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- 7. A vibrant tradition of documentaries by independent film-makers offers one highly effective way out of mainstream representations of prison. Notable examples include the following: *Lockdown USA*, produced by the Deep Dish Network; *Framing the Panthers in Black and White*, by Chris Bratton and Annie Goldson, a work which explores the infamous FBI COINTELPRO group; Lisa Rudman's work includes *Geronimo Pratt*, *Resistance Conspiracy* and *Have You Seen La Nueva Mujer Revolucionaria Puertoriquena*? The 'Women in the Director's Chair' group produced *Mistreating Prisoners: Health Care Behind Bars*. Kari Mokko's *The New Gulag* offers an inside look at the SuperMax facilities that have been repeatedly denounced by Amnesty and other international organisations. Felicia Sullivan's *Life Beside Bars* looks at the building of a prison near a housing estate in Boston. *Prison Labor, Prison Blues*, by the California Working Group, concentrates on the increasing prevalence of private capital and exploitation of inmate labour in US corrections.
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Inmate); biographies and autobiographies by prison staff (George Gregory's Alcatraz Screw: My Years As a Guard in America's Most Notorious Prison and Milton Daniel's Alcatraz Island: Memoirs of a Rock Doc); collections of photographs and paintings (John Mercer's Island of the Pelicans, Ron Levine's Prisoners of Age: the Alcatraz Exhibition); poetry (Henry Floyd Brown's Real Prison); novels (Tara Ison's A Child out of Alcatraz); and novelisations based on escape attempts (Don Denevi's Riddle of the Rock: The Only Successful Escape from Alcatraz).

- 42. The first 20 years of screening the Rock saw King of Alcatraz (1938), Those High Grey Walls (1939), The House Across the Bay (1940), Passport to Alcatraz (1940), Seven Miles from Alcatraz (1942), Road to Alcatraz (1945), Train to Alcatraz (1948) and Experiment Alcatraz (1950).
- 43. As is often the case in the genre, it is difficult to shake the suspicion of parody, given Siegel's remorseless regurgitation of prison film cliché, from the lightning strike that coincides with the guard's 'welcome to Alcatraz', to the closing image of a wild flower symbolising freedom. Characterisation is similarly hackneyed. The supporting cast are cardboard cut-outs, and even Eastwood's character, Frank Morris, struggles to be more lively than his model papier-mâché head. *Escape from Alcatraz* pretends to charge prison with an assault on individuality, but its uninspired reproduction of generic platitudes simply repeats the offence.
- 44. Ironically, the warden is played by Patrick McGoohan who is most famous for his role in cult TV series *The Prisoner*.
- 45. *Escape from Alcatraz* is unable, unsurprisingly, to articulate these oppositions in relation to capitalist class relations. Siegel relies instead on banal generalisations concerning the 'individual' and the 'system'. An amorphous version of the 'system' permits the valorisation of the individual, who displays the capitalist virtues of a positive work ethic and entrepreneurial ingenuity whilst ignoring the structural integration of capitalism and the prison system.
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- 47. Emily Dickinson, 'I heard a Fly buzz when I died', in *The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson* (Little Brown & Co: 1976), p.412.
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works to confirm right-wing phobias concerning increases in female criminality, but obscures vital statistics. Women account for around 10 per cent of homicides in the US, but offenders are far less likely than men to have criminal records, are far more likely to have acted alone, and their victim is far more likely to be a spouse or intimate relation. *Last Dance* inverts each of these trends.

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- 72. The focus on romance behind bars also denies the historical realities of abuse. Most US women prisoners are guarded by men. Around 50 per

cent of them claim to have been the victims of physical and/or sexual abuse, and 27 per cent state that they have been raped.

- 73. In the past 20 years, there have been almost 20 separate instances of 'technical difficulties' in executions by lethal injection. Many of these cases involve problems with the insertion of IVs in prisoners who are drug users and in poor physical condition. Delays of up to 50 minutes have been documented, during which the condemned has often had to offer assistance. IVs have also been dislodged whilst the chemicals were being injected. In Texas, in 1998, Joseph Cannon had to inform the execution team of this error during his execution. The curtains were drawn for 15 minutes whilst the problem was rectified. In the execution of Emmitt Foster, in Missouri in 1995, the injections appeared not to be working. The coroner noted that the condemned man had been strapped so tightly to the gurney that it was prohibiting the flow of the chemicals. Death by lethal injection, depicted as an orderly and rapid affair in the films under consideration, is often accompanied by seizures, spasms, severe facial contortions, and choking fits, and can last up to 80 minutes from the point that the drugs are first administered.
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- Walter Benjamin, 'A Small History of Photography', in One-Way Street, and Other Writings, Edmund Jephcott and Kingley Shorter trans. (New Left: London, 1979), p.256.
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- 87. *Oz* has offered more deaths at one institution than normally occur in the entire US penal system each year. Official statistics state that there are between 70 and 100 murders per annum inside American prisons.
- 88. Coincidentally, the same year also saw the first in a trilogy of *Prison Planet* films.

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- 89. The PIE initiative enables companies to acquire prison labour with minimal incidents of absenteeism and turnover, and to pay the minimum wage without health benefits. Meanwhile, inmates are expected to pay tax and contribute towards their keep. This opportunity has been grasped by industrial and postindustrial concerns: convict labour is being used to build and maintain prisons, to manufacture furniture and office supplies and computer components for IBM and US Technologies. Since the mid 1990s Microsoft has been using prison labour from Washington's Twin Rivers Corrections Center, near its Seattle headquarters, to package its products. In 1995 the Corrections Corporation of America controlled about 50 per cent of the market on prison labour. Its stock rose by 360.5 per cent in that year, making it the fourth-best performer on the New York Stock Exchange.
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- 3. Coincidentally, 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' is being performed by the sentry at the containment facility where pre-criminals are held indefinitely. This chain of musical connections can be taken further. Whilst the detainees at the concentration camp in *Schindler's List* are forced to run naked as Billie Holliday sings 'God Bless the Child' on a gramophone, Lady is piped over the sound system in the futuristic Gap store in *Minority Report* as Anderton chooses an outfit for Agatha. His

selection of striped trousers for the emaciated and shorn figure of the Pre-Cog seems to complete her visual replication as a camp survivor.

- 4. A less sanguine conclusion, involving the discovery that the entire film consisted of the visions of Anderton confined in the 'hell', was apparently dropped by Spielberg during production.
- 5. Tom Cruise's production company recruited the 3 Ring Circus agency to design a series of commercials for use in *Minority Report* which, given the innovative media involved, also function as adverts for capitalism's official art-form itself. Lexus purportedly donated \$5 million to the film and a \$62,000 convertible to its director to include one of their concept cars. Nokia handed over \$2 million to ensure the use of their handsets. Coincidentally, Nokia was a major sponsor of *The Matrix*, another fashionably dystopian and profoundly inconsistent science-fiction fantasy which utilised state of the art technology to advance a neo-Luddite philosophy.
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