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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to our determination that "Under Lock & Key No. 53" cannot be delivered to inmates in N.C. Dept. of Public Safety facilities. In your request for a review you mentioned that the article involved (which is "Control Unit Survey") was only asking prisoners to report facts about their facility regarding the use of solitary confinement.

While the survey does ask a series of questions the issue lies in the first sentence of the article which describes Control Units in inflammatory language equating them with political repression and torture. Control Units are not used in that manner in our facilities. Such language can encourage insurrection and disorder. Therefore the original decision to withhold delivery is affirmed.

Please note that all publications, including "Under Lock & Key" are reviewed and a determination made on an issue by issue basis.

Sincerely,

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