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Drs. Stanley, Larson, & Demes,

I am contacting you today because I am concerned about the welfare of a chimpanzee, Carter, who is currently at Stony Brook University, who is about to be transferred to the New Iberia facility of the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

I believe that you all have concern for Carter and that you are simply uninformed about the situation at the New Iberia facility. Therefore, I would like to share some documents with you (see attachments).

These attachments are documents which SAEN, the group which I direct, obtained legally through the Freedom of Information Act process. These documents are printouts from the USDA's Investigation and Enforcement Services (IES) division, the division which prosecutes facilities for violating the Animal Welfare Act.

As you can see from these documents, one of the most recent times that a chimpanzee was shipped to the New Iberia facility resulted in the death of the chimpanzee. Both the lab that shipped the chimp and the transport company are being prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act.

However, this is not the only relevant IES report. The second report is relevant to an incident at the New Iberia facility itself. This incident recounts the deaths of three rhesus monkeys at New Iberia. Apparently the staff of this facility lost track of these monkeys and did not find them until they had died and their bodies had begun to decompose.

Does this sound like a laboratory that you should send Carter to?

Additionally, this is a 25 hour trip during one of the hottest parts of the year. The predicted temperatures in the areas through which Carter will travel will be in the vicinity of 90 degrees. Do all of you want to potentially have the death of a chimpanzee on your consciences?

Additionally, do you want to expose Stony Brook University to the negative publicity and potential legal ramifications of the death of a chimpanzee because you chose the wrong time of year to ship Carter?

I officially request that you immediately halt all plans to send Carter to the New Iberia facility. Please give us the opportunity to find a sanctuary that will take Carter to give him the kind of life that he has earned through his years of laboratory confinement.

I look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

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