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Board of Prison Terms
428 J Street, 6th Floor
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Re: P.F. Lazor C-73842

Dear Board of Prison Terms:

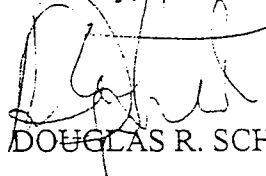
I am an attorney and I practice in San Francisco. I first became acquainted with the above named inmate after he suffered a conviction for second degree murder. I was involved in a portion of his efforts to have his conviction overturned.

I remember Mr. Lazor as a sensitive man who had no involvement with the criminal justice system prior to this tragic episode. Though the years have dimmed my memory of the facts I do recall that there were strong arguments for self-defense or, at a minimum, for a conviction less than murder.

The prosecutor remains active in trying to dissuade you from setting a release date. This may well be the product of antagonistic communications he has had with Mr. Lazor over the years. Regardless, in my opinion Mr. Lazor has served an ample sentence and has paid dearly for this crime.

I do hope that you will provide Mr. Lazor with a tentative date for his release or give him some hope if you are disinclined to release him at this time. No good purpose can be served by continuing to incarcerate him. If I can provide any information to you or if I can be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Richard A. Kunin