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overcrowding, racial and religious tension, limited educational and rehabilitative programs, and the hostility between correctional officers and inmates that preceded the tragedy. It is vital that those stresses be promptly reduced in order to make the prisons safer for staff and inmates, alike.

The Governor of Delaware has appointed two retired judges to lead an investigation of the seizure. We understand that they are to make a preliminary report in June, and a final report in August. It is no reflection on them to acknowledge that they are not outsiders, and that their investigation will move slowly if the target completion date is August. It is crucial that there be an independent investigation conducted at once. We respectfully request that you initiate one immediately.


Respectfully,



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