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Honorable Nathan Levanthal
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RE: POPULATION PROJECTIONS THROUGH CALENDAR 1993

Dear MR. Levanthal:

As per your direction, a population projection to year 1993 is enclosed as Attachment "A". In order to remain consistent, I have also attached a population projection chart "B" which was sent to Rosemary Ginty from Peter Seitchik in December 1983. That chart was used as the basis for chart "C" which lays out end-of-year population and capacities with surplus and/or deficit capacities.

As you can see from the chart, we will have end of the year surpluses for the next six years. After 1990 there is a clear need to build more.

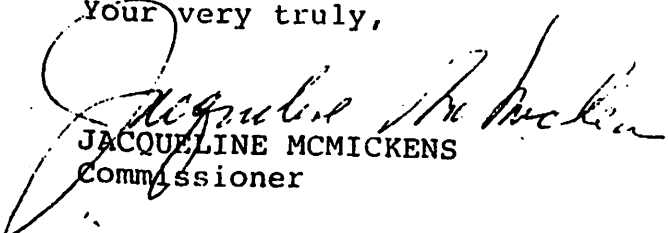
As you well know, any number of events can occur to change these numbers, and there are studies that indicate that all beds will be filled in the system. On the other hand, there is no way to account for prosecutorial and/or political shifts. Persistent efforts by the Police Department and prosecution to concentrate on crimes where they now have little success, e.g. burglary might well send admissions and jail population much higher. Stiffer sentencing laws may increase detention time through the demand for jury trial. Similarly there may be efforts to reduce jail population such as alternatives, greater use of parole, etc. and we cannot discount the demographers suggestion that there will be a continuing decline in the jail age population.

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We also cannot discount the length of stay as a component of required jail space. As you know from previous discussions, a one day decrease in the length of detention represents 170 beds based on today's population. Consequently, any number of factors can change our situation for the better or worse.

In spite of my earlier comment which was based on the next five year population projections, we should retain the Bronx site for possible expansion. I would like to note, however, that the Bronx site would appear not to be enough.

Your very truly,



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Commissioner

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