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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Litigation Involving Louisiana Parish Jails

On May 2, 1978, you approved the filing of a suit under the Revenue Sharing Act, 31 U.S.C. §1242(g), to desegregate the Natchitoches Parish (Louisiana) jail. In my memorandum to you of April 21, 1978, requesting your approval to file that suit, I advised you that other similar cases were being prepared.

By this memorandum, I am now seeking your approval to file six additional actions to desegregate parish jails in Louisiana. Four suits, involving the parishes of Bienville, Jackson, Union, and Webster, are essentially identical to the Natchitoches Parish case that you have already approved.

With respect to Acadia Parish, a private action for injunctive relief styled Breaux v. Phelps has been filed. I am recommending that you approve our intervention in that action pursuant to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Revenue Sharing Act.

With respect to Vernon Parish, we have also received several complaint letters, thereby allowing us to sue under Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (our traditional desegregation tool) as well as the Revenue Sharing Act.

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