

# Prisons Study Ordered by Governor

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SACRAMENTO — Gov. Reagan has ordered the State Board of Corrections to review security procedures in state prison.

An executive order issued yesterday also calls on the board to make recommendations "aimed at reinforcing the safety and protecting the lives of both inmates and correctional officers."

Three convicts, including black militant George Jackson, and three guards were killed in an escape attempt

at San Quentin Prison Aug. 21.

"The public is entitled to know the truth and our correctional officers and their families are entitled to personal safety," said Reagan's order.

Reagan also charged there have been "well-publicized" attempts to "distort the facts of the recent San Quentin escape attempt and the killings perpetrated in the course of that attempt."

Reagan charged many of the incidents of violence at

California prisons in the past several years "appear to result from the unlawful designs of self-proclaimed, revolutionary forces operating both within and without prison walls."

The order specifically directs the board to make recommendations relating to:

- Correctional officer safety.
- Unnecessary exposure of correctional officers to danger.
- Inmate security.
- Communications with

prisoners, including personal visits.

Reagan said the "revolutionary forces" constitute a threat to an orderly correctional system and society at large.

"They seriously impede, if not altogether prevent, any reasonable efforts at rehabilitating those inmates who are capable of it," he said.

Eight guards and 24 inmates have been killed at the 13 state prisons since 1970, including five guards and 12 inmates this year.