it. When Mr. Mayhew gave the order for Harris to be whipped to me, he gave me the order in this way: he said "Bring Thomas Harris down below" or "down stairs, and lock him up in a cell, and chain him to his door, and leave him there, and if he makes a noise, strap him, and I don't care a damn whether he comes out here first or feet first. It is orders from head-quarters, and I don't care who knows it." He said it was orders from head-quarters. I don't know who he meant by "head-quarters" unless it was the commissioners and the warden. I supposed he meant the head of the institution.

What was your impression? I suppose it was understood by the warden and the commissioners.
Did you have any other reason for supposing that the commissioners or the warden knew of it?

Nothing only the Deputy Warden's word - his saying that he had orders from head quarters, and "he didn't care a damn who knew it." I have been in the habit of taking orders from all the Deputy Wardens I have served under without consulting the warden or the commissioners.

As Keeper of the solitary, do you know of any safer way or any better way to stop a convict when he is making a noise than to apply this gag which is now used in this prison?

I consider this gag, since we have the trouble with Michael Ryan, unsafe. I consider it dangerous.

Do you know of any safer or
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better way to stop a convict noise than the gag?

I don’t know of any better on paper now. Although there
not considers the gag safe
since we had two trouble
with Michael Ryan.

Has the gag been used by
any of those officers under
whom you have served where
convicts would persist in
disturbing the solitary?

I think it has, sir.

Was it under Mr. Maguire
whom you have last been
seeing.

The gag was used for that
purpose also.

Was it under Captain Hall
who preceded him?

Upon air, the gag was used
under Captain Hall.

Was it under Mr. Lang who
preceded him?

I think so. I don’t know
that one ever used the gag.
The page contains handwriting that reads as follows:

Steiner says I gotta go now. We'll go to the market and get some food. We'll meet at the post office. The post office is where we usually meet.

I met Steiner at the market today. We need to meet again tomorrow. I want to see you again.

We need to meet again. I want to talk to you.
during Mr. Long's time as he
was only here a short time.
There were no orders given
not to use it.
I have all of those Deputy
Marshals being present at
different times when you, as
keeper of the solitary, have
gagged men, for instance,
Capt. Armell?
I never gagged a man under
Capt. Armell. I was not
Solitary Keeper at that time.
2. Did you gag men under Mr.
Morgan when he came in?
2. When he came in the last
time?
2. Not the first time?
2. No sir.
2. Did you gag men under
Capt. Hall?
2. Yes sir.
2. Did he see you gag the man?
2. He has seen me.
2. And approves of it, did
he?
Ayes sir.

When under Mr. Long did you gag men?

I think Mr. Long was in only a short time. He was only Deputy Warden about a month and I think I did, but I did not say positively as to that—his time was so short.

Was there under Captain Hall again?

Ayes sir.

I what did you say to Mr. Treasure about Reid the other night, when you were relieved that might try him, as keeper of the Solitary?

I told him he has been troublesome some all day.

What is about what you said to him, is it?

Ayes sir. And I think I spoke of the strap too, and Mr. Treasure requested me to leave the strap out, to leave it in the bucket, and not look at it.
Commissioner Diamy:—I understand you to say that the first whipping of Harris was done by order of the Deputy and the Doctor?

Ayes Sir.

Who ordered you to whip him the second time when he was in the cell?

I had no orders the second time. The order was given in such a way that I understood I was to whip him if he did anything contrary to the rules of the Solitary. The way I understood the order, it was done to see whether the man was insane or not.

I understood you also when you informed Captain Mayhew of the first whipping, that you expressed your opinion to him that he was insane?

Ayres Sir.

Did you think that he was
insane the next time that you whipped him. Did you still think he was insane?

I thought he was insane, but knew better than to dirty his cell.

Commissioner M. Jones: — Then does the board understand you that in whipping Conniel Harris the first time, you did it with any feeling of revenge?

No Sir.

Do that you did it as a medical experiment to ascertain the fact whether he was a crazy man or not?

Yes Sir.

Commissioner Delaney: — Do you understand that the gag is recognized as one of the methods of punishment in the institution?

I do, Sir.

Do you understand that the strap is also? 

I shall understand that the strap was to be used on Harris