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Honorable Brian Williams (90128)
County Judge
County Courthouse
Marion, Arkansas 72364

Re: Notice of Intent to Investigate
Crittenden County Jail, Marion, Arkansas

Dear Judge Williams:

I am writing to let you know of our intention to investigate conditions within the Crittenden County Jail in Marion, Arkansas. This investigation occurs pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional rights of persons residing in this facility. The initiation of this investigation in no way indicates any prejudgment on our part that federal rights have been violated. If any violations are found, we will look forward to conferring with you and your staff concerning corrective actions that might be appropriate.

As a means of commencing this investigation, I wish to propose an initial meeting in the near future between our attorneys and representatives of your office. It has been our experience that such a preliminary conference can substantially expedite the investigation process. We will also wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and possibly agents of the Federal

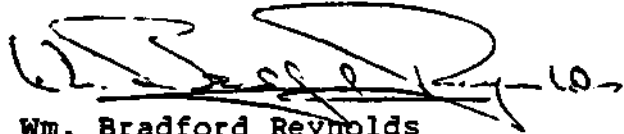
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Bureau of Investigation to visit the facility. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our meeting and later visits. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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