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Civil Rights Division

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Kane Ditto  
Mayor  
City of Jackson  
219 South President Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Investigation of the Jackson City Jail  
in Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mayor Ditto:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Jackson City Jail ("JCJ") in Jackson, Mississippi. The investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §1997-1997j (1982).

The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether JCJ violates the constitutional rights of its inmates. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations concerning (1) conditions of confinement, (2) supervision by guards, (3) suicide precautions, (4) medical care, and (5) various structural deficiencies. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudgment that JCJ violates its inmates' constitutional rights. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

As a means of commencing this investigation, we wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and perhaps agents of the

CRIPA Investigation

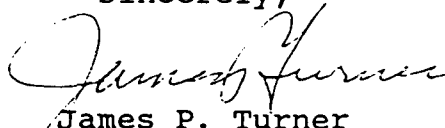


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour JCJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James P. Turner".

James P. Turner  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: Mr. John Greene  
Chief of Police  
City of Jackson

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