

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

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The Honorable Edward H. Levi
U.S. Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney-General:

I am writing regarding a recent statement of yours concerning your view that judges should evaluate how well court-ordered busing is working by looking at the results of the court-ordered busing that has taken place.

I am in basic agreement with your statement. As the Representative of a District where court-ordered busing has taken place, I am personally aware of the consequences.

Parents in the Boston area experience anguish because of the frustration and uncertainty they feel over their children's physical and educational well-being. Children who are bused face a life filled with metal detectors, riot squads and racial tension. Statistics prove, too, that resegregation has occurred.

I am, therefore, writing to request that the Justice Department conduct a review of Federal court busing orders. The Justice Department is the logical place for such a study because you have the resources to further the idea that forced busing should be reconsidered.

With thanks in advance for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH NOAKLEY
Member of Congress