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James W. Nielsen
Chairman
Board of Prison Terms
428 J Street, Sixth Floor
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RE: PF Lazor, Prisoner Number C-73842

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

I understand that PF will appear before the board some time within the next couple of months. I am writing to promote his prompt release from prison to the best of my ability.

I believe the Board has weighty responsibilities. Certainly a responsibility to the People of the State of California to protect them from dangerous criminals. You also have a responsibility to promote justice. Finally, it is a waste of resources to keep productive members of society locked up at taxpayer expense.

I met PF when he was a prisoner held in San Quentin. I believe the year was 1985 or 1986. At first, we exchanged letters, then I made arrangements to meet him. We have become good friends, and correspond on a regular basis.

How can I say it strongly enough? PF deserves to be free. He has work to do. I've seen evidence of how talented he is. He has been a capable business man, a rising singer, song writer and inventor. He is energetic and ambitious. He is now, and always has been, to the best of my knowledge, ethical in his business dealings and relationships.

I did not know PF prior to being in prison, I have met many of his friends. All of them are honest and ethical. All of them have glowing things to say about PF.

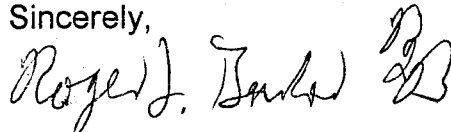
PF has shown me evidence of the shoddy defense he got. He reviewed with me the clear evidence of the attack, footprints on the door to his room, for example. He showed me how entries in his day planner were "sanitized" and misconstrued—a dictator tape recorder reference becoming a reference to the assailant.

At first, I thought his story of his conviction was pretty far out. Since then, I've come across other incidences of questionable practices by attorneys. It's too easy for me to imagine that what happened to PF could have happened to me. Most of the time, I have difficulty relating to a criminal's circumstance and motives. In this case it's too easy to picture fighting for my life, being trusting in the U.S. system of justice and being horribly shocked at the outcome.

I imagine this circumstance can actually work against PF. "Innocent? That's what they all say." Perhaps he seems no different from the others. How would a genuinely innocent man behave, different from men who are pretending? You face difficult decisions on a daily basis. I do not envy you. Nevertheless, I'm surprised that PF has been a prisoner for as long as he has.

PF has been an asset to the communities where he has lived and will be again upon his release. PF deserves to be free.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger L. Barker" followed by a stylized monogram or flourish.

Roger L. Barker

CC: PF Lazor