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September 30, 1998

The Honorable Frank J. Polozola, Jr.
United States District Court Judge
Middle District of Louisiana
777 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

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RE: Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth
Civil Action No. 97-0665

Dear Judge Polozola:

On July 23, 1998, I assigned Gary Gremillion, an employee of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, to serve as acting warden of Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth (TCCY). In that capacity, Warden Gremillion submitted monthly consent decree compliance reports to you and me for the months of July and August, 1998. Those reports represented that the facility was in full compliance with the 1994 TCCY Stipulation and Consent Decree, except for the minor variances identified in the July report. Copies of those reports are attached.

As you know, Gary Gremillion assumed the position of acting warden on short notice, and his efforts initially were focused on maintaining order and services. I recently asked Warden Gremillion to thoroughly review the 1994 Stipulation and Consent Decree and all modifications to that decree in order to make certain that the facility was in compliance with the orders entered by the Court.

Last week Warden Gremillion discovered that previously submitted reports were not accurate and that some violations of the Stipulation and Consent Decree had not been reported. In particular, the consent decree, as modified, requires the assignment of one roving guard for certain housing areas. A review of shift rosters discloses that the rover position was not consistently filled on two shifts. This situation has been remedied and will not recur.



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Additionally, the Stipulation and Consent Decree requires the facility to retain the services of "two substance abuse counselors." Although it appears that TCCY has retained the required number of mental health counselors, it is not clear whether two of those counselors (or their equivalent in hours) are qualified to provide, and have been providing, substance abuse counseling. I am working to confirm the status of the substance abuse counselors at this time.

With the possible exception of the substance abuse counselors, TCCY currently is in compliance with all terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Consent Decree and will maintain compliance or promptly report instances of non-compliance. I apologize that these instances of non-compliance were not detected earlier. Neither Warden Gremillion nor I will tolerate recurrence. I have directed this date that every staff member at TCCY be reminded of their responsibility to the Court in this regard and that re-training in the requirements of the decree commence immediately with all staff being required to acknowledge their understanding in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard L. Stalder', written in a cursive style.

Richard L. Stalder
Secretary

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Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth

August 10, 1998

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Mr. Richard Stalder, Secretary
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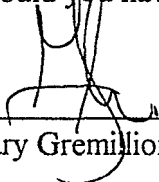
Dear Sirs:

This will certify that Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth was in compliance with all requirements of the Consent Decree for the month of July, 1998 for the period of time that I have been over this facility. However, it was brought to my attention that two consent decree violations occurred in June, but were not reported until July. Therefore I am including these in this report.

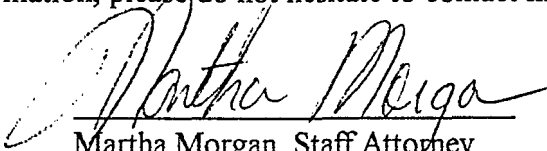
1. Due to an officer leaving Charlie dormitory for a period of approximately 37 seconds during a fight, this facility was in violation of the consent decree violation of the Consent Decree requirements.
2. Due to an officer sending several offenders out the door of Charlie dormitory and leaving them there for several minutes, this facility was in violation of the Consent Decree requirements for an undetermined amount of time.

Although these were violations of the Consent Decree, no serious incidents occurred as a result.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Gary Gremillion, Warden



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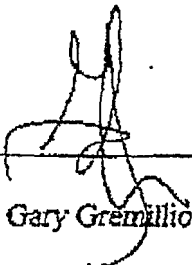
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