

## **McVeigh Wants His Execution Broadcast - Letter Questions Fairness of Limited Telecast**

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Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh says he is not opposed to a closed-circuit telecast of his execution and that officials should even allow a public broadcast of it.

In a 450-word letter published in Oklahoma City's The Sunday Oklahoman, Mr. McVeigh questioned the fairness of limiting the number of witnesses to his scheduled May 16 execution.

"Because the closed-circuit telecast of my execution raises these fundamental equal access concerns, and because I am otherwise not opposed to such a telecast, a reasonable solution seems obvious: hold a true public execution - allow a public broadcast," he wrote in the two-page letter.

Mr. McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed by injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

About 250 people who survived or lost relatives in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building have asked to see Mr. McVeigh's execution, but only eight seats are available for personal witnesses. The bombing left 168 people dead.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons is considering a closed-circuit broadcast, either in Oklahoma City or at the Indiana prison. But a national broadcast is not an option, bureau spokesman Dan Dunne said.

"It hasn't been considered. It won't happen," Mr. Dunne said.

In McVeigh's Feb. 1 handwritten letter, he wondered who would be considered for watching his execution.

"It has ... been said that all of Oklahoma was a victim of the bombing. Can all of Oklahoma watch?" he wrote.

Mr. McVeigh would be the first federal inmate executed since 1963.

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PHOTO(S): Timothy McVeigh ... About 250 survivors and relatives of victims have asked to view his execution.