

# prison-industrial complex

## Alternative Monitoring Services

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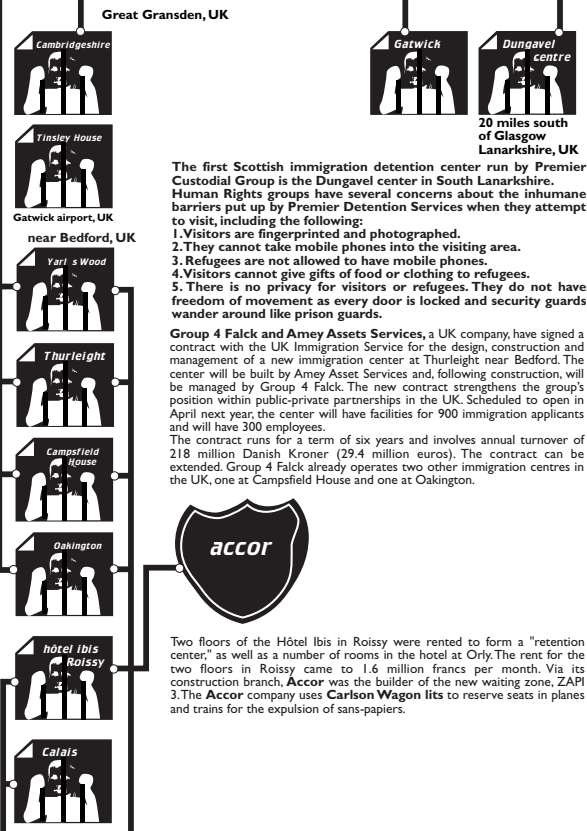
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(2001) In Europe and in Australia, Sodexo provides services for a total of 17 establishments. SIGES (Société d'investissement et de gestion des services), a branch of Sodexo, has invested in 8 prisons in France, including 5 detention centers (Argentan, Châteauroux, Châteaudun, Neuvic, Uzarche), and 3 jails (Bois d'Arcy, Chartres, Nanterre). Its contracts run from food services (its specialty, a market evaluated at 5.5 billion euros) to maintenance and security, by way of cleaning, teaching, employment, training, transportation, health care... SIGES today earns 1% of the Sodexo group's total turnover, i.e. 49 millions euros; but it estimates the market of 2,500,000 incarcerated persons in the Western countries to have a value of 45.6 billion euros. It takes part in each stage of the prisoner's incarceration, from condemnation onward: it employs prisoners, feeds them, furnishes them with canteen products, "cares" for them, washes their clothes, trains them, helps them return to society, surveys them...

## Sodexo Marriott Services (SMS)



The first Scottish immigration detention center run by Premier Custodial Group is the Dungavel center in South Lanarkshire. Human Rights groups have several concerns about the inhumane barriers put up by Premier Detention Services when they attempt to visit, including the following:  
1. Visitors are fingerprinted and photographed.  
2. They cannot take mobile phones into the visiting area.  
3. Refugees are not allowed to have mobile phones.  
4. Visitors cannot give gifts of food or clothing to refugees.  
5. There is no privacy for visitors or refugees. They do not have freedom of movement as every door is locked and security guards wander around like prison guards.

Group 4 Falck and Amey Assets Services, a UK company, have signed a contract with the UK Immigration Service for the design, construction and management of a new immigration center at Thurlleigh near Bedford. The center will be built by Amey Asset Services and, following construction, will be managed by Group 4 Falck. The new contract strengthens the group's position within public-private partnerships in the UK. Scheduled to open in April next year, the center will have facilities for 900 immigration applicants and will have 300 employees.  
The contract runs for a term of six years and involves annual turnover of 218 million Danish Kroner (29.4 million euros). The contract can be extended. Group 4 Falck already operates two other immigration centres in the UK, one at Campsfield House and one at Oakington.

Two floors of the Hôtel Ibis in Roissy were rented to form a "retention center," as well as a number of rooms in the hotel at Orly. The rent for the two floors in Roissy came to 1.6 million francs per month. Via its construction branch, Accor was the builder of the new waiting zone, ZAFI.  
3. The Accor company uses Carlson Wagon lits to reserve seats in planes and trains for the expulsion of sans-papiers.



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Leader of the private market in the USA, CCA has approximately 72,000 beds and currently houses 55,000 inmates in 63 facilities under contract for management in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Australia and the United Kingdom.

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Serco has a joint venture with Wackenhut Corrections Corporation of the US called Premier Custodial Group (PCG), which, together with support from Serco Investments, has built and run several new prisons in the UK such as Lowdham Grange, Kilmarnock, Pucklechurch and Dovegate as well as the Medomsley Secure Training Centre. PCG is also able to tag and monitor offenders under curfew orders.

**REACT, or the "Stun Belt"**  
**REACT** (Remote Electronically Activated Control Technology), also known as the "Stun Belt," is a product of STUN TECH Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio. It is a belt worn at the waist and equipped with two electrodes at the level of the left kidney. Using a remote control with a range of approximately 90 meters, the guard can inflict on the prisoner electric discharges of 50,000 volts for a duration of 8 seconds. When the device is activated, it cannot be stopped (the full 8-second period cannot be reduced). The low amperage (3 or 4 milliamperes) ensures, in principle, the avoidance of fatality. STUN TECH offers two versions: the High Security Transport Belt (HSTB), used for the transportation of dangerous prisoners and as a complement to more classical instruments of retention (handcuffs, chains), and the Minimal Security Belt (MSB), used particularly for the appearance of prisoners before the courts. STUN TECH claims to have sold 1400 belts in the United States and to dominate 90% of the American market. The NOVA Products firm of Cookeville, Tennessee, is number 2 in the market, with its product RACC (Remote Activated Custody Control).

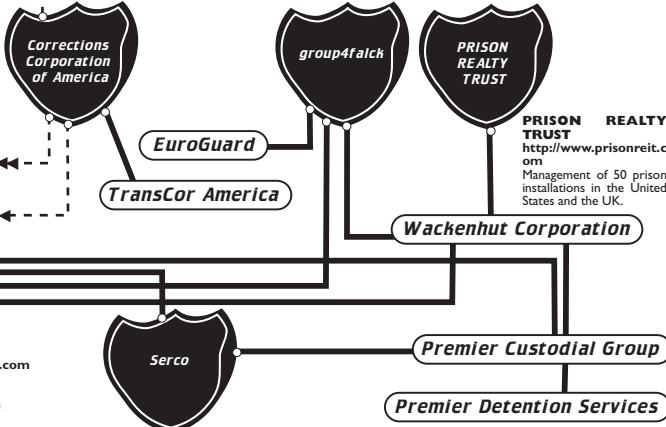
In the Old Parish Prison in New Orleans, Louisiana, the Stun Belt is systematically affixed to all prisoners with the HIV virus, who are additionally relegated to a high-security quarter, whatever their level of aggressiveness. In El Paso county, Colorado, the Sheriff considers the Stun Belt as a "level 1 device," like handcuffs.

**TG GUARD @ System**  
**MACE SECURITY INC.** sells a device for the release of incapacitating gas, destined for use in prisons. The TG GUARD @ System is composed of a network of jets distributed throughout the prison (comparable to the automatic sprinklers installed in the ceiling in case of fire) and controlled electronically from a console situated in an observation room. When a security officer observes trouble in a prison zone - whether from a window or through a CCTV video network - he can use his control panel to automatically command the dispersal of an incapacitating chemical agent such as tear gas into the desired zone. An added colorant can be mixed with the chemical agent to mark the troublemakers for later identification.

**Unidirection Infrasound Acoustic Weapon**  
**SARA (Scientific Applications and Research Associates)**  
The human ear responds to a range of frequencies between 20 and 20,000 hertz. The research on acoustic weapons deals with infrasounds, i.e. frequencies below the threshold of audibility for human beings. Researchers estimate that vibrations of very low frequency - an infrasound of around 16 hertz, but of very high intensity - could cause nausea, disorientation, disturbances of vision, or even internal lesions, with effects from temporary discomfort to death, in extreme cases. One must nonetheless observe that such devices have long been rendered impossible by unresolvable technical problems. The size of a loudspeaker is proportional to the intensity of the sound to be produced, and inversely proportional to the frequency of the sound. The effects sought in the domain of non-lethal weapons, using intense infrasound, would therefore require immense loudspeakers consuming large quantities of energy. This problem has recently been overcome by the American Technology Corp. of San Diego, California, which, in cooperation with the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, has just developed a technique of sound generation dubbed Hypersonic Sound, which uses the air as a resonating surface in place of a loudspeaker with a vibrating membrane. The process consists in generating two ultrasounds of slightly different frequencies (200,000 and 200,150 hertz, for example). These two signals, inaudible for the human ear, combine to create two additional signals, one with a frequency equal to the sum of the frequencies of the two original signals, the other equal to the difference of the two originals (which, in our example, would give frequencies of 400,150 or 150 hertz). While the high-frequency signal rapidly dissipates in the atmosphere, the low-frequency signal persists and can be directed precisely toward a group of individuals.

**Group 4** has the biggest piece of the immigration pie, making millions out of the sufferings of migrants and refugees. They have just opened a new prison in Bloemfontein (South Africa), with spaces for 2,928 prisoners. It is believed that the next project, a new central prison for Lesotho, will be even bigger, with 3,500 beds.  
**Premier Custodial Group** manages five British prisons, plus a Secure Training Center for persistent young offenders. It has contracts for prison escort and court custody services, and runs two areas for the electronic monitoring of offenders in England and Wales. Wackenhut, which describes itself as a world leader in this growing industry, has already won contracts to manage more than fifty prisons, detention and mental health facilities in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.  
**Premier Detention Services** have the contract for transporting dispersed asylum seekers throughout the UK and transporting detainees captured by 'Immigration Snatch Squads' to detention centers and prisons. They also transport removes from prisons and detention centers to airports and ports.

The **Wackenhut Corporation** boasts a yearly turnover of 2.2 billion USD, with a 23% increase in 1999; it controls 53% of the non-American market. For such companies, looking to grow beyond the United States, the bridgehead to penetrate the European market is naturally the United Kingdom. The trend to privatization is strongly influenced by the Adam Smith Institute and supported by the Home Affairs Committee since the latter conducted visits to the private American prisons, despite the protests from the Prison Officers Association, a few Labour MPs and organizations such as the Prison Reform Trust. Currently, some ten British prisons have been privatized, most often with the participation of an American company: the Agecroft prison is managed by the American firm Prison Realty Trust of Leavenworth, Kansas; the prisons of Doncaster, Lowdham Grange, Marchington, Medomsley and Pucklechurch in England, as well as the Kilmarnock in Scotland are run by the Wackenhut Corrections Corporation of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to name only a few cases. <http://wackenhut.com/>



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The Manhattan Institute, whose founding director was James Casey (future head of the CIA under Reagan), was created with the funds of JP Morgan/Class Manhattan (David Rockefeller) and of the pharmaceutical firms (Pfizer and Lilly) directly connected to Rockefeller and Bush senior, plus Time Warner, American Express, etc. Loic Wacquant recalls that this institute lies at the origin of the American "prison-industrial complex" (now gaining a following in Europe). It also promotes the reduction of birthrates in poor countries.

