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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Attorney General John Mitchell  
U. S. Justice Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Attorney General Mitchell:

It has come to the attention of the Kansas City, Kansas, Commission on Human Relations that the U. S. Department of Justice has filed a petition with the U. S. District Court enjoining the Wyandotte County Commissioners and Wyandotte County Sheriff from maintaining dual facilities based on race in the Wyandotte County Jail, assigning prisoners to cells and work programs on the basis of race, and failing to take steps to correct and erase the effects of past discrimination practices.

Nearly two years ago our Commission on Human Relations made a study of the Wyandotte County Jail and made similar recommendations. As a result of our study it became quite apparent that more extensive measures must be made beyond merely desegregating the jail facilities in terms of race if equal protection for all inmates is to be maintained.

In addition to eliminating racial segregation in the jail facilities, we feel that it is extremely essential at the same time to increase supervision of inmates beyond that provided by railmen and tankmen in order to insure full protection for each and every inmate.

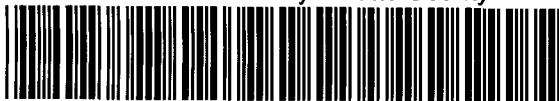
We trust that your staff will give full consideration to these matters in all forthcoming court actions.

Yours truly,

Mr. Gary L. Kitterman, Chairman

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