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Civil Rights Division

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ely Mitchell
President
Alcorn County Board of Supervisors
501 Waldron Street
Corinth, MS 38834-0069

Re: Investigation of the Alcorn County Jail
in Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Alcorn County Jail ("ACJ") in Corinth, 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 ACJ violates the constitutional rights of its inmates. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations concerning (1) conditions of confinement, (2) staffing and supervision by guards, (3) suicide precautions, and (4) medical care. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudgment that ACJ 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

U.S. v. Alcorn Co.

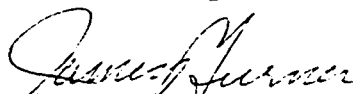


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour ACJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Jimmy Taylor
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