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Washington, D.C. 20035

Ms. Doris Meissner
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
425 I Street, N.W., Suite 7100
Washington, D.C. 20536

January 7, 1998

Re: Investigation of Gila County Jails

Dear Ms. Meissner:

We conducted an investigation into conditions of confinement at the Gila County Jails, Globe and Payson, Arizona, pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997h. We have found that the conditions of confinement at the Globe facility fall below constitutional minimum standards. Enclosed is a copy of our findings letter, which is being sent to Gila County.

We understand that the Immigration and Naturalization Service currently houses federal inmates at the Globe Jail. We ask that you reassess this matter in light of our findings. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Chief of our Special Litigation Section, Steven H. Rosenbaum (202-514-6255).

Sincerely,

Bill Lann Lee
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. William Buddenberg
Acting Director of Detention
Management Branch

Mr. David A. Martin
General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel

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Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez
Director
United States Marshals Service
600 Army Navy Drive, Suite 1200
Arlington, VA 22202

January 7, 1998

Re: Investigation of Gila County Jails

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

We previously notified the Marshals Service that we were initiating an investigation into conditions of confinement at the Gila County Jails, Globe and Payson, Arizona, pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997h. We have completed our investigation of both Jails, and have found that the conditions of confinement at the Globe facility fall below constitutional minimum standards. Enclosed is a copy of our findings letter, which is being sent to Gila County.

We understand that the Marshals Service currently houses federal inmates at the Globe Jail. We ask that you reassess this matter in light of our findings. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Chief of our Special Litigation Section, Steven H. Rosenbaum (202-514-6255).

Sincerely,



Bill Lann Lee

Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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cc: Mr. Joseph T. Frey, Jr.
Chief
Prisoner Operations

Ms. Deborah C. Westbrook
General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel