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The Honorable Edward S. Bishop, Sr.
Mayor
300 Childs Street
Corinth, MS 38834

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

Dear Mayor Bishop:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Corinth City Jail ("CCJ") 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 CCJ 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 prejudice that CCJ 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. Corinth City

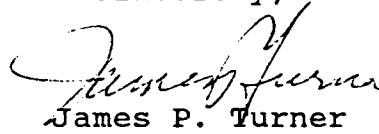


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour CCJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



James P. Turner
Acting Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Mr. Jimmy Webb
Chief of Police
City of Corinth

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