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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder:

Earlier this week University of South Florida researchers released a report saying they've found evidence of 50 gravesites and almost 100 deaths at the now-defunct Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, Florida. I am writing to ask that the Justice Department assist USF researchers when they return to the site in January.

The findings come on the heels of years of abuse and mistreatment allegations at the school. A Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation in 2008 found fewer grave sites and deaths than the USF findings released this week.

For the sake of those who died and the family members still living, we've got to find out what happened at that school. I'm asking your department to provide support and assistance to USF researchers in a broadened search to look for more graves, as well as forensic evidence of possible crimes. The families deserve closure once and for all.

Please feel free to contact Clint Odom in my office at 202-224-8749 with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

