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The Honorable Jack Marshall
Mayor
117 North Broadway Street
Tupelo, MS 38801

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

Dear Mayor Marshall:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Tupelo City Jail ("TCJ") in Tupelo, 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 TCJ violates the constitutional rights of its inmates. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations concerning (1) security and safety, (2) conditions of confinement, (3) structural deficiencies, (4) staffing, (5) medical services, and (6) fire safety. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudgment that TCJ 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

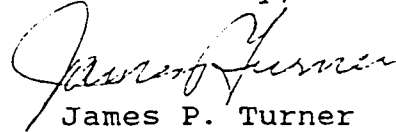


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour TCJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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