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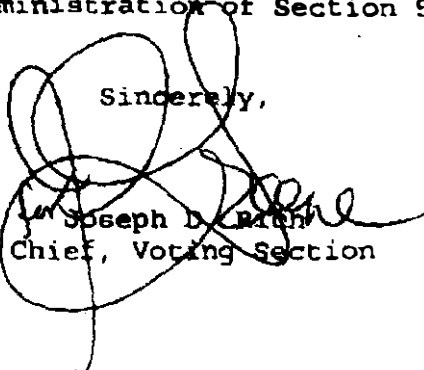
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Dear Ms. Golden:

This refers to the 2001 redistricting plans for the school board and county council in Beaufort County, South Carolina, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submissions on December 31, 2001; supplemental information was received through February 14, 2002.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41).

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Rich  
Chief, Voting Section

Enclosure