



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

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June 17, 1996

Mr. Frank Drew, Sheriff  
Virginia Beach City Jail  
2501 James Madison Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9073

Re: Virginia Beach City Jail

Dear Sheriff Drew:

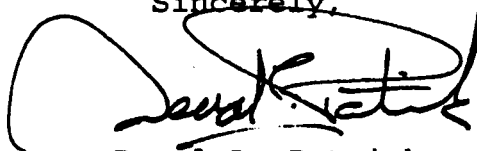
As you are aware, the Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department investigated the Virginia Beach City Jail pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, ("CRIPA") 42 U.S.C. § 1997. On April 16, 1996, we informed you of deficient conditions at the Jail and the remedial measures necessary to correct those deficiencies. On May 6, 1996, your office promptly responded to our findings and detailed the corrective measures that had already been undertaken as a result of our tour and those measures that were to be undertaken immediately as a result of our letter.

Subsequent discussions and tours demonstrate that you and your staff have addressed every deficiency we identified and have taken necessary precautions to ensure that those deficiencies will not recur in the future. Indeed, in several areas your staff has initiated proactive measures that will likely serve as examples to other jails. You are to be congratulated. Accordingly, I am pleased to inform you that based on your office's prompt and full implementation of remedial measures covering each of our findings, our CRIPA investigation of the Virginia Beach City Jail is hereby closed.

Again, your staff is to be commended for its dedication, hard work and cooperation. I understand that your staff worked closely with the Special Litigation Section and its consultants to reach solutions to the satisfaction of both parties, solutions

that will serve to benefit the inmates and the community of Virginia Beach. We trust that your office will continue to strive to provide adequate care and treatment to each inmate at the Jail.

Sincerely,



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