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Ku Klux Klan leader not going to Mexican-dominated jail  
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Ku Klux Klan leader Stephen Don Black will not be going to a Texas prison with an inmate population that is 82 percent Mexican, a move he had said would endanger his life.

Black said Monday the government mistakenly had assigned him to the La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution near El Paso, Texas, but he actually will serve his three-year sentence at a facility in Tucson, Ariz.

The Klan leader was convicted on a charge of attempting to overthrow the government of the Caribbean island of Dominica. Black and nine other men were charged with violating the Neutrality Act.

One of those other men, Joe Daniel Hawkins, will be sent to La Tuna and will face a hostile Mexican inmate population, Black said during a phone interview.

Black, Hawkins and other Klan members have been outspoken in their opposition to a congressional bill that would grant amnesty to 12 million Mexicans who have entered the U.S. illegally.

"We submitted a written appeal to redesignate Danny's place of confinement," Black said. "We were ordered to report Monday, December 6, so they'll have to do something very quickly. If they do not, we'll have to go to court."

Black, a native of Birmingham, Ala., said he will continue to fight for his own freedom, even though an appeal already has been denied by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There's nothing I can do to stay the mandate and keep me out of prison," he said, "but we're working on a petition for a rehearing to the Supreme Court based on constitutionality of the law."

Black said he would base the appeal on a claim the law was unconstitutionally vague and that he was the object of selective prosecution.

"I feel the Neutrality Act is vague in its definition of a nation at peace with the U.S., since we haven't been at war with anyone since World War II," he said.

"The law is not specific about which nations we are at peace with. If we were guilty of violating the act, then other people are too. Certainly everybody who participated in the Bay of Pigs was guilty of violating the law and, of course, the CIA for many years has been participating in covert acts."