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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
301 S. 13th Street, Suite 100  
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Attn: Marie Woodhead, Field Representative

Re: YAEGER, Jason  
Reg. No.: 18136-047

Dear Congressman Fortenberry,

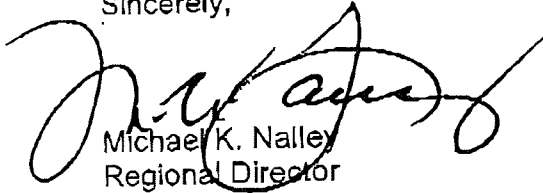
This is in response to your recent letter and attached response dated December 28, 2007, from J. D. Whitehead, Warden, Federal Prison Camp (FPC), Yankton, South Dakota. Jason Yaeger, an inmate currently incarcerated at FPC Yankton, has requested your assistance in securing a Residential Re-entry Center (RRC) placement beyond 180 days due to "extraordinary justification." You request to know how the Bureau of Prisons defines "extraordinary justification."

While there are no set determining factors, "extraordinary circumstances" are determined on an individual case-by-case basis. If there are particularly extraordinary or compelling circumstances during the inmate's term, no sooner than 11-13 months prior to his/her release date, consideration may be warranted. Bureau of Prisons' policy allows for an inmate to be placed in an RRC for periods beyond 180 days, only in highly unusual circumstances, and only with extraordinary justification. Although Mr. Yaeger believes his daughter's severe medical condition constitutes "extraordinary justification," a review of his case reveals this specific request was submitted through the Administrative Remedy Appeal process, and subsequently denied at the institutional, Regional, and Central Office levels because his circumstances were not deemed to rise to the level of extraordinary.

As indicated in the Warden's response, Mr. Yaeger received an escorted trip to visit his daughter on October 10, 2007. It is noted, that his case is not unlike that of many other offenders, whose incarceration takes them away from loved ones who must endure both financial and health related hardships.

I trust the information provided will assist you in responding to your constituent. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your interest in Mr. Yaeger's case is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Nalley  
Regional Director