

DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS Central Utah Correctional Facility

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TO:

FROM:

Capt. Robert Jensen

DATE:

November 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Returned letters/publication

On November 17, 2008, I received your letter requesting there be an investigation into censorship on three points: "1) How staff are effusing mail without documenting or reporting the censorship? 2) Why is mail being refused without any evidence that the mail is in violation of any laws? And 3) Why mail is being censored without notification to the censored party or the prisoner as to why the censorship occurred."

To answer your questions I have attached the following UDC policies:

FDr03/03.3 E. Procedure: Receiving Mail at the DIO Mail Unit

Standard mail will be refused, except as provided in FDr03/02.09. Mail which fits within the exceptions shall be received.

FDr03/02.09. Procedure: Standard Mail

Standard mail will be refused, unless it fits with the following exceptions: religious mail, catalogs within the exceptions to the "no catalog rule" (refer to FDr03/01.03 and FDr03/03.01 C.), Non-profit mail as listed in the DMM, subscription material as defined under the Publishers-Only Rule (refer to FDr03/01.03), and with notice as per FDr03/02.041 M. Mail which fits within the exceptions shall be received.

Publisher-Only Rule

A rule limiting books, compact disks, cassette tapes, magazines, newspapers, etc., to those sent directly from the publisher, a book or tape club or a licensed book store; publications and tapes shall be new and tapes shall be factory sealed with the return address commercially printed or stamped.

FDr03/02.01 M. General Mail Regulations

It is the inmate's responsibility to promptly notify the Mail Unit and the Property Unit in writing of his/her standard postage publication subscriptions (i.e., Magazines, newsletters, etc.) regardless of whether the subscriptions are paid for by the inmate or by any other person. It is not necessary for inmates to notify the Mail Unit or Property Unit of their subscriptions that are listed on the Magazine Matrix.

As per UDC Policy the letters you refer to were returned unopened because they were sent **Presorted Standard** and there has been no notification in writing as to any publication subscriptions for any inmates.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Capt. Robert Jensen

CC: Warden Bigelow

Deputy Warden Nelson