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The Honorable Fred L. Gaddis
Mayor
120 South Davis Street
Forest, MS 39074

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

Dear Mayor Gaddis:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Forest City Jail ("FCJ") in Forest, 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 FCJ violates the constitutional rights of its inmates. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations concerning (1) security guard staffing, (2) conditions of confinement, (3) structural deficiencies, (4) classification of prisoners, (5) medical and mental health services, (6) use of inmates to supervise other inmates, and (7) structural defects, especially with regard to suicide prevention. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudice that FCJ 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. Forest City

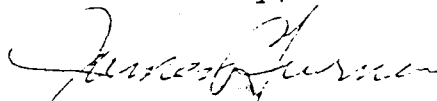


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour FCJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Acting Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Mr. Jamie Veazey
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City of Forest

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