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Equality in the Context of Law Enforcement
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Special Procedures Mandate Holders,

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to your letter dated August 3, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Branka Bell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Branka Bell
Acting Deputy Permanent Representative
Human Rights Delegation

U.S. response to request for comment regarding Mr. Wendell Keith Clay

Thank you for your August 3 letter regarding the case of Mr. Wendell Keith Clay. We are grateful for the work you do to promote respect for human rights and advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement across the globe.

While the United States is governed by a complex federalist system, where the federal government and U.S. state governments share separate powers and jurisdiction, we take issues of overuse of pretrial detention, partiality and impunity of criminal justice sector actors very seriously, and work closely with partner nations to tackle these very issues within their borders. As such, requests for information regarding cases in, or laws of, U.S. states are referred to the state in question. Regarding the case of Mr. Clay, we passed your request for information to the relevant Kentucky state authorities and will respond if the state provides us the information requested.

With thanks for bringing this important matter to our attention, we look forward to continuing to work with you.