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Mr. Jay Summers  
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Dear Mr. Summers:

This is in response to your recent letter, in which you request an independent review of the decision regarding the rejection of the MIM (Prison) newsletter. The Warden at the Federal Correctional Institution, McKean, Pennsylvania, has rejected the publication based upon material within the letter being deemed "detrimental to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution or if it might facilitate criminal activity".

A review of the correspondence you provided indicates the Warden has acted within his discretion and consistent with Bureau policy requirements. Should any of the content of the articles you publish contain material which meets the above criteria, it will be subject to a rejection. Our policy does allow for you to appeal the decision for any specific case by corresponding with this office and providing a copy of the article that has been precluded from entry into one of our facilities.

I trust this information responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

  
D. Scott Dodrill  
Regional Director