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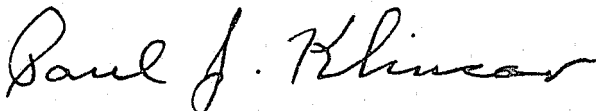
Honorable James R. Thompson
Governor, State of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Thompson:

We present herewith the Eighth Annual Report of the Prisoner Review Board. The report covers the eighth working year of the Board from January 1, 1985 through December 31, 1985.

The information in this report is provided to give you materials regarding the work of the Board for the past year. We hope the material will be beneficial to you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Klincar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paul J. Klincar
Chairman

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activity of the Prisoner Review Board for the time period of January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985.

The Board this year continued to refine its role in response to legislative changes, court decisions and rules changes. The Board also improved its ability to respond to these refinements by further modernizing its equipment and physical environment.

The most important physical change occurred in June, when the Board moved its offices from 624 South Fourth in Springfield to 319 East Madison. The new facility was constructed for the Board's specific needs and is occupied pursuant to a long-term lease agreement. The new building provides more than twice the square footage of the Board's old offices, allowing a separate room for file storage, adequate executive offices, offices for the use of Board Members and more pleasant, attractive and roomy work areas for the entire staff. The working area is more secure and the files, which are virtually irreplaceable, are better protected from theft and fire.

The Board, in May, began following new procedures with regard to Parole Eligibility Hearings, in response to a series of Federal Court Cases that outlined the Due Process requirements for access to records, denial rationales and criteria for denial. The new procedures are embodied in Board Rule Amendments which took effect in October. The Board also began providing Preliminary and Final Release Revocation hearings in courtrooms at 2600 California Avenue in Chicago, as a result of a class-action lawsuit filed by inmates of Cook County Jail. This is a resumption of an activity that had been halted when the Board closed its Chicago office some years ago.

The Board continued to implement new victims' rights legislation. Although it has always been a standard policy of the Board to obtain addresses of victims or their families, if possible, and to notify them of their right to enter objections to release, legislation has now made it a statutory mandate. New legislation also gives the Board the duty of informing interested parties of the escape, release or furlough of inmates, upon being provided the information by the Department of Corrections.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

The Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to grant pardons, commutations and reprieves. Statutes require persons seeking such relief to petition the Prisoner Review Board. The Board is mandated to conduct Executive Clemency hearings at least four times each year and may meet more often, if necessary. The Board hears the petitions and makes confidential advisory recommendations to the Governor.

A pardon is official forgiveness, but not forgetfulness, in the sense that records are not expunged as a result of a pardon. A pardon can be sought by any person who has received a conviction. In general, however, they are requested after a significant period of time has passed since the conviction and a person wishes to confirm a reformed life with official recognition. A pardon can remove certain disabilities to a career or other endeavor.

A commutation alters a sentence imposed and is generally requested to shorten the length of incarceration, although some petitions request changes in the manner in which a sentence is to be served. Reprieves are petitioned when the sentence is a death penalty. Since the Prisoner Review Board was formed in 1978, there have been no reprieve petitions.

During 1985, the most significant event for the Board in regard to its Executive Clemency function was an Extraordinary Hearing, held in May, which was attended by the Governor. There was no known precedent for such a procedure, but the case, following a petition from an inmate named Gary E. Dotson, aroused significant public interest and required a more expedited format. Immediately following the hearing, the Board made its recommendation to the Governor and on the next day the Governor announced his decision to commute the sentence of the petitioner to the time that had already been served.

PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

Members are appointed to the Board by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. They are appointed to six year terms, which are staggered. Their salaries are set by statute. One member serves at the pleasure of the Governor as Chairman.

The Chairman and Board members are supported by agency staff, with its headquarters located in Springfield.

PAUL J. KLINCAR, CHAIRMAN, was appointed Chairman in January 1983. He has been a member of the Board since February 1979. He served twenty-two years on the Belleville Police Department, retiring as Chief of Police. He served eight years with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, the last two years as Sheriff. He is a graduate of the St. Louis Police Academy and the F.B.I. National Academy. He is a former member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and Illinois Police Training Board. He resides in Belleville.

HERBERT D. BROWN, MEMBER, was appointed in 1983. He served twelve years with the Illinois State Police, five years with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, four of which he was Sheriff. He was appointed as Director of the Illinois Department of Public Safety in 1969, and Director of Law Enforcement in 1970. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy University of Illinois Police Training Institute, Northwestern University School for Police Supervision, and Michigan State University Police Personnel Management and Budgetry School. Mr. Brown resides in Rockford.

EARL K. DRYDEN, MEMBER, is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and earned his Master's Degree from DePaul University. He has worked in the corrections field since 1949, a majority of that time in the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections. Mr. Dryden has worked as a psychologist and clinical director. He has been a member of the Parole and Pardon Board and Prisoner Review Board since 1970. He resides in Aurora.

CORRINE C. FRANKLIN, MEMBER, was appointed November 1, 1981. Her professional career includes being a Registered Professional Court Reporter and Certified Shorthand Reporter from 1962 to 1981, and a legal secretary from 1956 to 1962 in Jersey County. She has attended Gem City Business College, Monmouth College, St. Louis Shorthand Institute, and Illinois Business College. She is active in the First Methodist Church of Jerseyville, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, and P.E.O. Sisterhood. She resides in Jerseyville.

JOSEPH J. LONGO, MEMBER, is a graduate of Purdue University. He has served in state service since August 1, 1958. He served five years with the former Parole and Pardon Board, two years as Chairman. He also served as Assistant Director of the Department of Law Enforcement. Prior to his appointment to the Prisoner Review Board, he served as Superintendent of the Division of Adult Parole Services in the Department of Corrections. He resides in LaGrange Park.

RAFAEL NIEVES, MEMBER, is originally from Camuy, Puerto Rico, and presently resides in Chicago. He holds a B.A. Degree from DePaul University and has a Master's Degree from Governors State University. He has been a member of the Parole and Pardon Board and the Prisoner Review Board since 1973, and has twenty-five years experience in local and federal government.

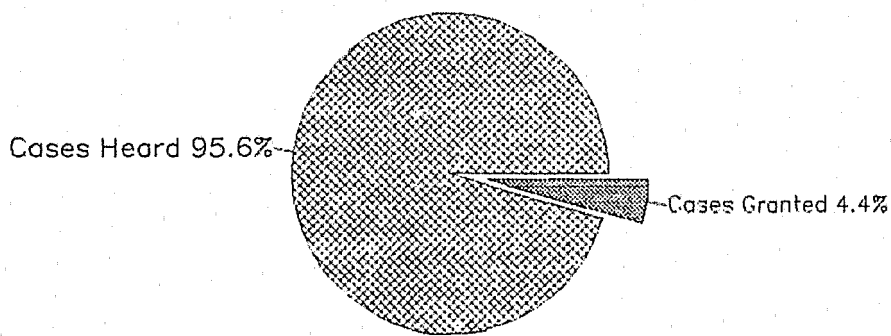
SAL PISANO, MEMBER, was appointed in March 1985 replacing Ethel Gingold. He was formerly with the Peoria Police Department for 31 years, starting as a patrolman and working his way to Superintendent for the final three years before he retired. He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Harvard University Senior Management Institute for Police, and Northwestern University School of Police Administration. He served as Chairman and a member of the Illinois Local Officers Training Board. Mr. Pisano resides in Peoria.

WILLIAM A. REDMOND, MEMBER, was a State Representative from 1959 to 1982 and was Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1980. He was born in Chicago, earned a B.S. Degree in Engineering at Marquette University and Juris Doctor Degree from Northwestern University. He was engaged in private law practice in Chicago until he joined the United State Naval Reserve during World War II and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war he moved his law practice to Bensenville, Illinois where he served as Village Attorney and School Board Attorney. He is a member of the American Legion, Lions, Knights of Columbus, DuPage County, Illinois and American Bar Association. He resides in Bensenville.

ANNE R. TAYLOR, MEMBER, has attained a B.A. Degree from Upsala College, New Jersey, M.A. Degree from the University of Ohio, and has accumulated hours towards a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. She was the Director of Correctional Employment Services of Champaign and McLean Counties from 1976 until assuming her position as a Board Member in February 1983. She has a community service history dating back to 1969, and has taught in several colleges and universities. She lives in Champaign.

TOMMY LEE WELLS, MEMBER, holds a B.S. Degree in Correctional Administration from Chicago State University. He is a former Assistant Superintendent and Chief of Security for the Cook County Department of Corrections, having twenty-eight years in the field of corrections. He is presently a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Criminal Justice Legislation and also a former member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission Appeals Board. He resides in Chicago.

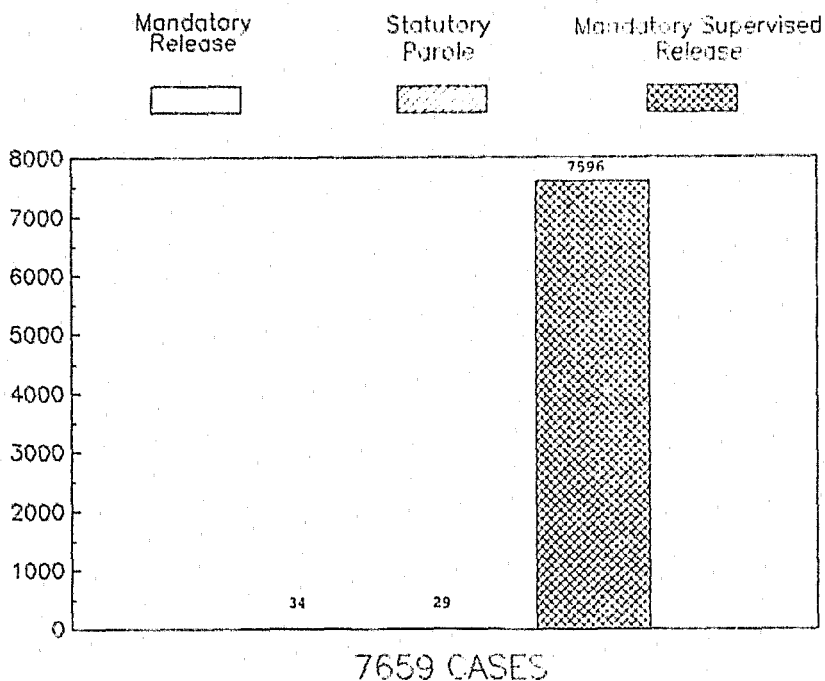
1985 PAROLE REVIEWS



821 CASES HEARD
38 CASES GRANTED

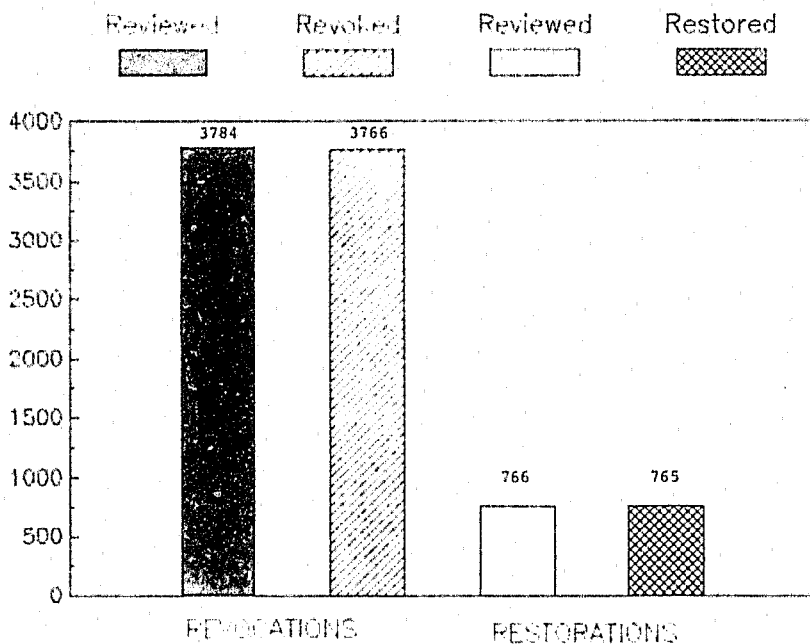
The number of cases reviewed for parole consideration rose slightly in 1985. These are cases in which the Board has the discretion to grant or deny parole. These inmates were sentenced to indeterminant sentences prior to February 1, 1978. The board paroled 7 on their minimum sentence and 31 that were heard previously. A total of 4.4% were released by the Board's discretion.

1985 RELEASE REVIEWS



Mandatory Releases, Statutory Paroles, and Mandatory Supervised Releases are cases in which the Board has no discretion. That is to say when the inmate has served the court imposed sentence, less earned good time, he/she must be released. The Board does however set conditions of supervision while the offender is in the community. The Board paroled less than one half of 1% of the inmates released to supervision.

1985 GOOD CONDUCT CREDIT REVIEWS

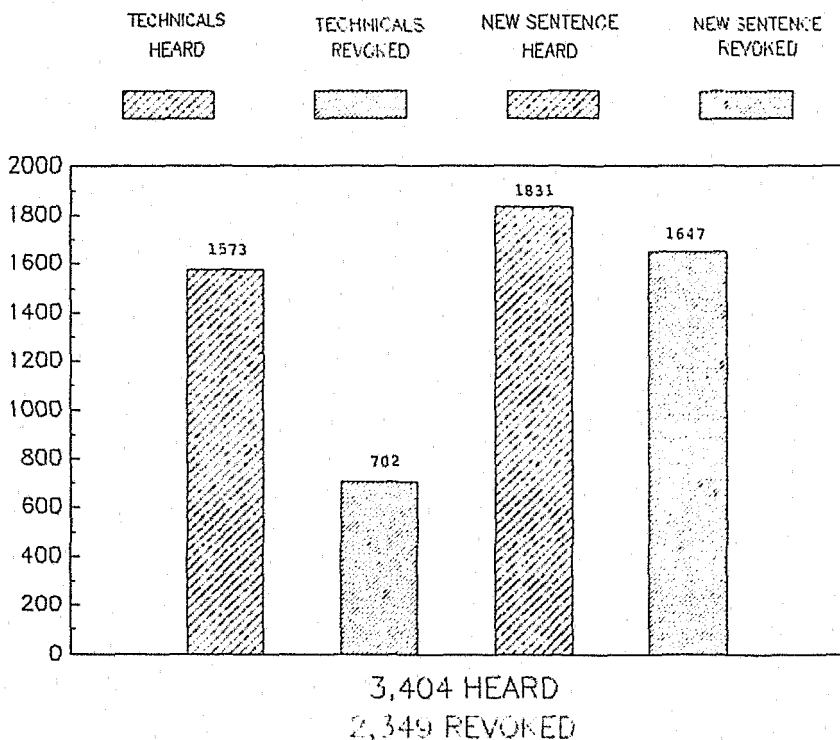


Inmates sentenced after February 1, 1978 receive one day reduction for each day in custody of their court imposed sentence (equaling one half of the sentence). If they violate Department of Corrections rules they are subject to loss of those earned good conduct days. If 30 days or more are lost in a 12 month period, the case is referred to the Board. The Board may concur, reduce or reject the Departments recommendation, but they may never increase the amount of time in either case. The Board concurred with the Department in 99% of both the revocations and restorations.

The Board reviewed 3,404 cases of inmates released and accused of violating the terms of their release agreements. The Board found 2,349 had, in fact, violated. This is a slight rise over the past year.

Violations are classified as new sentence (committing a new offense) or technical (failure to comply with a rule). The Board may find an individual violated the terms of the release agreement but may choose to return them to supervision for minor violations with mitigating circumstances.

RELEASE REVOCATION HEARINGS



REVOCATION HEARINGS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
Total Heard	331	268	245	311	254	266	331	270	257	333	298	240	3404
Total Revoked	226	187	170	228	186	167	221	185	170	226	215	168	2349
Rate	68%	70%	69%	73%	73%	63%	67%	69%	66%	68%	72%	70%	69.01%
Technicals Heard	129	104	105	118	104	138	136	129	133	187	155	135	1573
Technicals Revoked	55	37	46	52	50	51	49	55	66	87	85	69	702
Rate	43%	36%	44%	44%	48%	37%	36%	43%	50%	47%	55%	51%	44.63%
New Sentence Heard	202	164	140	193	150	128	195	141	124	146	143	105	1831
New Sentence Revoked	171	150	124	176	136	116	172	130	104	139	130	99	1647
Rate	85%	91%	89%	91%	91%	91%	88%	92%	84%	95%	91%	94%	89.95%
Declared Violator-Resumed (Technical)	57	51	49	51	41	65	63	56	44	88	57	54	676
Declared Violator-Resumed (New Sentence)	31	14	16	17	14	12	23	11	20	7	13	6	184

ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD
REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITY — JANUARY 1985 TO DECEMBER 1985
JUVENILE/ADULT PAROLE CASES BY CENTER

				PAROLE HEARING OUTCOME									
JUVENILE PAROLE CASES BY YOUTH CENTER				ADULT PAROLE CASES BY CORRECTIONAL CENTER									
				Action at Minimum	Action after Continuance						Total		
Youth Center	Cases Heard	Paroles Granted	Parole Rate	Adult Center	Cases Dec'd	Paroles Granted	Parole Rate	Cases Dec'd	Paroles Granted	Parole Rate	Cases Dec'd	Paroles Granted	Parole Rate
Harrisburg	153	117	76%	Centralia	5	1	20%	58	0	00%	63	1	2%
Joliet	89	61	69%	Danville	1	0	00%	1	0	00%	2	0	00%
Kankakee	92	83	90%	Dixon	2	0	00%	22	4	18%	24	4	17%
Pere Marquette	147	113	77%	Dwight	5	0	00%	9	1	11%	14	1	7%
St. Charles	227	194	85%	East Moline	2	0	00%	10	2	20%	12	2	17%
St. Charles Reception	31	23	74%	Graham	3	0	00%	68	4	6%	71	4	6%
Valley View	299	229	77%	Jacksonville	0	0	00%	2	1	50%	2	1	50%
Warrenville Boys	98	84	86%	Joliet	11	1	9%	8	0	00%	19	1	5%
Warrenville Girls	84	77	92%	Lincoln	0	0	00%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
				Logan	3	0	00%	51	4	8%	54	4	7%
				Menard	53	0	00%	118	0	00%	171	0	00%
				Menard Psych.	9	0	00%	18	0	00%	27	0	00%
				Pontiac	17	0	00%	94	4	4%	111	4	4%
				Shawnee	2	0	00%	51	3	6%	53	3	6%
				Sheridan	1	1	100%	2	1	50%	3	2	67%
				Stateville	44	3	7%	116	3	3%	160	6	4%
				Vandalia	1	1	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%
				Vienna	1	0	00%	30	1	3%	31	1	3%
TOTAL	1,220	981	80%	TOTAL	160	7	4%	661	31	5%	821	38	5%

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITY — ADULT & JUVENILE
For 12 Months — January 1 to December 31, 1985

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
ADULT													
Parole Reviews	65	78	87	59	74	52	81	56	57	67	73	72	821
Rehearing Requests	4	0	7	2	5	3	2	2	3	4	3	1	36
Release Dates	3	8	7	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	6	45
Reconsideration Requests	1	1	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Release Reviews	653	568	592	628	642	598	690	626	660	586	728	688	7,659
Good Conduct Credits	462	315	325	369	324	350	372	387	358	445	387	456	4,550
Parole/Release Revocations	331	268	245	311	254	266	331	270	257	333	298	240	3,404
Final Discharges	223	325	285	413	185	335	340	284	218	351	203	23	3,185
Executive Clemency	27			45			43			42			157
TOTAL ADULT CONSIDERATIONS	1,769	1,563	1,552	1,831	1,487	1,610	1,860	1,627	1,556	1,831	1,695	1,486	19,867
JUVENILE													
Hearing Reviews	115	93	114	105	99	101	113	93	79	113	93	102	1,220
Discharge Reviews	79	98	101	84	73	84	59	58	85	93	58	44	916
Revocation Reviews	11	15	18	24	20	24	20	22	26	45	22	22	269
TOTAL JUVENILE REVIEWS	205	206	233	213	192	209	192	173	190	251	173	168	2,405
TOTAL ADULT & JUVENILE	1,974	1,769	1,785	2,044	1,679	1,819	2,052	1,800	1,746	2,082	1,868	1,654	22,272

PAROLE REVIEWS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
TOTAL CASES DECIDED													
Cases Heard	65	78	87	59	74	52	81	56	57	67	73	72	821
Cases Granted	1	1	0	0	3	4	2	10	5	6	3	3	38
Parole Rate	2%	1%	0%	0%	4%	8%	2%	18%	9%	9%	4%	4%	5%
MINIMUM CASES													
Cases Heard	13	12	20	13	19	10	17	13	12	10	10	11	160
Cases Granted	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	7
Parole Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	10%	6%	8%	17%	0%	0%	0%	4%
CONTINUED CASES													
Cases Heard	52	66	67	46	55	42	64	43	45	57	63	61	661
Cases Granted	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	9	3	6	3	3	31
Parole Rate	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	7%	2%	21%	7%	11%	5%	5%	5%

REHEARING REQUESTS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
Cases Reviewed	4	0	7	2	5	3	2	2	3	4	3	1	36
Cases Granted	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	12
Rate	25%	0%	14%	0%	0%	67%	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	33%

RELEASE DATE OFFERS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
Total Offered	3	8	7	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	6	45
Total Accepted	3	5	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	26
Rate	100%	63%	100%	67%	33%	67%	100%	50%	33%	67%	0%	17%	58%

RECONSIDERATION REVIEWS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
Cases Reviewed	1	1	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Cases Granted	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rate	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%

RELEASE REVIEWS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
TOTALS	653	568	592	628	642	598	690	626	660	586	728	688	7,659
Mandatory Release Reviews	3	3	5	1	6	3	1	5	3	2	0	2	34
Statutory Parole Reviews	5	4	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	29
Mandatory Supervised Release Reviews	645	561	586	625	635	592	686	619	655	581	728	683	7,596

GOOD CONDUCT CREDITS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
TOTALS	462	315	325	369	324	350	372	387	358	445	387	456	4,550
REVOCATIONS Reviewed	391	261	294	287	295	237	301	311	322	372	331	382	3,784
Revoked	390	260	293	285	295	235	300	308	319	370	330	381	3,766
Rate	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99.52%
Lowered	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	9
Disapproved	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	9
RESTORATIONS Reviewed	71	54	31	82	29	113	71	76	36	73	56	74	766
Restored	71	54	31	82	29	112	71	76	36	73	56	74	765
Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.87%
Lowered	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FINAL DISCHARGE REQUESTS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
Cases Considered	223	325	285	413	335	185	340	284	218	351	203	23	3,185
Cases Granted	152	211	140	196	176	86	154	125	102	136	97	7	1,582
Rate	68%	65%	49%	47%	53%	46%	45%	44%	47%	39%	48%	30%	49.67%

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

	Jan. 1985 Docket	Apr. 1985 Docket	July 1985 Docket	Oct. 1985 Docket	Totals
Petitions Filed	27	45	43	42	157
Commutations Granted	0	1	0	0	1
Pardons Granted	0	0	1	1	2
Petitions Denied	2	4	1	0	7
Petitions Continued	25*	40*	41*	41*	147

* Incomplete — Petitions Pending

JUVENILE CASES REVIEWED

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	12 Month Total
TOTAL													
TOTAL NUMBER REVIEWED													
Hearing Reviews	115	93	114	105	99	101	113	93	79	113	93	102	1,220
Discharges Reviewed	79	98	101	84	73	84	59	58	85	93	58	44	916
Revocations Reviewed	11	15	18	24	20	24	20	22	26	45	22	22	269
Parole Cases Decided	115	93	114	105	99	101	113	93	79	113	93	102	1,220
Parole Granted	93	71	87	90	79	76	93	71	65	94	81	81	981
Parole Percent Rate	81%	76%	76%	86%	80%	75%	82%	76%	82%	83%	87%	79%	80%
Discharge Reviews	79	98	101	84	73	84	59	58	85	93	58	44	916
Discharges Granted	78	98	101	84	73	84	59	58	84	93	58	42	912
Discharge Rate	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	95%	99.56%
Parole Revocation Hearings	11	15	18	24	20	24	20	22	26	45	22	22	269
Paroles Revoked	11	15	18	24	19	24	20	22	20	38	18	19	248
Revocation Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%	100%	77%	84%	82%	86%	92%