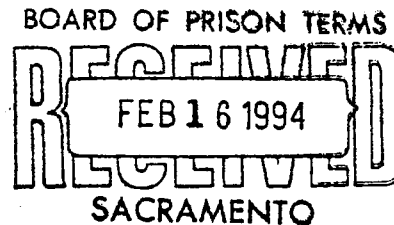


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Re: P.F. Lazor (C-73842)

Dear Mr. Rich:

Thank you for your diligence in writing to me about the outcome of Mr. Lazor's hearing. After watching this young man being wasted in prison for a crime that was at worst a case of manslaughter, and in self-defense, I am truly anguished to find that his case finds so little understanding and compassion within the board of prison terms.

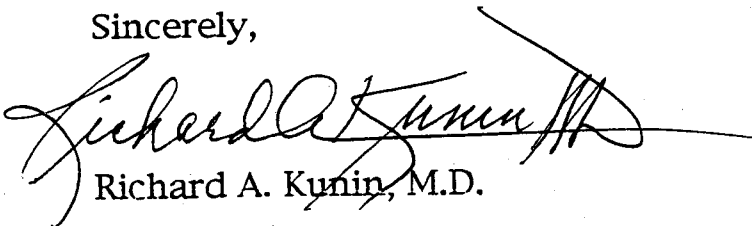
I was this man's physician before the Fates snatched him from his life ambitions (real-estate investment, music writing and performance) and locked him behind bars. The evidence in support of his self-defense defense is so compelling that I gasp to think that he could ever have been judged guilty by a jury. He is a multi-talented man and will one day give something to this world, that I believe. Meantime, he is coping with the frustration of his predicament without rancor and seems to be one of those inspiring souls who is able to rise above adverse and unjust circumstances.

It is hard for me, accustomed as I am to taking action for my patients and getting results, to see this debacle. The courts failed in the first place to admit all the evidence (foot-prints on the door, weapons held by the attacker, a witness who heard the altercation on the telephone) and the parole board is evidently unable to believe that this man can safely put his life back together.

I have reviewed many documents regarding this case and it is clear that the shooting was a solitary act of violence in his life. He is not given to hostility or violence and poses no threat to society or anyone among us. Dozens of personal testimonials were provided his attorney but never presented in evidence. Witnesses who would corroborate the fact that his crime was an act of self-defense were not called at his trial. It is certain that Lazor faced a situation of immediate threat to his own life. He managed to get to his gun and shoot before the other fellow, who broke down the door to Mr. Lazor's room, could shoot him or hack him to pieces with the ax he brandished. I must confess, had I been in Lazor's shoes, I would have done the same thing to save myself from being killed.

If there is anything I can do to assure that your board has the whole story I will gladly assemble the information accurately and completely. I am willing to appear in his behalf and at my expense. I hate to think that this case has to wait another two years for a hearing because, in my opinion, he should already have been released. I know that you will see that this letter reaches Mr. Lazor's file and I wish to thank you for your conscientiousness and courtesy in taking my call last week.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: six pages of documents that might assist the Board to quickly survey this case. Some of these facts never were presented as evidence by defense counsel and the Board may not have been able to consider the total picture fairly.

