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Bartow, Florida

GLEN DARTY
STATE ATTORNEY

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BARTOW, FLORIDA - PH. 533-0731
(Polk, Highlands & Hardee Counties)

April 19, 1973

Highlands Cour
Courthouse
Sebring, Florid

Hardee Count
Courthouse
Wauchula, Flor

Mr. William R. Geraway
Box 43 MCI RB
Norfolk, Massachusetts 02056

Dear Mr. Geraway,

In answer to your inquiry concerning your appearance as a witness in the case of State vs John Sweet, I will state the following:

1. You did appear as a voluntary witness for the State of Florida during the murder trial in 1967. You advised me by letter that you had knowledge that might be material to the trial, and I made arrangements for you to be brought to Florida and you did testify.
2. You never asked me or my office for any type reward or remuneration and if you ever received anything from anyone, I have never heard about it.
3. The murder trial involved the killing of a prominent young citrus business man and grove owner. Our investigation disclosed that the killing of Von Maxcy had been arranged or procured through the Boston area.
4. The testimony you gave appeared truthful and in my opinion there could have been no way you could have obtained the telephone number that you testified about unless you had obtained it in the manner you testified.



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Mr. William R. Geraway
April 19, 1973

I trust that this letter will show your voluntary cooperation with the state of Florida in this matter.

Respectfully,


Glen Darty,
State Attorney
Tenth Judicial Circuit

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON AT FOLSOM
REPRESA, CALIFORNIA 95671

RONALD REAGAN, Governor



May 9, 1973

Mrs Mendon
RWC

Roger W. Crist, Warden
Montana State Prison
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

Subject: Joseph Bentley, B-38509

Dear Sir:

The above named inmate is presently incarcerated at your institution pursuant to the Western Interstate Compact. His case was reviewed in absentia by the California Adult Authority on April 30, 1973, and was referred to their Administrative Officer, Joseph Spangler, to prepare a request to the Montana Parole Authorities to conduct a parole hearing. You should be hearing from Mr. Spangler in the near future.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

WALTER E. CRAVEN, Warden

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Inspected By
W.C.

Box 7

Deer Lodge, Montana 59

Date May 14th 1973 Monday



Dear Greg,

I am truly sorry I haven't written you in the lengthy period of time that has gone by since I last written, but the closer I get to the Board the more nervous I get & my head just won't let me write! You'd like to say I am sorry I tell you excuse Mr. St. ack? Glad & pleased you heard from Bedell even at the expense of your beauty sleep. I gather his reportation will include his findings of Mr. Heraway. I have forwarded recommendations for parole by three officials here at the Montana State Prison to [redacted] which in turn I had to send to you, these are the carbon copies, the originals will be in my folder the carbon copies in your hands & Marty's are safe wards against the originals in case they perchance should get lost I will have one more recommended carbon copy sent to you. Another one also is in the process of being written, and again there is the possibility of another. I am positive of 5 altogether, I will secure total of 4 copies, the 5th I do not know but the original 5th will be in my folder also & like I did the 6th is maybe. The letters you will read I want you to know I am very proud & touched by them & these people who wrote them are real people - don't normally do this but my manner, acting, way behavior here has been such that they have been kind enough & thoughtful enough to make their thoughts known to the Parole Board. I hope you will be giving well thanks to you Greg & I and ever indebted to you. I hope time can prove how

much I feel indebted to you, I owe you a lot for your kindness to me! Time proves all! I'd sure hate to get turned down & start once again the long tedious & laborious work of a new trial!! Imagine Kitten in the Santa Rosa Jail listening to Couchman with Bridger voice again! Bob & I will anticipate leaving here very shortly, probably evening before you get this letter. I ain't got a bad drop of humor, nerves & emotions in regard to what the fut court will be P.P.P.

Ann: wants my best & tell him she sure knows he will be excellent plus before the Board as he always is. My best to Deanna & hope that the new feature will find us sitting out dinner & my pleasure of meeting Deanna for the first time!

Until a better day! Love it is Ann !!! P.P.P.!!!

Always
Joe B.

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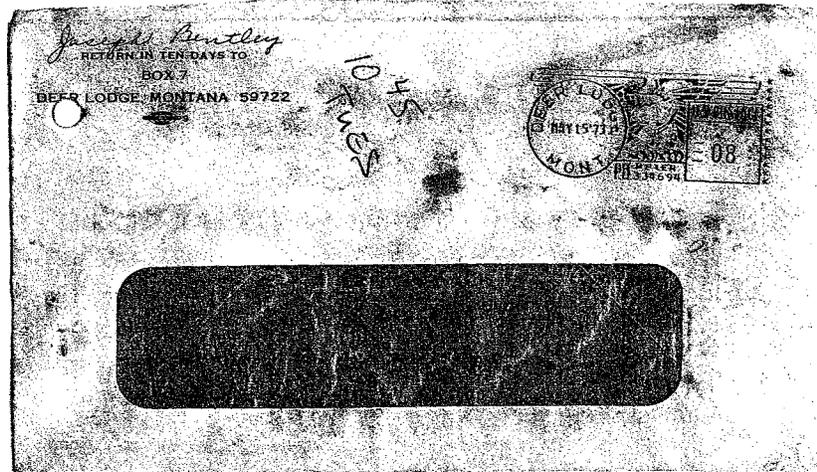
To: Greg Evans

Address: 50 Ronello

City: Santa Rosa State: California Zip: 95401

Signature: Joseph Bentley
(Please Sign Full Name)

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Hi Greg,

May 24 1975 the

I am in a state of shock !!! How come Montana decides my fate + I never committed no crime in Montana ??? But here in Montana I am allowed my atty + all the witnesses I need + they can speak to the Board. Ted Harrington said he definitely would come if I wanted him + I do want him, I sure need you + Marty to bring out special aspects of the case.

Greg, tell me what to do or expect in regards to you, Marty + Ted H coming here. If I could call you at the office I would but who the hell can reach you. I am all — up now !!! Tell me what to do! I am a ward of Calif; + if Calif already made a decision that wasn't favorable + let Montanas give their decision, then its illegal because I have a right to see the Calif board !!

Greg, write + tell me what to do or to expect in the way of help Heraway statement, the news



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day after trial To hate For Baron
Henry Jurg.
Help me they I am totally lost //

Joe
Joseph Bentley



1. J. Gray,

First of all here in Montana witnesses can appear before the Parole Board much more readily than they can in Calif; I know it will be a financial problem for you + Marty to get here. The Board meets June 26th on Tues next month. I guess all you + Marty can do ~~is~~ file a complete report as possible to the Board here. But it wouldn't cost Ted Harrington + Roy Bedell nothing because they travel on Government expense. Ted did write - tell me he would appear before the Board in Calif if it was necessary, + here in Montana I feel it would be necessary. Roy Bedell did say he would cooperate fully were ever needed, he made a full + complete investigation in Norway, after the trial + it corresponds with his "Norway" letter, if you can reach him + get him to come here it sure would be a help!! Those five letters written by officials here were sent to the Calif Adult authorities the Board of Pardons + Parole, will those letters be here? Man, Gray, I sure am on a bum trip + really bum kicked

over all this. My mind is sure manfully exhausted!

Still say if Coyle's people voted negative already, it ain't legal!!

As I come up with any information I'll forward it to you.

I have an letter for my book between us it is Hank Messick very well known! All the news clippings you have of mine in one belonging send them to [redacted] so she can send them to him.

Later on, if I don't have a heart attack or take a fit by then!

Sincerely

Joe

I enched this out

Joseph Bentley

P.S.S. Sun. 27th

Next day. Just spoke to Capt. Petros the man in charge of Rotten Wall where I am. I get along real good with him. He walked by me & I said Hi Capt. he beckoned me away from who I was with & said I was just at Social Service. That a place where they compute your good time notary papers etc. He said you will be leaving in 3 wks ??? I said "where back to Calif.?" He said "No, I don't know where but I'll find out more Mon. or Tues."

Hey, I don't want to let myself think that I was paroled & sent back to my warrant bail East!! And if they aren't going to send me back to Calif, I refuse to be shuffled off to another State!!! I'll cause such a shit storm here with them trying to drag me out, they'll have to sap me over the head! Man, Hey, I am so messed up in my head with all this mystery & changes, I have gone through some bad changes myself!

I don't want nobody here to know about this I won't even put it in a letter for them to read here. So please tell [redacted] for me, tell her not to mention it in a letter. I will keep you informed as I learn more the same way I am now sneaking it out! Here I am again! Just spoke

to the Capt. again, he said to H. L. Neal, & he
cant get it all out, but it seems I am going
back East to a detainee, but he is not sure
& will try to find out more news, & in the
mean time Greg if I dont have a relapse
or just drop dead Ill let you know. My
past as left me somewhat shell shocked
& now I find in my old age I cant take
so much pressure! 😊 Later on, Six Pack

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OF

*100 J. J. Brennan
Prison Records
Bentley*

1703 John W. McCormack Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
June 1, 1973

Mr. Robert Miles
Director of the Parole Board
Montana State Prison
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. Miles:

I have been requested by Joseph Bentley, who will appear before the Montana Parole Board on June 26, 1973, to testify as a witness in his behalf. I am the former Attorney in Charge of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime Strike Force for New England and am extremely knowledgeable of Bentley's contribution to law enforcement in its efforts against organized crime.

Bentley was the chief federal government witness in the prosecution which resulted in the conviction of Raymond L. Patriarca, "boss" of the New England Cosa Nostra Family, his "underboss" Henry Tameleo, and underworld enforcer Ronald Cassesso, for the offense of traveling in interstate commerce to commit a crime of violence to further an illegal gambling enterprise. He was also the chief State of Massachusetts witness in the Boston gangland murder trial of Edward Deegan, a loanshark, which resulted in the conviction for first-degree murder of six major underworld figures including Peter Limone, who was the "underboss" to Gennaro Angiulo, Cosa Nostra boss in Boston, Massachusetts, syndicate enforcers Louis Grieco, Joseph Silvati and Roy French, as well as Henry Tameleo and Ronald Cassesso. The conviction of Patriarca is considered by knowledgeable law enforcement officials to have been the most important organized crime case in the history of New England law enforcement.

Government witnesses John J. "Red" Kelley, alleged mastermind of the Plymouth mail robbery, and Vincent G. Teresa, who were developed by the United States subsequent to Bentley and whose testimony resulted in the conviction of many major syndicate leaders in the New England area have advised that one of the reasons that they decided to cooperate with the federal government was on account of the fact that Bentley had first broken the syndicate's "code of silence" and had survived the underworld's reprisal. Bentley's defection from the organized underworld and his decision to become a government witness against his former associates constitutes the single most important factor in the success of the federal government's campaign against organized crime in the New England area.

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Bentley's significant contribution to law enforcement as the pivotal figure in the government's effort to combat organized crime should be weighed when his eligibility for parole is considered.

Please advise me if the appearance of witnesses before the Montana Parole Board is in conformity with your practices.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Harrington

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON

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James J. Featherstone, Deputy Chief,
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section
United States Department of Justice
Gerald E. McDowell, Attorney in Charge,
Boston Field Office-Organized Crime and
Racketeering Section

June 13, 1973

Parole Hearing For Joe Barboza

Enclosed is a self-explanatory memo
relative to the above hearing.

As we have discussed, it is crucial that the
Department favorably act upon this request.

While I have taken a conservative position on
the matter of Ted's compensation -- limiting the
request to reimbursement of travel expenses and per
diem -- Ted is in private practice and could use the
fee.

If you and Bill think that such a request
would go through if it included normal compensation for a
special attorney, please change the text of my draft
accordingly.

Enclosure



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Since it is likely that the Parole Board will deny Barboza's parole, it is important that it be clear to Barboza and other witnesses like him that his continued incarceration is his own fault, rather than due to any lack of diligence by the Department in bringing the facts of his past cooperation to the attention of the Parole Board. Because the LCN has continually pressured Barboza to corruptly change his testimony in the Deegan murder case in Massachusetts, in order to free major LCN figures, Henry Tameleo and Peter Limone, it is in the best interests of the Department not to give Barboza the impression that we have abandoned him. While this impression would be false, a prisoner like Barboza is in the frame of mind to seize on an incident like our failure to send a witness to his hearing in order to justify his flipping to the other side. While the government has evidence which would eventually blunt the LCN attempt to get Barboza to perjure himself, on behalf of Tameleo and Limone, this would involve us in a series of long, expensive court hearings which would do no-one any good. Thus sending a witness to Montana is an ounce of prevention well worth the pound of cure.

I believe that Ted Harrington is the only potential witness who has maintained complete familiarity with Barboza's situation over the years and thus is best equipped to represent us in a careful and responsible manner. Ted has agreed to do this, even though the trip would interfere with his private practice, if the Department pays his transportation and per diem expenses for the trip. Jim Maskett says that the Department cannot reimburse Ted for his expenses now that he is in private practice. Therefore, I recommend that you ask the Deputy Attorney General to appoint Ted a special attorney solely for the purpose of representing the Department in this matter. Ted would not receive any compensation from this appointment other than reimbursement of his travel expenses and per diem.

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Henry E. Petersen
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

June 13, 1973

William S. Lynch, Chief,
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section
United States Department of Justice

RECOMMENDATION THAT TED HARRINGTON BE APPOINTED A
SPECIAL ATTORNEY (WITHOUT COMPENSATION) TO
REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT AT PAROLE HEARINGS

Joe "Baron" Barboza, a former government witness, is presently incarcerated in Montana State Penitentiary. He was convicted in California upon his plea of guilty to a second degree murder charge and sentenced to from five years to life. The California authorities transferred him to Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge Montana, to serve out his sentence, as California could not guarantee his safety in their own prison system.

Barboza is due to have a parole hearing in the near future (the exact date has not been determined). This hearing will be conducted by Montana authorities, whose practice is to hear testimony from witnesses. Although Ted Harrington has provided written information to the Parole Board, Barboza has requested that Harrington be a witness at the hearing.

It is not likely that Barboza will be paroled by the Montana authorities, based upon his past record. However, it is my judgment that a representative of the Department appear at the hearing to give a factual account of Barboza's cooperation in state and federal prosecutions against the leaders of New England's Organized Crime family, and to answer any questions the Parole Board may have. Of course, we would take no position on the desirability of such a parole.



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Idi Gray,

Well the Parole Board met today & of course I did not see them. I did have a chance to ask Bobby Miles if my records showed up yet & he said "No, not a trace! Calif; is beautiful, isn't it! how I am starting to wonder if my records will be here for July or not? I would imagine with the promptness I have been subject to by Calif, that any kind of recommendation the Parole Board here in Montana sends to Calif; Calif; will send these decisions as to the Montana recommendations, sixty days later!

Received a letter from Roy Badell, last night & he said he was in the process of writing a letter on my behalf to Calif; I wrote him & told him to send it here & that I was under the impression he was appearing here with Ted Harrington, on my behalf.

I have signed contracts with Hank Messie so you now know upon receipt of a copy of the letter he sent to the Board. Would you kindly send me a photo stat of that

letter; also if you could you speak to Benny Saluda of the Santa Rosa paper & ask him to give you all the clippings & pictures ever written about me. Tell him I'll make sure he gets a copy of the Book for his time. Would you send that "if you got them" along with my clippings you are holding in my belonging to [redacted].

What bug me is that I was propelled in my decision to go before the Pepper Committee as a favor to Colonel Stone who promised emphatically to write a letter to the Board for me. I've written him more than several letters & he never replied to one of them!

Will Marty come here in your place while you are on vacation next month?

Hey Gray, is Dinky Daryl Hill & Billy Sult out yet?

So Dee got another beaten huh. She must be punchy by now.

Interesting thought is, Dee & Paulette must have made some comments to at least one of their many boyfriends as to how

they had on the stand against me, maybe one of your future clients in the Santa Rosa Jail during an interview can tell you about it?!

Well Mr. Six Pack who doesn't drink no more, I hope you + Dianne enjoy a pleasant + happy vacation!

Hope to hear from you soon + please send [redacted] my clippings + hopefully what Boney or you can accumulate from the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.

My best to [redacted] + Marty. Later on Hwy!

Sincerely

JCB

Joseph Bentley

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