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Dear Mr. Vera:

This letter is to confirm my conversation with you on August 4th regarding the request of (deleted) for accelerated Section 8 Housing.

As I have mentioned to you, my main concern is that the children be safe. I have police reports on my desk indicating that as many as 14 children were subjected to forcible acts of child molestation at 2600 Northcoast in Santa Rosa. Some of the children have individually described being bound, having their heads placed in the toilet, heads forced under the water in a bathtub, being gagged, being made to eat feces, having needles stuck into them and being stripped and forced to watch sex acts of adults. Acts of oral copulation and anal penetration with sexual aids were common. Several of the children were told that their mommies or baby brothers would be killed. Some were told that their mothers' hearts would be cut out and that they would be forced to eat it. The children are experiencing nightmares and bedwetting. Several of the children have described the involvement of more suspects than the two persons we currently have in custody.

Since the initial arrests, several mothers have been subject to threatening phone calls, apparent acts of vandalism and possibly harassment. (Deleted) received anonymous phone calls indicating that her husband would be killed -- "we know when he leaves for work.." -- in an accident" on another occasion her 4-year-old son Steve picked up the phone and a man said, "I told you not to tell." (Deleted) reports that her tires were flattened prior to a court hearing and that lug nuts were removed on another occasion. (Deleted) reportedly moved into the mountains "with an arsenal" in the past week. I have had to search for some of the mothers who had gone into hiding. I found some of them living in cramped quarters or unhealthy conditions. I am very concerned that these children need to receive some "normalcy" again in their lives. Two of the victims' families remain at Northcoast. Whether the continuing harassment from management

some of them describe is real or imaginary, the fact remains that the Northcoast location holds terrible memories of these children. Many reported that nightmares diminished after they left.

Attached is a list of the victims names to date. I would appreciate any consideration you can show them. If I can provide further information please contact me. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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