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## “AMERICAN CONCEPT” OF CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORIZATION OF PERSONS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT

Criminological analysis of foreign experience of classification indicates that American concept of classification is limited to narrowly directed classification of inmates according to “the degree of danger to society,” sex, age grounds. However, the following classification procedure further is being complemented by the procedure of revision of safety category of every single convict, depending on his behavior in prison, training courses, degree of trust gained by him among the staff and the time remaining until the end of serving his sentence.

American approach reflects complicated criminological process of classification of convicts that starts with comprehensive study of the personality of convict during his stay in the Diagnostic Center, where he passes psychological testing of prisoners, the staff examines the crime, disciplinary history, criminal record, drug abuse, alcohol, conclusions probation officer, juvenile courts .

There is no general federal legislation on criminological classification of per-

sons sentenced to imprisonment, but the Central system for monitoring prisoners essentially captures certain groups of prisoners based on criminological classification. There is the rule upon which before the transfer of convict to new camera or prison, the staff of the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall verify the data from the Central monitoring system.

The author proposed to test national penitentiary system with progressive mechanisms of classification of prisoners based on: first, comprehensive study of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment, their socio-psychological characteristics, determining personality type. Secondly, procedure of revising the category of persons sentenced to imprisonment in the process of serving the sentence; Thirdly, obtaining information about criminological informal (informal) classification of persons sentenced to imprisonment, and reflection of it in carrying out classification of prisoners in the process of serving their sentence.