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Mr. James Nielson, Chairman  
Board of Prison Terms  
428 "J" Street, 6th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: P. F. Lazor #C73842  
Mule Creek State Prison, Ione

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

I have been corresponding with P. F. Lazor for many years. I never knew him before his imprisonment, but you can tell a lot about a person from their letters, and I have found him to be a person of high character. He wants to live by the law, the government's and GOD's.

I am an old woman, so please excuse me if I talk about the "olden days." My grandmother lived in the country and she slept with a pistol under her pillow. She knew that even if the telephone lines were not cut, it would not be possible for anyone to reach her home in a time of trouble. It was up to her to be able to defend herself. Fortunately, she never had to. (The boys who escaped from the nearby Reformatory headed for more populated places.)

This was permitted in her day. And this was the thinking of P. F. Lazor, as I understand it. It was not willful nor violent, as so many episodes are today. I am sure he would never do it again.

I "speak" without knowing the details of the case, but I do know the character of P. F. Lazor, and willful violence is no part of it.

I thank you for your attention of my letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Shirley R. Lewis