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## MEMORANDUM

**From:** Michael G. Wise, Wyoming Contract Monitor

**To:** Martha Lenardson, Chief of Operations  
 Carl Voigtsberger, Classification and Housing  
 Nola Blackburn, Wyoming Women's Center  
 Rick Soares, Warden, Brush Correctional Facility

**Date:** January 25, 2005

**Subj:** Brush Correctional Facility visit January 20, 2005

Visit to Brush Correctional Facility (BCF) was conducted on January 19 & 20, 2005. I visited with many of the inmate population. Some of the items discussed included:

1. I visited the facility on the evening of Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> with John Bongirno CDOC. We initially interviewed inmates from our respective states then toured the facility.
2. Medical was again mentioned that it is impossible to see a physician. There was talk by many of the inmates (all states) wanting some type of diet plan. This issue was addressed the following day – inmates will be provided a salad bar which was to be in place on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. ██████ - medical complaints and significant weight gain.
4. ██████ – wanted copy of body profile. Being written up for tattooing. Received a profile from WWC on the 20<sup>th</sup> and provided to security.
5. ██████ - had been granted extra time by the courts – copy of paperwork faxed to WWC on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. ██████ – feels she is being harassed by staff being called fatso and chubby by Sgt. Counselor. Advised to speak with Major on issue

7. ██████ – has a reclass due in the month of January. Would like to have one after the 9<sup>th</sup> as she will be report free for one year and will assist her in being eligible for ACC or other programs

8. ██████ - mail has been sent back without receiving any notice. She had ordered an IRS book for teaching class with approval of Mr. Hershner (sp) it was returned along with other mail. She also informed me of an incident with staff member with was/is being handled by Major Hall. More info provided via separate correspondence for confidentiality. ██████ also wanted to submit for special team.

9. ██████ - still has not received visiting approval on Mike and Pam smith (step father and mother) When I was at WWC I thought these two were approved? She was also had medication for PTSD for years – she doesn't want any type of narcotic only something to help with her condition.

10. ██████ – wanted to check on pay \$10.00 from Brush - that pay was taken care of at my visit.

11. ██████ ██████ A1049738 – asked to talk to me she is Hawaiian – currently on hunger strike. Attempted to defuse situation and believe she was off the strike on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

12. ██████ – complaint can be forwarded via fax. She has some dental and medical issues she provided me with a detailed report.

13. Concern: gym time – inmates complaining that they cannot get into the gym as Hawaiian inmates are having hula practice.

14. Concern: black inmates were complaining about not being able to have activities for black history month. Personally believe every attempt should be made to accommodate all races for special events to lessen the image of favoritism toward Hawaiian inmates.

Staff issues which will voiced with Major Hall.