

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PALMS JOHN M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700</u> <u>621 NORTHWEST 53RD STREET</u>  (Street) <u>BOCA RATON FL 33487</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/13/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GEO GROUP INC [ GGI ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

**Remarks:**

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ John M. Palms By: Kenneth J. Mendell as Attorney in Fact 03/07/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned's hereby makes,  
constitutes and appoints John J. Bulfin or Kenneth J. Mendell as the  
undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and  
authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place  
and  
stead of the undersigned to:

(1) prepare, execute,  
acknowledge,  
deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments  
thereto) with  
respect to the securities of The GEO Group, Inc., a Florida  
corporation  
(the "Company"), with the United States Securities and  
Exchange Commission,  
any national securities exchanges and the Company,  
as considered necessary  
or advisable under Section 16(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and  
the rules and regulations promulgated  
thereunder, as amended from time to  
time (the "Exchange Act");

(2)  
seek or obtain, as the undersigned's  
representative and on the  
undersigned's behalf, information on transactions  
in the Company's  
securities from any third party, including brokers,  
employee benefit plan  
administrators and trustees, and the undersigned  
hereby authorizes any  
such person to release any such information to the  
undersigned and  
approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(3)  
perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such  
attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the  
undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned

acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does  
not  
require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on  
information  
provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent  
verification of such  
information;

(2) any documents prepared  
and/or executed by such  
attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned  
pursuant to this Power of  
Attorney will be in such form and will contain  
such information and  
disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her  
discretion, deems  
necessary or desirable;

(3) neither the Company  
nor such  
attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's  
responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii)  
any

liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4)  
this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS  
WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 3rd day of March, 2006.

/s/  
John M.  
Palms

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Signature

John M. Palms

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

STATE  
OF  
FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

On this  
3rd day  
of March, 2006, John M. Palms personally appeared before me, and  
acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes

therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and  
official seal.

/s/ Jackette B.

Reynolds

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Notary  
Public

My Commission Expires: 17 May 2009, South Carolina