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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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MEMORANDUM

J. Thompson

By Dale S. Thompson

Date April 2, 1974

FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

On April 2, RAY FRANKENBURG was telephonically contacted at his office, at which time he furnished the following information.

The Attorney General, on April 1, formally announced that Mr. SNAVELY was the new Executive Director of the Commission. There is nothing firm on the reorganization of the Commission. BERARD's standing is still unknown. Contrary to previous reports, ROBERT FREDERICK is going to continue as Director of Operations according to a recent announcement to the staff.

Mr. Frankenburg knows nothing about Page 44, Section IX, of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission Report which refers to character assassination by the Commission's cooperative police witnesses. He did say that in connection with a recent visit with Frederick, he asked Frederick if he would attend the annual Chiefs of Police meeting in July in Philadelphia, to which Frederick replied that he was not going near Philadelphia since the Philadelphia Police would give him "a pair of cement boots."

WILLIAM WRUBEL, who was an employee of the Commission, is now working for the State of Illinois. He reported in about January or February 1974 to Mr. Frankenburg that ROBERT CLOUGH has asked Wrubel "Where's the action?" Mr. Frankenburg did not know the import of the question, but assumed that Clough wanted to know where he could have a good time while he was on the road traveling for the Commission.

Robert Clough was a Philadelphia policeman for 15 or 16 years. He was convicted for killing a girl and spent time at Grateford Prison. He then attended Penn State University under the release program and obtained a degree. He is now Civil Rights Compliance Officer for the Commission in the Harrisburg office.

Mr. Frankenburg did not recognize the names of CARL JOHNSON or EDWARD MITCHELL mentioned on Page 44 in the above referenced Crime Commission Report.

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Mr. Frankenburg did not know the origin of the draft memo from RALPH B. PINSKY to the Attorney General. This would probably have been written by Mr. Pinsky for Godfrey. Pinsky was an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Governor's Justice Commission but resigned. Mr. Pinsky is listed as an attorney at 2414 Logan Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, telephone No. 717:232-2477.

Mr. Frankenburg overheard Berard telling someone else that Godfrey is temporarily employed by the Washington Justice Associates.

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Mr. RICHARD SNYDER, 410 Payne-Shoemaker Building, Harrisburg, telephone No. 783-1040, was interviewed in his office on May 31. He furnished the following information.

He was a psychologist with the Department of Corrections, stationed at Graterford, in 1967 until he became Central Regional Director of the Governor's Justice Commission at State College. He was in that position from January 1970 until November 1973 when he became Project Director of the "National Standards and Goals (for Criminal Justice) Implementation Project."

In late 1970, JUDGE RICHARD P. CONABOY, Lackawanna County, became concerned about the lack of communications between people engaged in the Criminal Justice System, particularly the corrections aspects. He wanted them to set down on a common ground, sitting around the table, and really talk about their problems and their relationship to each other. This idea was put into creation when Governor SHAPP, on May 1, 1972, formally announced the Governor's Joint Council on Correction. SUE YENCHKO became Director of that Council. On November 7, 1973, the name was changed to the Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System. This Council is still in existence. The Council meets every three months and has had three conferences of interested people; however, the conferences have not been good (Snyder walked out of two of them), with the exception of the recent one which dealt with the relationship of the news media and the various components of the Criminal Justice System.

LEAA had a national meeting in January 1973 in Washington, D.C. on Standards and Goals. This was their unveiling of a plan whereby Federal Government would set bench marks and disseminate them to the various states. These bench marks would be considered and, where possible, similar Standards and Goals or bench marks would be established at the State level.

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This would close the gaps in the Criminal Justice System and achieve beneficial results.

Really this should have been located in the Governor's Justice Commission, however, it was really involved head over heels in its own program of dispensing LEAA funds. Consequently, Lt. Governor KLINE, GODFREY and BOB FREDERICK (the latter two from the Governor's Justice Commission), chose a neutral group not attached to any one state agency, thus the work was really assigned to the Governor's Joint Council on Correction. This Council was to take the established American Bar Association goals, along with the National Goals and Standards, and consider them all for adoption within the state.

Godfrey asked Snyder if he would consent to heading up this project within the Joint Council. Other people encouraged him to do it. As a result, Snyder went there on December 1, 1973.

His action in really pushing the Standards and Goals project soon received most of the attention and considerations of higher-ups which, in effect, dwarfed the efforts of the Governor's Joint Council, of which Yenchko is Director and who has little ability in this area.

At the present time, the project is funded by the Governor's Justice Commission and has a staff of two clerical employees and three professionals. Snyder is included in the total of five.

When SNAVELY came to the Commission, he did not want Bob Frederick at the Commission, so he has been "farmed out" to work on this project. Frederick is still on the payroll of the Governor's Justice Commission.

Snyder is going full steam ahead on his project, however, he gets clobbered about every day because he is taking the play away from Yenchko and the Joint Committee. They allege non-coordination, being bypassed on some items and, as a result, the situation is not good at all. This is very discouraging to Snyder and his staff because the Joint Council staff and members really cannot contribute much to his project.

Attached is a list of members of the Pennsylvania Committee for Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. It is to be noted that four members of the Joint Council are on this Committee.

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Recently, Snyder made efforts to get a federal discretionary grant. This grant is expected to eventually go through and will take the place of the present funding of the project by the Governor's Justice Commission through June 30, 1974. This project calls for \$278,117 of federal funds. The State will provide a \$32,222 match. This consists of Bob Frederick's salary, plus \$6,000 cash from the Department of Justice. It will run from July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 and includes Yenchko's salary, as well as ~~one~~ of her administrative assistant, in an amount of about \$34,000.

Snively told Snyder recently that he would have to make this application for the grant through the name of the Joint Committee or else it probably would not be funded. LEAA was not concerned about this as they did not even know that the Joint Council existed.

Mr. Snyder expects to have a three-day conference in Pittsburgh on June 5, 6, and 7 relating to Standards and Goals. He hopes to have about 300 conferees there, plus staff, news media, etc. These conferees will represent all walks of the Criminal Justice System in the State. It will include urban, non urban, corrections people, police, etc.

It is ultimately expected that the goals which are established by the State will be implemented by six different organization and/or groups. They are:

1. State Agencies
2. Governor's Justice Commission
3. Units of Local Government
4. Cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh
5. State Legislature
6. Private Organizations, Citizens Groups and Educational Institutions

The Project on Standards and Goals would come up with a position paper on compensation to victims of crimes. It would get input on this subject from many sources, set forth the pros and cons of the problems and recommendations, and then turn it over to the Legislature for consideration of legislation. This is an example of how the established Standards and Goals might be implemented.

Richard Snyder said that he would testify concerning Standards and Goals; however, he is most reluctant to talk about some of the problems that besiege his project from the political standpoint, as well as other deficiencies in State operations. He said he is so dedicated to this project that he would try to work with all people even though under severe handicap in order to accomplish his personal purpose.

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He did suggest that WILLIAM C. NAGLE of the American Foundation, Inc. in Philadelphia, telephone No. 215:563-3263, is one of the most knowledgeable individuals in the criminal justice field, particularly in corrections. He tends to recognize the long range needs of the system. His allegiance is to his personal beliefs and desires in this field rather than to politics. He would be an excellent witness for the Committee to hear from according to Mr. Snyder. It should be noted that Nagle is a member of the Standards and Goals Committee.

Mr. Snyder furnished the attached copy of a letter, dated April 12, 1974, sent by his Chairman to the Attorney General, recommending that Sennett Resolution funds be used to further projects in general accord with the Standards and Goals recommendations. It also makes recommendations for the Governor's Justice Commission 1975 and 1976 plans for expenditures. So far, Snyder is not aware that the Governor's Justice Commission Supervisory Board has considered this subject.

Mr. Snyder furnished certain information concerning Sue Yenchko which is not being reported here at this time.