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of the inmate population. That particular range of cells in which the incident took place was under the control of the correctional officers.

The Solicitor General earlier stated in the House that the incident occurred at approximately 0820 hours Pacific time. The three inmates seized three correctional officers and held them in one end of the administrative segregation area, B-7. They had five kitchen knives which they had filed down, and what officials believe to be a container of acid. The incident ended shortly before 2300 hours on the same day. Neither staff nor inmates were injured.

Some of the demands of the three inmates were related to minor problems of administration which the director, after consulting with the commissioner, agreed to take action upon. Another demand was that changes be made with respect to the procedures governing inmate disciplinary courts. The director could not agree to this matter as it was beyond his jurisdiction. However, this demand was referred to the Commissioner of Penitentiaries for his consideration. The commissioner declined to make any comment on this matter except to state that this matter had been looked at in detail by the Vantour report. The penitentiary service will be giving their official reaction to this report in the near future.

The inmates further requested that they be transferred to the Dorchester penitentiary. This request was agreed to, and at this time the transfer of two of the inmates is completed. The third inmate involved appeared in court in British Columbia on March 3 and was subsequently transferred to Dorchester penitentiary.

I wish, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Solicitor General, to take this opportunity to commend all these persons in authority who were involved in this incident for having been successful in obtaining the release of the three hostages without any injury or loss of life to either personnel or inmates. He also wants to thank Miss Winfield, Mr. Hogan, and Mr. Siegfried for their most valuable co-operation in this matter.

An inquiry has been convened into these incidents and it is the minister's intention to inform the House of the results of this inquiry in due course of time. For this reason the minister would be most reluctant to comment on the details of the incident and risk prejudicing anyone involved in this case. May I again thank the hon. member for his extreme interest in the matter.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.