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SUBJECT: Atlanta City Detention Center
Complaint Closure for Recommendations on Complaint Nos. (b) (6)
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This memorandum discusses the outcome of the investigation the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) conducted into the conditions of detention for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees at the Atlanta City Detention Center (ACDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Following a collaborative process between ICE and CRCL that focused on findings and recommendations made by CRCL's subject matter experts, ICE informed CRCL that it is no longer using the facility. Consequently, as of the date of this memorandum, CRCL is closing the above-listed complaints.

Background:

In May 2017, CRCL conducted a site review of ACDC to investigate complaints regarding medical and mental health care, environmental health and safety, and conditions of detention. During the site review, CRCL engaged the assistance of four subject matter experts: a medical doctor, a mental health expert, an environmental health and safety expert, and a corrections expert. Following the review, in October 2017, CRCL sent ICE an Expert Report Memorandum, which contained 27 recommendations, along with the experts' written reports.

In August 2018, ICE responded to the recommendations. In its response, ICE concurred with 14 recommendations; partially concurred with five recommendations; and did not concur with the

remaining eight recommendations. Following the response, ICE informed CRCL on September 19, 2018, that effective September 6, 2018, ICE was no longer housing detainees at ACDC.

Conclusion:

While CRCL did have concerns with the adequacy of the ICE responses, since ICE is no longer housing detainees at the facility, CRCL has closed the above-mentioned complaints. Although CRCL requires no additional response regarding the housing of ICE detainees at ACDC at this time, CRCL requests that ICE notify CRCL prior to the use of ACDC should they decide to begin housing detainees at the facility again.

It is CRCL's statutory role to advise Department leadership and personnel about civil rights and civil liberties issues, ensuring respect for civil rights and civil liberties in policy decisions and implementation of those decisions. As a result, we appreciate the work that has been done by ICE and SDC to address CRCL's concerns. We have taken into account this important work in addressing our concerns, and accordingly, CRCL is formally closing the complaints identified in this memorandum. This memorandum is our final report regarding SDC. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of the Compliance Branch, Dana Salvano-Dunn, at (202) (b) (6) or (b) (6).

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