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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Honorable George Deukmejian #90566  
 Governor, State of California  
 State House  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Investigation of California Medical Facility,  
 Vacaville, California

Dear Governor Deukmejian:

I am writing to let you know of our intention to investigate conditions at the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California. This investigation occurs pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §1997.

The purpose of this investigation will be to determine whether there exist any violations of the federal constitutional rights of persons incarcerated in this facility with respect to medical services and medication practices, environmental conditions, overcrowding and classification. The initiation of this investigation in no way indicates any prejudgment on our part that federal rights have been violated. If any violations are found, we will look forward to conferring with you and your staff concerning corrective actions that might be appropriate.

As a means of commencing this investigation, I wish to propose an initial meeting in the near future between our attorneys and representatives of your office. It has been our experience that such a preliminary conference can substantially expedite the investigation process. We will also wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants and possibly agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit the facility. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our meeting and later visits.

cc: Records	Russell
Chrono	Davis
Peabody	FitzGerald
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I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bradford Reynolds  
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Civil Rights Division

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