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Criminal Section - PHB
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

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Mr. Cedric Johnson
#K-61104
San Quentin State Prison
San Quentin, CA 94974

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your correspondence, dated October 19, 2003, in which you allege that your civil rights have been violated.

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice is responsible for investigating and prosecuting criminal conduct involving deprivations of federal civil rights. Our enforcement activity primarily involves deprivations of civil rights under color of law, which generally involves the use of excessive physical force by law enforcement officers.

We have carefully reviewed the information which you furnished. However, we have determined that your complaint does not involve a prosecutable violation of federal criminal civil rights statutes. Accordingly, we are unable to assist you.

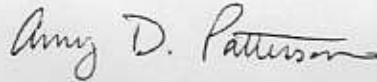
Also, for your information, complaints relating to unsatisfactory prison conditions (e.g., denial of meals or medical treatment, mail problems) which fall under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act are handled by the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division. You may wish to write directly to the Special Litigation Section of this

Division at 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20530 ,
with complaints of that nature.

Sincerely,

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