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Chairwoman Rissie Owens
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Austin TX 78711 - 3401

Dear Chairwoman,

CASE OF MR. JAMES LEE CLARK


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The European Union considers that in countries which have not yet abolished the death penalty, this penalty should not be imposed on persons suffering from mental disorder. Mr. Clark has been examined twice in 2003 and was diagnosed as mentally retarded with an IQ score of 68 or rather 65. Moreover, Mr. Clark was found to have several adaptive behaviour deficits. In both examinations the specialists made sure that Mr. Clark was not malingering.

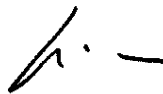
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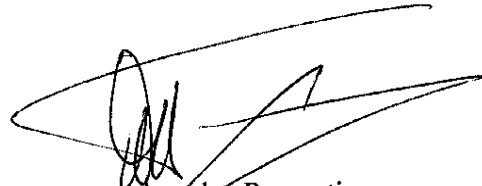
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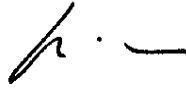
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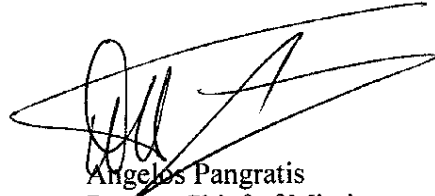
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