



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20035

December 22, 1994

The Honorable William D. Schaefer  
Governor, State of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Investigation of Maryland Correctional  
Adjustment Center, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Governor Schaefer:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Maryland Correctional Adjustment Center ("Supermax") in Baltimore, Maryland. This investigation is authorized and will be conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1997 et seq.

The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional rights of inmates housed at this facility. The investigation will focus on, but not be limited to, allegations that inmates confined at Supermax are being subjected to unsafe and life-threatening living conditions as a result of the use of excessive force by the correctional staff and inadequate medical care, including mental health care.

We would like to initiate this investigation as soon as possible. In that regard, staff attorneys from my office will contact your staff within the next week to arrange a meeting between attorneys and representatives of your office, followed by a tour of the Supermax by our consultants and personnel from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. The

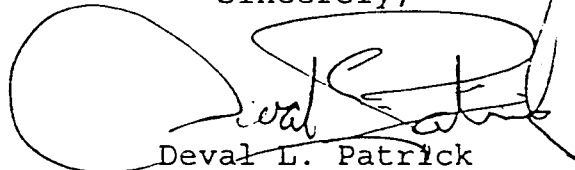
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attorneys assigned to this matter are Judy C. Preston, (202) 514-6258 and Shanetta Y. Brown, (202) 514-0195. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick", is written over a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Deval L. Patrick  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: The Honorable J. Joseph Curran, Jr.  
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