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Civil Rights Division

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BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jimmy Beck
President
Grenada County Board of
Supervisors
59 Green Street, Courthouse
Square
Grenada, Mississippi 38901

Re: Investigation of the Grenada County Jail
in Grenada, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Beck:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Grenada County Jail in Grenada, 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 Grenada County Jail 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 28 and 29, 1993. We will be contacting the County Attorney in the near future in this regard.

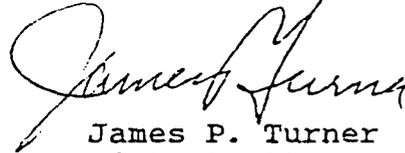
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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James P. Turner".

James P. Turner
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Jay Gore, Jr., Esquire
Grenada County Attorney

Mr. W. H. Birdsong
Grenada County Sheriff

Alfred E. Moreton, III, Esquire
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Northern District of Mississippi