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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter mailed to the Office of the VADOC Deputy Director of Operations. In this letter you are requesting an appeal of the publication produced by your organization and disapproved by the VADOC Publication Review Committee. Listed below is the disapproved MIM Publication, the policy section upon which the disapproval was based and the disapproval date:

| Publication | Policy Disapproval Sections of 803.2 | Disapproval Date |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| MIM -Led Study Group, October 2007 | #12, #14 | February 12, 2008 |

Located below are the specific criteria sections from Operating Procedure 803.2 (Pages 5-6) that are noted in column #2 above that led to the disapproval of the MIM publications as follows:

- #12. Material whose content could be detrimental to the security, good order, discipline of the facility, or offender rehabilitative efforts or the safety or health of offenders, staff, or others
- #14. Material, documents or photographs that depict, describe or suggest the use of violence, weapons, illegal drugs, or other activities that counter the stated goal of rehabilitation within the DOC

The VADOC Publication Review Committee has determined that the publication violated provisions #12 and #14 of Operating Procedure 803.2. I have included a copy of Operating Procedure 803.2 for you to view with this letter.

Please note that publication was found to be in violation of Operating Procedure 803.2 and placed on a "Disapproved Publications Log" and is restricted from all prison facilities. Please review attached Operating Procedure 803.2 regarding specific information about the VADOC publication review process.

The Office of the Deputy Director of Operations has considered your appeal of the VADOC Publication Review Committee's disapproval of the publication and is upholding the Committee's decision.

Thank you for taking the time to write the Virginia Department of Corrections. If you have any further questions or suggestions then please contact me at (804) 674-3303, ext. 1118.

Sincerely,



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