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December 14, 1993

Board of Prison Terms Mr. John Gillis, Chairman 428 J Street, 6th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Gillis and Board Members:

## RE: PAROLE CONSIDERATION FOR PF LAZOR, No. C-73842

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However, I am writing to ask you this:

Are you also aware that PF Lazor has saved lives, while putting his own safety in jeopardy at no benefit to himself?

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Please consider: are there other innocent lives which didn't get saved or will be lost because PF Lazor remains in prison for taking a life in circumstances closely resembling legitimate self-defense?

I solemnly request that you give this candidate, Mr. Lazor, and this subject of his past acts of lifesaving and rescue of others, very weighty consideration. His community urges you to decide in favor of his release from prison. Thank you.

Sincerely

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Date: 12/14/93

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