STATE OF MONTANA

BOARD OF PARDONS

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DATE: 6-22-73

TO: BENTLEY, Joseph, Calif. B-38509

FROM: A. J. Mehrens, I.P.O.

RE: Board Hearing

I have gone through your file and can't find anything from Joseph Spangler or anyone else connected with the California Adult Authority giving this state permission to bring you up before the Montana Board of Pardons for parole consideration. Even if they notify us that you are eligible to come up before the Montana Board, Montana's Board will have to okay it, also.

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June 29, 1973

Mr. Joseph A. Spangler
Administrative Officer
California Adult Authority
State Office Building #8
714 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: BENTLEY, Joseph, aka Barboza, Joseph; Baron, Joseph, Cal. B 38509

Dear Mr. Spangler:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Joseph Bentley that is self-explanatory. He is an exchange prisoner from California. We have been besieged by telephone calls and letters (copies enclosed) requesting the Montana Parole Board to hold a parole hearing for Mr. Bentley.

Our Board's next meeting will be on July 31st and August 1st and will consider all the inmates who are eligible for those two months. We are cognizant of the fact that Mr. Bentley is under your jurisdiction and that we cannot and will not hear his case unless your agency initiates the request under the Western Interstate Corrections Compact. Even then, I do not know if our Parole Board would grant the request and hear the case.

Therefore, without being presumptuous, would you please inform us whether or not you wish the Board of Pardons to hear his case. If you do, will you please send us his social and criminal history and any other information that you feel would be beneficial to our Parole Board?

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PARDONS

Bobby C. Miles, Director

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cc: Warden Roger Crist, Montana State Prison
Joseph Bentley

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

RONALD REAGAN

ADULT AUTHORITY
STATE OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1
714 P STREET, ROOM 553
SACRAMENTO 95814

July 16, 1973

Re: BENTLEY, Joseph
B-38509

Mr. Bobby C. Miles
Director, Board of Pardons
1119 Main Street
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

Dear Mr. Miles:

Under separate letter you will be receiving a request for your Board to hear a Mr. Joseph Bentley in a parole consideration hearing. Attached to that letter will be a number of California Department of Corrections documents which will provide the criminal and social history of the subject for assistance to your Board. We would appreciate it if the Montana Board of Pardons will assist the Adult Authority in this matter, and provide us with their views of Mr. Bentley.

We note that he is currently a fourth termer and was committed less than two years ago following conviction of murder in the second degree. His prior convictions will be contained in the documents forwarded, and these include robbery by force on two counts, assault with a deadly weapon and kidnapping, etc. Some time later he escaped from the Massachusetts Reformatory and became involved in attempted auto theft and assault with a deadly weapon, for which he received additional convictions.

In 1958 the subject was committed to prison in Massachusetts following conviction for breaking and entry in the night and possession of burglary implements. He was resentenced to Massachusetts State Prison at Walpole in 1967 for additional offenses. Apparently the subject received a certificate of discharge in September, 1970, from the State of Massachusetts. Some of the records are then garbled, but we are informed the subject was sentenced to the Massachusetts State Prison in July 1970 as a probation violator.

Information was subsequently obtained about a murder, and this led to the uncovering of a buried body in Sonoma County, California. This murder was apparently perpetrated when a conflict

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developed between the victim and Mr. Bentley over the disposition of some $250,000 worth of securities burglarized from a Petaluma home in 1970.

The information forwarded under separate cover will provide additional details for a hearing before your Board. We would appreciate a summary of that hearing and any views the Montana Board would care to forward to the Adult Authority.

We would appreciate your Board granting a hearing to Mr. Bentley when they meet on July 31st or August 1st, which will eliminate the necessity for Mr. Bentley's being transferred to California for a hearing before the Adult Authority. However, should your Board be unwilling or unable to conduct a hearing in the matter of Mr. Bentley, we would appreciate that information and it will be necessary for Mr. Bentley to be transported to California for a parole consideration hearing to which he is legally entitled under our statutes.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND C. BROWN
Chairman, Adult Authority

By

JOSEPH A. SPANGLER
Administrative Officer

JAS:k

cc: Miss Margaret Delfel

1149 Diamond Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94114

July 19, 1973

Dear Ted:

Greetings. Joe called me last night and informed me he will be seeing the Parole Board in Montana at their hearing on July 31-August 1. I don't know which date, as this hearing is a combined hearing for July and August. Joe wasn't sure either but at least we have some definite news.

Joe asked me to get hold of you, and to ask you to try and reach John Fitzgerald with the news. I called Marteen Miller only to find he is attending school in Chicago for a week. However, Greg returned from his European vacation early (says he had a horrible time) so he is there for you to call. I spoke to him this morning and he will be writing you.

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter I received yesterday, which is self-explanatory. I sent a copy to Greg at his request. Personally, I think this is a horrible letter. Maybe I am being overly-sensitive, but I think this much detail on priors is uncalled for. Of course, I am not that familiar with parole matters and have nothing to compare this letter to, but I do think Spangler got out of line here. The record speaks for itself, but it was my impression that parole hearings are based in part on the conduct while one is incarcerated. Seems as though California did as much as they could to impress upon Montana they don't want him free. However, see what you think.

That's about it. I know Greg will be in touch with you, and I hope you will be able to appear at the hearing. It would mean very much to Joe. In any event, thank you for all your help in the past, as far as letters and phone calls, etc., in Joe's behalf. I sincerely appreciate it.

Best,

Mary

P.S. Understand the book is progressing, and that you met with Hank. Remember, I still hold you responsible for all this! I think we created a monster...

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Supreme Court

State :
v. : No. 1566-Ex. &c.
Raymond L. S. Patriarca. :

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ROBERTS, C. J. It appears that at about 2:30 on the afternoon of Saturday, April 20, 1968, Rudolph Marfeo and Anthony Melei were shot to death while shopping in a market on Pocasset Avenue in the city of Providence. Apparently, it was Marfeo's custom to shop for groceries in that market on Saturday afternoons, and while he and Melei were in the market two masked gunmen entered and shot them both.

Thereafter, on June 2, 1969, as a result of these homicides three indictments were returned by the grand jury. Indictment No. 69-769 charged the appellant here, Raymond L. S. Patriarca, with conspiring to murder Rudolph Marfeo. Others named in that indictment were Maurice R. Lerner, Robert E. Fairbrothers, John Rossi, and Rudolpho G. Sciarra. In Indictment No. 69-767 the appellant here and Sciarra were charged with being accessories to the murder of Marfeo, while Lerner, Fairbrothers, and Rossi were charged with the murder of Marfeo. In Indictment No. 69-768 the appellant here and Sciarra were charged with being accessories to the murder of Anthony Melei, while Lerner, Fairbrothers, and Rossi were charged with Melei's murder.

Nos. 69-767 and 69-768, and one with respect to the charge of conspiracy in Indictment No. 69-769. Certain of the particulars were denied by the trial justice, and defendant now contends that this denial constituted prejudicial error.

The defendant argues primarily that the statutory form used in indictments brought in this state under G. L. 1956 (1969 Re-enactment) §12-12-7 does not meet the constitutional requirement of a defendant's right "to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation" as is provided for in the sixth amendment to the Constitution of the United States and art. I, sec. 10, of the constitution of this state. From that premise he argues that the intent of the Legislature in enacting §12-12-9 providing for bills of particulars was to establish a method for curing such indictments when constitutionally inadequate and that, therefore, defendant was entitled to particulars as a matter of right.

In the first place, we cannot agree that the purpose of §12-12-9 was to provide a method for curing constitutionally defective indictments. It is settled in this state that a bill of particulars cannot cure a constitutionally defective indictment. State v. Brown, 97 R.I. 115, 121, 196 A.2d 133, 137 (1963); State v. Smith, 56 R.I. 168, 182, 184 A. 494, 500 (1936). That section, however, makes it possible for a defendant, when confronted with an indictment that is constitutionally adequate but alleges the offense in general terms, to seek clarification as to the nature

the defendants in some degree in the case, was highly incriminatory of defendant Lerner. He testified that it was Lerner who first approached him and asked him to plan the slayings. His testimony placed Lerner at the scene of the first attempt to murder Marfeo. He further testified that Lerner in conversations with him reflected his presence at the scene of the murders when he told of leaving the guns in the "get-away" vehicle after having "wiped [them] clean." While it is to be conceded that Kelley's testimony placed defendants Fairbrothers and Rossi in the car that left Triggs Memorial Park to rendezvous with Marfeo and Melei, it did not directly involve either Patriarca or Sciarra in the actual slayings at all.

There is no doubt that under the rule, taking the testimony of Kelley relating to the defendant Lerner as true, it was sufficient to support a verdict of guilty beyond a reasonable doubt on the murder charge in the case of this defendant, State v. Maloney, 109 R.I. 166, 170, 283 A.2d 34, 38 (1971). In view of the primary thrust of Kelley's testimony and its probative force, it is reasonable to infer that the jury found that evidence sufficient to hold the defendant Lerner guilty of murder but at the same time not persuasive that the murder charges brought against the other defendants had been established beyond a reasonable doubt. We find no error in the denial of the motion for a new trial, and this exception is overruled.

All of the defendant's exceptions are overruled, and the case is remitted to the Superior Court.

Mr. Justice Powers participated in the decision but retired prior to its announcement. Mr. Justice Paolino, Mr. Justice Joslin, and Mr. Justice Doris did not participate.

Elliot L. Richardson
The Attorney General

July 24, 1973

Henry E. Petersen
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Recommendation that Edward F. Harrington be Appointed a Special Attorney (Without Compensation) to Represent the Department at Parole Hearing

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 before the Montana Board of Pardons, Deer Lodge, Montana, on July 31, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. It is Montana's practice to hear testimony from witnesses at its parole hearings. The Department has had an understanding with Barboza that at such time as he became eligible for parole, the Department would bring to the attention of the authorities the fact of his cooperation with the Department of Justice as a witness against major organized crime figures in New England. Barboza has requested that Edward F. Harrington be the witness at the hearing. Harrington was the Departmental attorney who since 1967 has worked closely with Barboza all during the time that Barboza was a government witness. He, along with FBI agents Dennis M. Condon and H. Paul Rico, was responsible for developing Barboza as a successful government witness. However, Harrington resigned his position as Attorney in Charge of the Boston Strike Force effective March 31, 1973 and entered private practice.

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.

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

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due to the Department's failure to keep its promise to bring 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 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. Harrington 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. I recommend that you appoint Harrington a special attorney solely for the purpose of representing the Department in this matter. He would not receive any compensation from this appointment other than reimbursement of his travel expenses and per diem.

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The Baron May Get Parole

Joseph Barboza Baron, serving a prison sentence for the 1970 slaying of a Santa Rosa man in Sonoma Valley, has received a recommendation for parole from the Montana Parole Board.

Baron, known as The Baron, pleaded guilty Dec. 13, 1971 to second degree murder charges in the execution-style slaying of Ricky C. Wilson during an argument over $250,000 in stolen securities.

Wilson's body was discovered in a remote area of Sonoma Valley overlooking the Jack London Ranch area on Oct. 12, 1970, some three months after he was shot.

Baron also figured as the key prosecution witness whose testimony led to imprisonment of Raymond L. S. Patriarca, of Providence, R.I., reputed head of the New England underworld.

Baron said at his trial he was offered $500,000 to recant his testimony and was told he could return to Boston, but he refused.

After pleading guilty in Sonoma County, Baron was sentenced to serve five years to life, but was moved from a California prison to the state prison in Deer Lodge ,Mont. after his life was allegedly threatened.

After a hearing before the Montana Parole Board on July 31, at the request of the California Adult Authority, Baron received a recommendation that he be granted parole.

The California Adult Authority said it will now hold its own hearing on the parole request.

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Baron asks parole from life sentence

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By Richard Connolly
Globe Staff

Joseph (Barboza) Baron, who fatted on his former associates in The Mob in New England, is attempting to win parole from a five years-to-life prison sentence for a 1970 murder in California.

The reputed underworld informer, a former resident of Swampscott, is in protective custody at the State Prison in Deer Lodge, Mont. He was moved from a California prison after his life was threatened.

The 41-year-old Baron, who has been serving his sentence since Dec. 14, 1971, pleaded guilty to second degree murder in Sonoma County, Calif. He was accused of killing Ricky Clay Wilson, 36, in an argument over $250,000 in stolen securities and burying the body in a rural section near Glen Ellen, Calif.

When the body was discovered, Baron was at State Prison in Walpole for violation of parole in a previous conviction for illegal possession of weapons. But two fellow Walpole inmates testified that Baron told them he killed Wilson.

The California Adult Authority, which has jurisdiction over Baron, recently requested that the Montana Parole Board determine if Baron should be paroled.

The board recommended his release after a hearing July 31, according to George M. Corff, assistant director of the Montana board. The hearing was held at Deer Lodge and among those who testified in Baron's behalf was Atty. Edward F. Harrington, former head of the Justice Department's Strike Force in New England.

It was through Baron's cooperation with the Strike Force that a number of alleged leaders of The Mob were imprisoned.

Despite the Montana Parole Board's recommendation, based on Baron's conduct at Deer Lodge and the testimony of witnesses, he must convince the California Adult Authority that he has been rehabilitated.

"With his background and experience, we have decided to hold our own hearing," said Joseph A. Spangler, an official of the California authority. He said the authority could act solely on Montana's recommendation or hold its own hearing on Baron's eligibility for parole.

Baron testified during the trial under trial that he decided to cooperate with Federal investigators after becoming disenchanted with The Mob, whose orders he allegedly followed in killing two friends. He came to California under the assumed name of Joseph Bentley.

Baron admitted that he had been a loan shark but denied that he was an informer for the FBI. Federal investigators have reported that Baron, with a long criminal record and close ties to the leaders of The Mob, was perhaps the most important witness developed in recent years.

His testimony led to the imprisonment of Raymond L.S. Patriarca of Providence, reputed head of The Mob, and his right-hand man, Henry Tameleo, who is serving a murder sentence at Walpole. Four other men

Baron's testimony at his California trial showed that he was "protective custody" in various prisons, including Ft. Knox, Ky., and that The Mob offered him $500,000 to recant his testimony against his old pals.

The underworld also agreed to let him return to Boston "forever," but he refused to change his story, Baron said. Investigators indicated their concern over Baron's welfare when they moved him to the Montana prison.

DAU, EDWARD H. SR.

Baron in Parole Plea For 1970 Cal. Murder

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DEER LODGE, Mont. (AP) — The reputed underworld informer from Massachusetts who turned informer and now is in protective custody in Montana has asked to be paroled from a prison sentence for a 1970 murder in California.

Joseph Barboza Baron, 41, formerly of Swampscott, Mass., pleaded guilty Dec. 14, 1971, to second degree murder in Sonoma County, Calif.

He was accused of killing Ricky Clay Wilson, 36, during an argument over $250,000 in stolen securities. He was charged with burying the body near Glen Ellen, Calif.

Baron was sentenced to five years-to-life, but was moved from a California prison to the same prison here after his life was threatened.

After a hearing July 31 at the request of the California Adult Authority, the Montana Parole Board recommended his release based on Baron's conduct at Deer Lodge and the testimony of witnesses. However the California Adult Authority has said it would hold its own hearing, the newspaper said.

During the trial, Baron testified that he decided to cooperate with federal investigators after becoming disenchanted with the underworld when ordered to kill two friends. He said he moved to California under the assumed name of Joseph Bentley.

Officials said it was testimony by Baron that led to the imprisonment of Raymond L.S. Patriarca of Providence, reputed head of organized crime in southeastern New England, and Patriarca's aide, Henry Tameleo, who is serving a murder sentence at Walpole, Mass. Four other men were also convicted on Baron's testimony.

Baron said at his trial that he was offered $500,000 to recant his testimony and was told he could return to Boston, but he said he refused. He also testified that his life was in danger.

When the body of Wilson was discovered, Baron was at Walpole for violation of parole in a previous conviction for illegal possession of weapons. Two Walpole inmates testified that Baron told them he killed Wilson.

Among those who testified on his behalf at the parole hearing was Edward F. Harrington, former head of the Justice Department's Strike Force in New England.

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Beginning a lengthy cross examination, Miller asked about her marriage to Wilson.

She said they were married April 11, 1970, and separated sometime in June. They lived in the house in Glen Ellen, and Wilson was employed "occasionally" as a heavy equipment operator.

Attempting to establish Wilson's relationship with Baron, Miller asked when she met Baron.

"Sometime in May," she replied. She said he visited their home "about eight times."

She said she thought Wilson and Baron had known each other only a short time, but saw each other frequently. She said she believed the two were introduced by a mutual friend, Stanley Williams.

When asked about the weapons Baron carried with him, Mrs. Wilson said every time she saw him away from his own home he was carrying a .45 caliber automatic pistol in his front belt, a .38 caliber revolver in a holster on his back and a smaller

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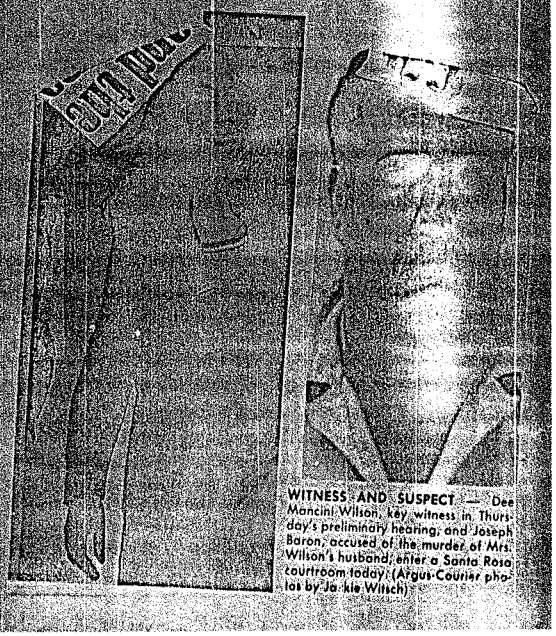

WITNESS AND SUSPECT — Dee Mancini Wilson, key witness in Thursday's preliminary hearing, and Joseph Baron, accused of the murder of Mrs. Wilson's husband, enter a Santa Rosa courtroom today. (Argus-Courier photos by Jackie Witsch)

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Supreme Court

State :
v. :
Robert E. Fairbrothers :

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v. : No. 1566-Ex. &c.
John Rossi :

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v. :
Rudolpho G. Sciarra. :

O P I N I O N

ROBERTS, C. J. On June 2, 1969, the grand jury returned three indictments, in each of which the defendants, Robert E. Fairbrothers, John Rossi, and Rudolpho G. Sciarra, were charged with offenses arising out of the fatal shootings of Rudolph Marfeo and Anthony Melei in a Providence market on April 20, 1968. Also named in the same indictments were Raymond L. S. Patriarca and Maurice R. Lerner. In Indictment No. 69-767 the defendants, Fairbrothers and Rossi, were charged with the murder of Rudolph Marfeo, while the defendant, Sciarra, was charged as an accessory. In Indictment No. 69-768 the defendants, Fairbrothers and Rossi, were charged with the murder of Anthony Melei, and the defendant, Sciarra, was charged as an accessory. In Indictment No. 69-769 the defendants, Fairbrothers, Rossi, and Sciarra, were all charged with having conspired to murder both Marfeo and Melei. A detailed discussion of the factual context surrounding the slayings may be found in our opinion in State v. Patriarca, R.I. , A.2d , filed July 20, 1973.

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These defendants, along with Raymond L. S. Patriarca and Maurice R. Lerner, were tried jointly on all three indictments in the Superior Court, and on March 27, 1970, the jury returned verdicts convicting each of these defendants of conspiring to murder Marfeo and Melei but returned no verdicts on the indictments charging Fairbrothers and Rossi with the murders of Marfeo and Melei and charging Sciarra as an accessory to those murders. Each of these defendants has separately prosecuted a bill of exceptions to this court.

An exhaustive analysis of the briefs filed in behalf of Fairbrothers, Rossi, and Sciarra is persuasive that all of the contentions of error raised therein have been considered and determined to be without merit in State v. Patriarca, supra, and State v. Lerner, R.I. , A.2d , filed July 31, 1973. In such circumstances we are persuaded that extended opinions with respect to the contentions of each of these defendants would be duplicative of the conclusions reached on the various issues in State v. Patriarca and State v. Lerner, supra.

All of the exceptions of each defendant are overruled, each conviction is sustained, and the cases are remitted to the Superior Court for further proceedings.

Mr. Justice Powers participated in the decision but retired prior to its announcement. Mr. Justice Paolino, Mr. Justice Joslin, and Mr. Justice Doris did not participate.

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Hi Greg,

How can I ever thank you + Marty for what you two + Ted H. did for me today words can never even begin to express what I feel + what I also feel I owe you three, so I'll just say I am your friend for life in all I stand for + believe in, I'll always be there no matter what + when ever you both need me, nobody living do I feel a debt to as I feel towards you two!

Wasn't able to see you three today but I very well understand.

I am inserting the Parole Boards decision in this letter. Calif. is rather slow in reply so I guess I'll be here two to three months more.

Greg, I plan to come to Santa Rosa for a visit + I will make my presence known immediately to the police in regards to legality. Why I bring this up is because I truly, truly feel no ill towards

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two Dee + Juliette, it was my fault not theirs in regards to the case breaking wide open. So when I go into Santa Rosa I dont want nobody getting paranoid. How could I lie to you + Marty at this point when I say I promise you both no troubles in Santa Rosa + I dont wish nobody any harm there. I am coming to Santa Rosa for a visit to see you Marty + others. Tell me is this wrong, especially when I bear no ill to no one there?

The parole board said this is the fastest hearing in the ~~State~~ History of Montana; her you made parole, I didnt even say one word! Except thank you + I floated out in a dream that I never thought would come truthfully! You, Marty + Ted H made this all come true. Nobody did I ever owe so much to!

I called [redacted] + told her + Bob Blumenthal. + she will I know tell you.

I look forward to the future + hope we can enjoy dinner, drinks + conversation together, my house will always be open to you + Marty. + once I do get settled where I plan in the future I hope you both with your families will eventually spend some time there + enjoy what I have to offer there. I'll even poach a few sea gulls for Marty to shoot! ☺ Time well prove that my words aren't just the moment + the happiness I feel for the new start on life you both gave me!

I hope you'll find the time to write me when its convenient.

Be sure to show Marty this letter because this letter is certainly meant for him too!

It finally is a better day my friends. Love my best to Dianne, + the people

at the office.

Always
Joe

Joseph Bentley