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Mr. Slipe:

On 3 August 1981 Mr. Jack Allen, District Administrator, Department of Corrections provided information to the members of the Council alleging that the statistics on parolees which I previously submitted were correct, but presented a "distorted picture".

Apparently, Mr. Allen felt this was because the information I provided included parolees from the California Youth Authority as well as the Department of Corrections.

In order to clarify this situation I had my staff compile statistical information for CDC parolees only from 1977 to the present. All of the statistical information we have on parolees released to Sacramento is obtained from Department of Justice form 107. All arrest figures quoted are those arrests made by this department and do not include any made by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement jurisdiction.

I would like to point out that no program for capturing statistical information on parolees was developed by this department until November 1978. Prior to that date, no information was provided to this agency, but when I learned 1,512 adult parolees were released to Sacramento between January 1977 through July 1978, I implemented programs to capture statistical information on parolees.

The statistical information for parolees is provided through a verbal agreement with the Department of Justice and is not always timely or complete. This results in delays or incomplete information on the monthly reports, but the annual report is complete and reflects the information we have been provided.

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| YEAR      | SACRAMENTO CO.<br>COMMITMENTS | SACRAMENTO CO.<br>PAROLEE RELEASES | OUTSIDE CO.<br>PAROLEES | TOTAL PAROLEE<br>RELEASES | SPD<br>ARRESTS |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1/77-7/78 | 760                           | 731                                | 781                     | 1512                      | Not Available  |
| 1979      | 395                           | 200                                | 247                     | 447                       | 146            |
| 1980      | 381                           | 278                                | 168                     | 506                       | 242            |
| 1/81-6/81 | Not Available                 | Not Available                      | Not Available           | 227                       | 168            |

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 - A diagonal line with the word "first" written above it crosses through the 1980 row.  
 - The number "168" in the 1980 row is circled.  
 - The number "506" in the 1980 row is circled, with a "\*" above it and "430" written next to it.  
 - The number "242" in the 1980 row is circled.

It should be noted that we do have annual information for the years of 1979 and 1980 and it does not include the number of parolees that were originally paroled to another county and subsequently transferred to Sacramento. Information on the number of parolee transfers is tardy at best and the difficulty in compiling any information regarding parolees was a major reason for the development of SB-503 (Parolee Registration).

I have no explanation for the differences in the statistical information provided by Mr. Allen and those compiled by my staff from information received from the Department of Justice.

I can only point out that Mr. Allen himself states that the information I have submitted is correct, but somehow distorts the situation regarding parolees. If SB-503 was in effect at this time, I would be able to immediately respond to any question regarding the number of parolees in the Sacramento area and would not be forced to wait while the Department of Corrections submits information to the Department of Justice and they in turn submit the information to this agency.

Sincerely,

*John P. Kearns*  
 John P. Kearns,  
 CHIEF OF POLICE

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

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August 3, 1981

CITY COUNCIL  
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Members in Session:

On Tuesday, July 28, 1981, you were presented some statistics by Police Chief John Kearns concerning the efforts of the State Department of Corrections to open a community correctional center in Sacramento.

The statistics, while I believe them to be accurate, represent a somewhat distorted picture of the adult parolee population in Sacramento. I would also like to point out that our efforts to respond to community concerns over parolees in this area are not favorably represented in these statistics.

The most current data with respect to our effort to control the influx of parolees into Sacramento is as follows:

MALE FELONS RECEIVED FROM SACRAMENTO COUNTY\*

| <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1980</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 370         | 390         | 395         | 381         |

MALE FELONS PAROLED TO SUPERVISION - SACRAMENTO COUNTY\*\*

| <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1980</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 558         | 493         | 373         | 430         |

\* Dept. of Corrections Offender Information Services 5/21/81

\*\* Includes approximately 100 cases supervised in Yolo, Placer, Nevada and Sierra Counties

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These figures indicate that our effort to control the release of other county of commitments to Sacramento have made notable progress. In 1980 we rejected 229 cases for parole to Sacramento County via our screening procedure.

Chief Kearns indicates that 446 parolees were arrested in 1980. It is indicated that this is an increase of 44% in one year. It should be noted that arrests are not always indicative of criminal involvement. This statistic includes both youth and adult parolees and there is no indication as to the number of arrests which are actually adults; however, the statistics on recidivism should certainly give one a clue (Youth Authority 45% - Adult parolees 26%.)

My concern over the number of parolees coming to Sacramento is as great as yours and I have personally been involved in the screening process. However the opening of a re-entry facility in Sacramento will not increase the number of parolees to be supervised here. We are concerned with a group of individuals (inmates) who within 90 days are to be released to the community. The opportunity to prepare for this inevitable release can only be enhanced by release through a community re-entry facility.

Local law enforcement will receive complete cooperation in the identification of all participants, as is the case with our present facility. The establishment of such a facility will give local law enforcement and the Parole Division an opportunity to observe the adjustment of these inmates prior to their parole release and thus to identify potential problem individuals.

I can only urge you to reconsider your position as indicated at the Council meeting of July 29, 1981. I also request that you maintain a neutral position pending our effort to establish such a facility, until a vendor has been identified and a proposed site selected.

Respectfully submitted,



JACK ALLEN  
District Administrator