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Dear Inmate

This office has received and reviewed your Administrative Remedy concerning the two publications sent to you from MIM Distributors; "Soul On Ice," by Eldridge Cleaver, and "The Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation," by David Brotherton and Luis Barrios.

This office has reviewed the publications and the decision to reject them both will be upheld.

All publications, including educational materials, are subject to review. Additionally, Administrative Directive 10.7, Inmate Communication, sets forth the criteria for incoming publications as described: **N. Incoming Publications and Educational Materials**. Requests for any local orders for books, magazines, newspapers, educational materials or periodicals shall be made through the school principal or other person as designated by the Unit Administrator who shall determine that the inmate is able to pay for such material(s). If approved, a check or money order for payment shall be withdrawn from the inmate's account and included with the order. **An inmate may order books in new condition only** from a publisher, book club, or book store. Publications may be ordered by a third party provided the ordered items conform to the provisions of this Directive.

The publication, "Soul on Ice," is clearly used and not in new condition.

Administrative Directive 10.7, Inmate Communication, also establishes that incoming materials which adversely affect a valid penological interest may be rejected. The Department of Correction has designated Security Risk Groups as a group of inmates, designated by the Commissioner, possessing common characteristics, which serve to distinguish them from other inmates or groups of inmates and which as a discrete entity, jeopardizes the safety of the public, staff or other inmate(s) and/or the security and order of the facility. Symbols and ideology which promotes these groups are not allowed.

The Latin Kings have been designated a Security Risk Group by the Commissioner. As such, the reason for rejection of the publication, "The Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation," should speak for itself. This publication chronicles the historical transformation and politics associated