

INMATE GRIEVANCE RESPONSE FORM
LEVEL I

Inmate Name and Number _____ Red Onion State Prison _____ 620-25926
Institution _____ Log Number _____

LEVEL I: Warden's Response (To be completed and mailed within thirty calendar days.)

Grievance Summary: You stated you had several publications disapproved by the Publication Review Committee on August 9, 2007. They are as follows:

Mim Notes & Letters 9/30/06
Mim Notes #332, #333, & #334
Mim Theory #13
4 Struggle - Issue 9

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Deputy Director, Operations

It has become clear that every publication that criticizes or exposes abusive government practices is deemed a threat. If publications express the views and perspectives of oppressed people and people of color, they are also deemed a threat or STG related.

Informal Summary: Four Publication Disapproval Notices dated August 9, 2007 are attached to your grievance.

A face-to-face meeting was conducted for this grievance. Lt. Artrip spoke with you about the publications on August 21, 2007.

Investigation: As you were advised by the memorandums dated August 9, 2007 your publications were reviewed and determined to violate policy. This decision was made by the Publication Review Committee, and Major Chris was notified of their decision. All books and publications are subject to review for compliance with policy prior to delivery to you. The policy number of the violation is noted on each disapproval notice.

Policy/Procedure: Operating Procedure 852 (803.2) governs this issue.

In accordance with the above information, this grievance is considered to be **UNFOUNDED**, as procedures have been correctly applied. No further action appears to be necessary at this time.

Warden

8/30/07
Date

In accordance with procedure 866 governing Inmate Grievance Procedures, if you are dissatisfied with this response you may appeal this decision within five (5) calendar days to:

Deputy Director of Operations
P. O. Box 26963
Richmond, Virginia 23261-6963

I wish to appeal the LEVEL I Response because:

My position remains the same. The courts have held (long held) that person officials and government may not censor political views simply because they disagree with or dislike them and use "security" as a vague cover to justify such censorship, which is what this prison system does - especially

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forwards Black oriented media. In fact the disapproval notices don't and never do comply with policy. They don't indicate "specific page numbers" nor notations describing the disapproved material. This is because the censorship is political and racially motivated.

inmate's perspective of the prison and its system of political repression and its policies that this is a prison that is a political institution.