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Dear Mr. Nabors:

This is in reference to the redistricting plan adopted on July 28, 1981, for the City of Montgomery in Montgomery County, Alabama, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. Your submission was completed on November 6, 1981. Although we noted your request for expedited consideration, we have been unable to respond until this time.

As you will recall from our letter of October 20, 1981, and our meeting of December 22, 1981, we have been exploring certain issues that have been raised with respect to the purpose and effect of this redistricting plan. In so doing, we have continued to receive information relating to the issues. The latest information was received so recently that we have not been able to complete our assessment of this matter at this time. Accordingly, and consistent with the Attorney General's Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (46 Fed. Reg. 878, Sub-section 5139), I must interpose an objection to the implementation of the plan as submitted. We are, however, continuing our consideration of the plan in light of the information recently received and my telephone conversation with you today. It is my hope and expectation that a prompt resolution of this matter can be achieved.

Sincerely,

Wm. Bradford Reynolds  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division