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Re: **Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order; Oregon State Penitentiary Records**

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your April 27, 1989, letter to this office, in which you appear to petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. For the reasons stated below, we deny your petition.

A petition to the Attorney General under the Public Records Law must allege that a person has been "denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public record of a state agency." ORS 192.450(1). Your April 27, 1989, letter does not state that the Department of Corrections has denied you the right to inspect any record that you may have requested. Accordingly, it is not a proper petition, and must be denied.

To the extent that we understand your letter, you appear to be complaining about certain disciplinary action that the Department of Corrections has taken or is proposing to take against you. A petition under the Public Records Law is not the appropriate way to resolve your complaints.

Very truly yours,

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