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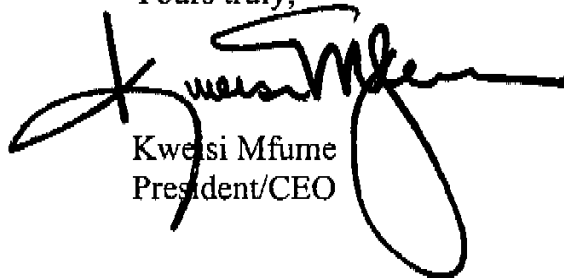
The Honorable Janet Reno
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 4545
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Madam Attorney General:

The NAACP has received numerous complaints of election day irregularities and minority vote dilution in the November 7, 2000 presidential election. For example, the NAACP is concerned about reported instances of disproportionate disqualifications of black voters and the failure to pick up at least one ballot box from a heavily black precinct. We have grave concerns that these and other acts may violate the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In the interest of guaranteeing and securing the right of Floridians to an unfettered equal vote, please accept this as an official request that your office conduct a full and independent recount of Florida's precincts and investigate the reported large scale Election Day improprieties. We further request that federal marshals be deployed to oversee the recount process.

Yours truly,



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