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Mr. Crews Salas
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Gila, Arizona
1400 East Ash Street
Globe, AZ 85501

Dear Chairman Salas:

I am writing to advise you that we intend to investigate conditions of confinement at the Gila County Jails in Globe and Payson, Arizona. This investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of this investigation will be to determine whether conditions of confinement at the Gila County Jails violate the federal constitutional rights of inmates held there. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations we have received regarding: (1) medical care, (2) mental health care, (3) physical plant, (4) food service, and (5) corrections.

The initiation of this investigation does not indicate a prejudgment on our part that federal constitutional rights have been violated. Additionally, if as a result of our investigation any violations are found, we intend to confer with the Board and the Sheriff concerning any appropriate corrective action.

We would like to initiate this investigation as soon as possible. In that regard, attorneys from my office will contact the Sheriff in the near future to arrange tours of the jails by our consultants and Civil Rights Division personnel. The attorney responsible for this matter is Andrew J. Barrick, (202) 514-6249.

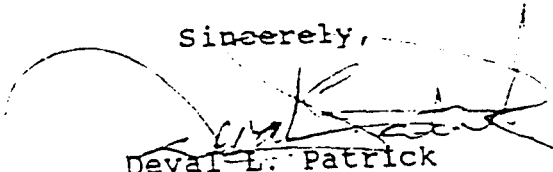
CRIPA Investigation



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Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor

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Mr. Joe M. Rodriguez
Sheriff



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Proposed CRIPA investigation
of the county jail system
in Gila County, Arizona.
These jails are used by
INS to house Mexican
nationals awaiting disposition
of their citizenship status
and the complaints here
have come from the Mexican
Consul. Because these
persons are integrated in
the general jail population,
however, some conditions
(over)

likely apply to all
inmates and detainees.
~~More~~ Investigation seems
warranted - in addition
to the usual notice
to ~~the~~ county officials,
INS and the Consul.
are also being notified.
Looks ok. Gerry J.