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Dear M. _____:

This letter is in regards to your request for a review of our decision to deny delivery of "Under Lock & Key Issue 51" to an inmate in our system. You told us that the publication opposes prisoners taking up violence or insurrection in every issue and stated that the article on page 1 did not, in fact, encourage insurrection and disorder.

The article in question was entitled "Sept. 9 day of Peace and Solidarity 2016." It in part says "In past years we have seen many actions, from work stoppages to fasts to education classes. ... This can only be successful if we come together as a united force, under our common conditions as imprisoned lumpen." Work stoppages and fasts are disruptive of the order in prison facilities. Encouraging prisoners to unite as a single force presents control issues. Therefore, while your publication has a policy not to encourage insurrection, the article in question does advocate a course of action that presents an impediment to good order in a facility.

Therefore in the interests of safety and order the decision to withhold delivery is affirmed.

Sincerely,

Nicole E. Sullivan, Director rehabilitative Programs and Services

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