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Re: Progress Report on the Sale of Timber at Samarkand Youth Development Center

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Session Law 2003-284, House Bill 397, Section 15.10(b), please consider this progress report on the harvest and sale of timber at Samarkand Youth Development Center by Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

We have consulted with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, who assessed the approximately 490 acre property, and have identified approximately 125 acres of 28-90 year old mixed pine/hardwoods that are recommended to be sold within the next five years due to age/condition and replaced with a more productive stand. A letter has been sent to State Purchase and Contract requesting permission to hire a consulting forester via the RFP process to assist with the sale of the timber. The required form regarding the sale or disposal of state property (Disposition of Property Form PO-2) was submitted to State Property Office on November 12, 2003.

My staff and I stand ready to answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for your continued support of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Sweat
Secretary

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