

Louis B. Oliver, Jr. Letter of support for the Release and Unsealing of the Meyer Report, In the Application for a Judicial Determination as to the publication of Volumes 2 and 3 of the Meyer Report before the Honorable Patrick H. NeMoyer, State of New York Supreme Court, County of Wyoming.

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Re: Support for the Release and Unsealing
of the Meyer Report

Your Honor:

This letter is to indicate my support for the unsealing of the Meyer Report made in 1971 regarding the uprising and riot at the Attica Correctional Facility. It is my hope that unsealing the records will reveal how and why New York State Police troopers took actions that led to the deaths of 43 people during the prison riot on September 13, 1971.

The Attica riot was a tragedy in the history of our state. It is important to learn from the foreseeable mistakes that were made that day so that we may learn to handle future events with more rationale and thought than rash, hasty, and violent actions.

While a great amount of time has passed since the Attica riot, things are no clearer in the aftermath, and there are many, many questions that still remain. The public should know why correction officers and inmates were killed. The Attica riot is an unfortunate historical event, but it is an event of great consequence and it is important to understand how and why it happened.

The release of the Meyer Report will only aid in correcting the great volumes of misinformation and speculation that exist about the Attica riot. Furthermore, the release will aid in

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