

March 23, 2009

Mr. Jack Ritchie
Director, Alpha Company
Thunderbird Youth Academy
417 South Elliott
Pryor, Oklahoma 74361

RE: Second Biannual Visit, 2008

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on December 9, 2008, at the Alpha Company of the Thunderbird Youth Academy. During the visit, the OJSO spoke with the acting director, eight Alpha Company cadets, and four platoon sergeants; reviewed two personnel files/training records and four cadet records; and toured the dining facility during a meal. As discussed in the exit conference, no concerns were identified from the visit.

No written response to this letter is required. This letter has been sent to the individuals copied below and will be published on the OCCY web page at www.okkids.org.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at (405) 606-4900. We apologize for the delay of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Aldridge
Oversight Specialist IV

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c: Heather Arndt
Major General Harry M. Wyatt III

