As Vermont Commissioner of Corrections, I directed and managed the closing of the Vermont State Prison, and the reassignment and relocation of all employees and inmates. A handful of our most able and trusted employees were assigned "around the clock" to monitor and report on all aspects of closing operations to ensure the best possible results.

John Murphy's presence as a valued monitor during the final months of operations was a very significant factor in the resulting smooth, efficient and professional closing of the facility that was, at that time, the oldest operating state prison in America.

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