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Mr. Harold K. Reynolds  
President  
Neshoba County Board of  
Supervisors  
401 Beacon Street  
Suite 201  
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Re: Investigation of the Neshoba County Detention  
Center in Philadelphia, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Neshoba County Detention Center in Philadelphia, Mississippi. The investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether conditions at the Neshoba County Detention Center violate the constitutional rights of the inmates confined there. The investigation will focus on, among other things: (1) security guard staffing, (2) classification of inmates, (3) structural deficiencies, (4) operational deficiencies (5) adequacy of fire-safety precautions, (6) medical and mental health services, (7) suicide precautions, and (8) safety of inmates. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudgment that conditions at the jail violate the constitutional rights of the inmates. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

As a means of commencing the investigation, we wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and perhaps agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour the facility. We are currently planning to tour the facility on July 29 and 30, 1993. We will be contacting the County Attorney in the near future in this regard.

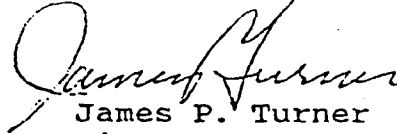
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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Civil Rights Division

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Neshoba County Sheriff

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