

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

By Dale S. Thompson

Date May 7, 1974

FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

On May 7, Mr. RICHARD E. MALOY, Director, Office of Management Services, Department of Justice, was interviewed in his office, Room 23, Capitol Annex, telephone No. 787-4498. He advised that he had informed the Attorney General of my contemplated visit and his intention to furnish any information requested which was available to him. He furnished the following information:

The Governor's Justice Commission is made up of 12 members appointed by the Governor, and the Governor who is the Chairman. He furnished the attached list of present Commission members. He also furnished a copy of the Department of Justice, Organizational Manual, revised November 1, 1973, which is attached.

Maloy has been in his present position since January 11, 1973. He spent 29 years with the Army and retired a full Colonel. He was in the Quartermasters Corps, engaged in logistics. This included procurement, research, development, etc. He indicated that ALLEN ZERFOSS had been the incumbent in the position prior to 1973. Zerfoss was a retired Navy Captain engaged in logistics while in the Navy. He later graduated from Dickinson Law School. After Leaving the Department of Justice, he went into private law practice.

Maloy in his position is responsible on a staff basis for all financial, personnel and office services and functions within the entire department. He also has certain operational responsibilities which are in his area of concern and which have not been delegated to other organizational elements of the department. His office handles all personnel matters, except the Bureau of Correction which handles its own. Quite a bit of the fiscal responsibilities have been delegated to organizations within the department, but his office retains operating authority in limited areas, such as the approval of service purchase contracts. He has no program responsibility over the Governor's Justice Commission.

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MORRIS J. SOLOMON is a Deputy Attorney General appointed and answerable to the Attorney General. He is assigned to and works at the Governor's Justice Commission. He is responsible only to the Attorney General through the First Deputy Attorney General PETER BROWN.

Mr. LOUIS PETRUCCIO is the Comptroller for the Department of Justice. He is an employee of the Office of Administration, but funded by the Department of Justice.

Mr. Maloy understands that at one time the Governor's Justice Commission had both pre-audit and post-audit responsibility for the audit of grants which it made. Reportedly, LEAA objected to the Commission performing an audit of their own. Accordingly, the post-audit function related to grants was assigned to the Comptroller's Office. There have never been any auditors assigned specifically to Mr. Maloy's office and responsible for audits of the Commission. The Auditor General has responsibility for auditing the Commission itself.

Mr. Maloy is not aware of any administrative problems at the Governor's Justice Commission. As far as he knows, no changes are contemplated there. He described TOM BERARD as the administrative man at the Commission and a solid individual. Berard knows everything that goes on at the Commission, including fiscal matters.

Mr. Maloy knows E. DREXEL GODFREY personally and has had limited contacts with him while Godfrey was Director of the Commission. He does not know why Godfrey left nor does he know whether Godfrey left of his own volition or was asked to leave. Godfrey had told Maloy that he wanted to go back to teaching. Maloy is of the opinion that he accepted a position with Rutgers University, however, he is not sure of this.

Maloy reported that according to his understanding (but he had no personal knowledge) the Governor fired Urella as Commissioner of the State Police. The Governor also asked Creamer to resign. Reportedly, they were at a stand-off and openly feuding in regard to the wiretapping incident at King of Prussia. He had to get rid of both of them.

Mr. Maloy stated that the Commissioner of the State Police is a member of the Governor's Cabinet and is not directly under the control of the Attorney General although the personnel of the Department work very closely with the State Police on many matters, particularly the office of drug law enforcement which has a close working relationship with the State Police.

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Mr. Maloy is of the opinion that the Attorney General may be a member of the Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System, but that Council is not organically a part of the Department of Justice.

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*Rec'd 5/1/74*

1	James D. Barger	12/31/74
2	John D. Case	12/31/75
3	K. Leroy Irvis	12/31/74
4	James McCaughey	12/31/75
5	William G. Nagel	12/31/76
6	Richard A. Snyder	12/31/74
7	Leo P. Weir	12/31/75
8	Helene Wohlgemuth	12/31/76
9	Hon. Juanita Kidd Stout	12/31/76
10	R. Gordon Kennedy, Esq.	12/31/76
11	Thomas M. Hart, Esq.	12/31/75
12	W. Ralston McGee, M.D.	12/31/74