

September 18, 1997

Mr. Richard R. Bradbury
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Tampa, Florida 33614

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

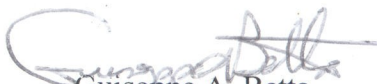
Your correspondence to Chief Inspector General Lewis has been forwarded to me for action. Based upon a thorough review of the issues and the district's response provided you, I believe that the district did comply with your request in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, provides, in part,^{*} that public records must be made available for inspection within a reasonable time and under reasonable conditions. Your request to review licensing files was received on July 15 and arrangements were made for you to inspect them on July 18. It is my understanding that you made an additional request to inspect the Host Homes' files during the review. Since Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Claude were not sure if the records were matters of public record, they requested counsel from legal. When clearance was obtained they immediately provided you a copy upon your request. This entire evolution occurred over a 15 day period.

Since Florida Statutes do not authorize release of clients' names, I believe that Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Claude acted appropriately by asking you to remove the names from your pad. Moreover, I am satisfied that action has been taken to preclude this unfortunate series of events again.

If you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me directly at (850) 488-1225.

Sincerely,


Giuseppe A. Betta
Inspector General

cc: Susan M. Nix
Director of Investigations
Office of Chief Inspector General