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Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

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The Honorable Pedro J. Rossello
Governor of Puerto Rico
Governor's Office
P.O. Box 82
La Fortaleza, San Juan, PR 00901

Re: Center for Integral Services
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Rossello:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Center for Integral Services ("CIS") in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. This investigation will be conducted pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997.

The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether conditions at CIS violate the residents' federal constitutional and statutory rights. We will be looking at, among other things, resident safety, the adequacy of medical care, training, staffing, the use of psychotropic medication, and issues involving community placement. The initiation of this investigation does not indicate a prejudgment on our part that federal rights have been violated. If any violations are found, we intend to confer with you and your staff concerning any appropriate corrective action.

We would like to initiate this investigation as soon as possible. In that regard, an attorney from my office will contact your staff within the next week to arrange a tour of CIS by our consultants and Civil Rights Division personnel. The attorney responsible for this matter is Richard Farano ((202) 307-3116).

CRIPA Investigation, Rio Piedras (PR)

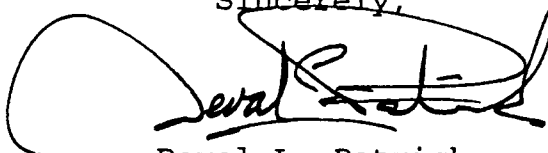


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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Deval L. Patrick
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cc: The Honorable Pedro Pierluisi
Secretary
Puerto Rico Department of Justice

The Honorable Carmen Feliciano
Secretary
Puerto Rico Health Department

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