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Thank you once again for meeting with our Florida delegation and the representatives of the National SCLC office from Atlanta, Georgia.

Just to recap our discussion, it was suggested that we begin to approach state authorities to ban the use of tasers, review the policies regarding taser use, and put together a committee to review taser usages and the complications of its use by Florida's law enforcement officials.

We would like for you to consider that the SCLC offices work in concert with you on the above issues. The SCLC would also like to begin to work with you on other related Floridian issues that would be inclusive in this dialogue. We are trying to develop a relationship with your office to assess how the SCLC can work together with you on the issue of tasers and their abuse in order to develop specific new policies that, as you indicated, are "not too broad" to properly address the problem confronting our state.

We would also like to work with the Governor's Office concerning his direction toward petitioning the state's Supreme Court to seat a state-wide grand jury to examine possible political corruption throughout the state. The SCLC of Florida believes that this is a significant petition that would benefit all Floridians.

Your suggestion to appeal to the State Attorney's offices has merits, and we have made an appeal before Escambia County State Attorney William Eddins regarding the death of Victor Steen. We are totally convinced that he will conduct a thorough investigation. Also, we are asking you to do an independent investigation into the case of Derrick Humbert in Bradenton, Florida. The Chief of Police there has publicly said that, "No other investigating body is coming in to this city to investigate this case." You may review his comments under www.sclcfl.org by going to *news* under Derrick Humbert of the Radio station. The SCLC also has recognized that the State Attorney in the Bradenton area will not investigate any potential wrong doing by law enforcement regarding this matter. The SCLC urges you to send the FDLE and appoint an overseer of this investigation in

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Bradenton, Florida. We are requesting that you look into the death of Tia Ritch and make a statement with the SCLC concerning the issue of prisoners having medical services withheld, particularly when they have not even been convicted of any charges. We must begin to have special monitoring for women who are pregnant due to the fact we may be hurting the unborn. The SCLC would work very closely with you and your direction with this project.

Also, please consider the issues of three other people: Terry Bright, Kenneth Ackerman and Kamor Patel, concerning their incarceration and release with GPS monitoring. One of these inmates (Kenneth Ackerman) is having all types of health problems and the other two are model prisoners. The SCLC would like to work very closely with your Secretary of Corrections with the parole division to insure that we are not continuing to house prisoners that are no threat to society, due to the funding costs of incarceration, and allow these people to become functional Floridians once more.

In closing, we are going to have a delegation that will contact you very soon to talk in terms of contracts that have not been given to the minority community in the area of media, construction, and other services that Floridian tax dollars are enhancing and should benefit all Floridians.

We are looking forward to hearing from you in a timely manner, and please do not hesitate in calling me at any hour. Other Chapters are sending letters to you concerning our meetings. Thank you once again.

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