

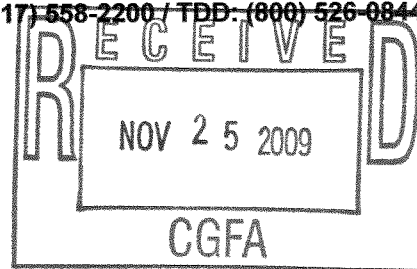
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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Co-Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Myers, Co-Chair
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Illinois Department of Corrections
Thomson Correctional Center

Gentlemen:

As you undoubtedly know, the federal government is exploring the possible purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center from the State. At this time, representatives of various federal agencies are assessing the Thomson facility to determine its suitability for their needs. While it is uncertain whether the purchase will occur, we want to provide the Commission with notice of the proposed closure of the Thomson facility under Section 5-10 of the State Facilities Closure Act. We also will be announcing the proposed closure of the Thomson facility to the public through the posting of this letter on the Department of Corrections' website.

Given the importance of this proposed closure and potential sale, I feel that it is crucial to provide notice at this preliminary stage and to fully apprise the members of the Commission and the legislative branch. Submission of this letter should not be construed as an indication that the federal government has reached any decision regarding proceeding with the contemplated transaction and is not intended to have any influence on the same. As discussions with the federal government move forward, we will continue to provide you with appropriate information as expeditiously as possible.

Should you have questions or comments concerning this matter, or require further information or documentation at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Randle
Director