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January 14, 1972

Mr. William R. Geraway
State Prison, D.S.U.
South Walpole, Mass. 02071

Dear Mr. Geraway:

I am writing to thank you for the cooperation and assistance you gave the citizens of the County of Sonoma regarding the murder trial of Clayton R. Wilson who was killed by Joseph Barboza Baron.

On September 25, 1970, you wrote a letter addressed to the Chief of Police of Santa Rosa, California. In that letter you identified Mr. Baron as a former Boston Loan Shark and a Hit Man for the Boston Mafia. You informed us that he had murdered a man and buried the body with the help of a female. You stated that there were two witnesses to the murder who were within fifty feet of the subject when he was killed. These facts, stated to us by you, were truth and were consistent with the statements and evidence found after your communication.

After receipt of your letter, interviews were conducted with you by Mr. Cameron of our District Attorney's Office and Mr. Flohr, Chief of Police of Santa Rosa. At that time you stated to Mr. Cameron that the subject murdered by Baron was a Clay Wilson. You stated that he had been shot in the head, had been bound by a rope, and buried in a shallow grave, being covered with only a foot or so of earth. Also furnished at that time was a diagram regarding the location of the two witnesses's residence, the witnesses's names and descriptions of the witnesses's vehicles. You named the children and animals belonging to the witness and wife of the murder victim, Wilson. All of these statements made by you at that time were truthful and factual.

The murder victim was located with the assistance of one of the witnesses just as you indicated several days prior and Mr. Baron was prosecuted in the County for murder.

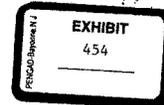
Again, I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim R. Brown
Detective Sergeant

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Boston Field Office
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section
1703 U.S. F.O. & Courthouse
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
January 19, 1972

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Mrs. Lois Eggers
Correctional Counselor I
Reception-Guidance Center
California Medical Facility
Vacaville, California 95488

Dear Mrs. Eggers:

This is in reference to your letter dated January 7, 1972, relating to Joseph Bentely (Your Ref.: B-38509). It is the judgment of this office that the development of Bentely as a witness on behalf of the United States Government was the most important breakthrough in the government's campaign against organized crime in the New England area. Bentely's testimony in federal court resulted in the conviction of Raymond L. Patriarca, the syndicate boss in the New England area, Henry Tameleo, syndicate underboss in the New England area, and Ronald Casseseo, underworld enforcer. His testimony in the State Court of Massachusetts resulted in the conviction of Peter Limone, a syndicate leader in Boston, Massachusetts, syndicate enforcers Louis Grieco, Joseph Silvati and Roy French, as well as Tameleo and Casseseo again.

The federal prosecution involved the conspiracy to murder one Willie Marfeo, a Providence, Rhode Island gambling figure to further an illegal gambling enterprise; while the state prosecution involved the first-degree murder of one Edward Deagan, a Boston loan shark.

It is the United States Government's desire that the State of California place Bentely in a constructive correction program designed for his ultimate release as a contributing member of society. He is an excellent chef and has received some schooling in this vocation. The government also requests that Bentely's significant contribution to law enforcement in the organized crime field be weighed when his eligibility for parole is considered.



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If there is any way that this office can be of assistance to you in your guidance of Bentley through the rehabilitation process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON
Attorney in Charge

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

March 7, 1972

ROBERT H. QUINN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Joseph D. Ward, Senator
Third Worcester District
Massachusetts Senate
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Senator:

Reference is made to your letter of February 9, 1972 enclosing the photostat of a letter addressed to you from William Geraway, an inmate of Walpole Prison.

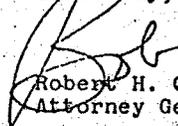
Mr. Geraway has previously written to this office regarding Joseph Baron and in his letters also referred to correspondence and interviews he had with representatives of numerous county, state, and federal agencies, as well as private attorneys.

Upon receipt of the correspondence from Mr. Geraway, contact was made with the district attorneys involved and it was determined investigations were being conducted by the District Attorneys of Suffolk County, Norfolk County, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In view of the action being taken by the agencies involved and to avoid any interference with current investigations, no direct action has been undertaken by this office with regard to Mr. Geraway's allegations.

Thank you for calling this to my attention and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,


Robert H. Quinn
Attorney General

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March 8, 1972

Mr. T. R. Fabey
Correctional Counselor II
Department of Corrections
Post Office Box 1031
Tehachapi, California 93561

Dear Mr. Fabey:

Thank you for your letter dated February 25, 1972 relating to Joseph Bentley's conversation with members of your screening committee. This information is of great value to the federal government, as you are aware Bentley's testimony was of great importance in convicting major syndicate figures in the New England area.

I greatly appreciate your taking the time to keep us informed of this matter.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON
Attorney in Charge



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1703 U.S. P.O. & Courthouse
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
May 17, 1972

Mr. Joseph Bentley, B-38509
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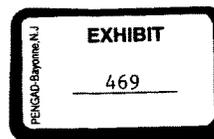
Dear Joe:

I received your letter dated May 7, 1972. I will be very happy to talk to the individual involved in the writing of your book and, when he is in the area, I will introduce him to other individuals who would have background information relating to your career.

I hope that the book has a financial success so as to provide you the opportunity to make a new start when your present term is completed.

Sincerely,

Ted Harrington



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