



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Highway
Administration

SEP 21 2010

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HCR-40
DOT #2010-0307

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

This acknowledges the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) receipt of your complaint of discrimination, dated May 26, 2010, against the Lafayette Consolidated Government, Department of Public Works (City) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD).

After a thorough review of your complaint and information provided by the FHWA Louisiana Division Office, we have determined that your complaint cannot be accepted for investigation.

During a telephone conversation on August 18, 2010, between (b) (6) and Ms. Thalia Williams of my staff, clarification was provided regarding the specific allegation raised in your complaint. (b) (6) stated that the City and LADOTD dug and left uncovered holes on your property while performing work on State project number 080-03-0022 [Federal project number ARR-2809(508)] based on your race (African American), while Caucasian homeowners do not have uncovered holes when projects are completed.

Based on information provided by the FHWA Louisiana Division Office, there is no encroaching on your property in reference to the above-referenced project. Therefore, the FHWA cannot accept this allegation for investigation.

Regarding your allegation that your property was damaged due to flooding when the City installed a drainage system, we have determined that this allegation cannot be accepted for investigation. Based on the information provided by the FHWA Louisiana Division Office, the cavity on your property is located outside of the right-of-way. Therefore, this allegation is not within our jurisdiction. We recommend that you continue to work with the City to address your concerns.



Regarding your allegation of fraudulent activities in reference to your deed, we have determined that this allegation is not within our jurisdiction. The Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General (DOT-OIG) is the appropriate Federal Agency to process your allegation. You may submit a complaint to the DOT-OIG for processing at the following address:

Mr. Calvin L. Scovell, III
Inspector General
DOT-OIG (J-1)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W70-300
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: 202-366-1959

Furthermore, your allegation of misconduct by police officials is also not within our jurisdiction. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Special Litigation Section, is the appropriate Federal Agency to process your allegation. You may submit a complaint to the DOJ for processing at the following address:

Ms. Judy Preston
Acting Chief
Special Litigation Section
DOJ
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., PHB
Washington, DC 20530
Phone: 202-514-6258

This concludes processing of this complaint and no further action will be taken.

Sincerely yours,



Brenda F. Armstead
Director, Investigations and Adjudications

cc:

Ms. Tanya St. Angelo, Title VI/ADA Program Manager, LADOTD
Mr. Charles W. Bolinger, Division Administrator, FHWA, HDA-LA
Mr. Jose A. Bloise, Jr., Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA, HDA-LA
Mr. Charles Harkless, Civil Rights Specialist, FHWA, HDA-LA