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GOVERNOR

December 9, 2008

Commissioner Gerald Bailey
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Executive Investigations
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

Re: White House Boys Survivors Organization

Dear Commissioner Bailey:

The White House Boys Survivors Organization has brought to my attention the horrible plight suffered by children who attended the Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, dating back to the early 1900's. In the area surrounding the school, there are 32 unidentified graves, marked only by white, metal crosses. Questions remain unanswered as to the identity of the deceased and the origin of these graves.

I request that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigate this serious matter. I have asked the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide any assistance that is required. The review should include an investigation into the location of the graves, and what entity owned or operated that property at the time the graves were placed. Please review all available resources and make every reasonable effort to determine the identities of these remains. During the course of the investigation, please determine whether any crimes were committed, and if at all possible, the perpetrators of these crimes.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

cc: Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr.
Department of Juvenile Justice