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WASHINGTON

TO:

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FROM:

John G. Roberts, Jr.
Associate Counsel
to the President

- FYI
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*Gave info on Marilyn Will
to Clegg, who will have
someone call her.*

To John
Date 8/7 Time 2:00

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Marilyn Wick
of Boca Raton
Phone 305/974-8803
Area Code Number Extension

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message re: Lou Biasi
Head of committee
to represent him.
(35 people who
think he is a good
citizen.)

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August 8, 1984

John G. Roberts,
Assistant Consul to the President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

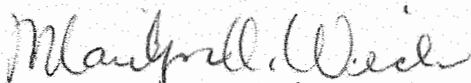
Dear Mr. Roberts:

As the Head of the committee representing Mr. Louis A. Biasi, #0949004, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your concern and interest and for turning this matter over to the Justice Department.

We all want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts in behalf of Mr. Biasi. Thank God we are in a free country where concerned citizens can make an appeal such as this directly to our President.

Again, thank you - we appreciate any and all efforts you put forth to help.

Sincerely,



Marilyn A. Wick, (Head of the Committee for Louis A. Biasi)
President
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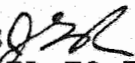
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 1, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL E. DINKINS
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence From Louis A. Biasi
Concerning His Sentence

The attached letter from Louis A. Biasi to a member of the White House Staff, together with a copy of my interim reply, is referred to you for whatever action you consider appropriate. Mr. Biasi complains that he is being compelled to serve a disparately long sentence relative to the sentences to be served by allegedly more culpable co-defendants,

Many thanks.

Attachment

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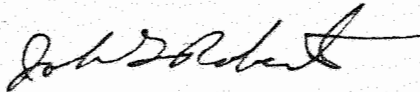
August 1, 1984

Dear Mr. Biasi:

Your letter of July 19, 1984 to Kathleen Osborne has been referred to this office for consideration. In that letter you contend that you are being compelled to serve a disparately long sentence relative to the sentences to be served by allegedly more culpable co-defendants.

Please be advised that your correspondence has been referred to the Department of Justice, for whatever review and direct reply that Department considers appropriate.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Louis A. Biasi
Post Office Box 600
Eglin AFB, FL 32542

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Subject: Disparity in his sentence

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July 19, 1984

To: Kathleen Osborne

From: Louis A. Biasi E91 in F.P.C. # 099-49-004

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RE: PAROLE DESPARITY

DEAR Miss. Osborne:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER HOPING THAT YOU MAY ASSIST ME WITH MY DILEMMA. IN DECEMBER OF 1982 AFTER A LENGTHY TRIAL I WAS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO IMPORT MARIJUANA AND SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS.

MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN A RONALD REAGAN SUPPORTER FOR MANY YEARS FAVORING MOST OF HIS POLITICAL DECISIONS. BOTH MY IN-LAWS WHO RESIDE IN VISALIA, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTED MR. REAGAN WHEN HE RAN FOR GOVERNOR. RECENTLY I HAVE BECOME A BIT DISAPPOINTED IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM MAINLY BECAUSE I HAVE BECOME A VICTIM OF IT.

BRIEFLY THE FACTS OF MY CASE, I WAS ENGAGED BY A CLIENT TO LOCATE A VESSEL THAT HE COULD EITHER PURCHASE OR LEASE. FOR THIS SERVICE I WAS TO RECEIVE A TEN PERCENT COMMISSION. THROUGH A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE A VESSEL WAS LOCATED, AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH THE LESSORS AND THE LESSEE TERMS WERE AGREED UPON AND THE VESSEL WAS SECURED.

SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AFTER ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL I ENTERED THE COMMERCIAL SALES AND LEASING BUSINESS EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE OWNER.

The lessors quoted above were members of law enforcement. They provided the vessel, crew, captain, engineer, fuel, food, radios etc., went on a twenty nine day voyage to South America returned to Miami, Florida without any marijuana. Upon their return I was arrested, charged and convicted.

On Jan. 31, 1983 I along with four other Co-Defendants whom I did not know prior to this case were sentenced as follows. Four Co-Defendants including myself received seven year sentences and one received a six year sentence. I was told by the U.S. Parole Officer that my expected period of incarceration would be from twenty-four to thirty-six months. This statement was based on my limited role in the overall offense.

The U.S. Parole Commission in the Northeast Region paroled the other Co-Defendants after the service of twenty-eight months or one-third of their sentence. On March 26, 1984 the Southeast Regional Parole Commission Miss. Paula Tennant Commissioner gave me a presumptive parole date of forty-six months, even though my culpability was limited to securing a vessel. A far lesser role than any of the other Co-Defendants. I am expected to serve almost twice the amount of time than any of the other Co-Defendants even after the U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the case stated my role was limited to securing a vessel and that other Co-Defendants had a higher degree of culpability.

I admit that I was the agent involved in leasing of the boat. It was never my intent to import, distribute, possess any MARIJUANA or conspire to do the same. I was never to benefit financially from any of the profits derived from the sale of MARIJUANA if any was imported. The investigating officers and the Assistant U.S. Attorney can testify to that.

My past is filled with community service awards, being very much involved in youth activities and the elections of many office holders. Including the former Governor of Massachusetts John Volpe. My record was spotless prior to this, I hope someday to clear myself of this conviction.

Miss Osborne as a parent you can relate to the following. My son from a previous marriage is twelve years old, he is at the stage of his life where he needs a father. Nineteen months have passed since we have been together. If the Parole Commission fails to grant me relief on my Parole Appeal, it will then be another twenty-seven months before my son and I are re-united "THAT'S JUST UNFAIR!"

Since my incarceration I have lost my business. The right to practice my profession has been revoked by the State of Florida. My financial obligations are increasing daily. My marriage of four years to a United Airlines flight attendant will most likely end in divorce.

The government said I broke the law for leasing a vessel. A vessel the government provided and paid me a commission. One must remember that after twenty-nine days at sea government agents returned to Miami with an empty boat. Thus never importing marijuana into the United States. The government says I must be punished does punishment mean total destruction of a human being and fellow American. Especially when the government's own prosecutor U.S. Asst. District Attorney writes my only role was to secure a vessel. See attached letters.

Here lies my frustration, the other Co-Defendants in my case will serve one-third of their seven year sentence or approximately twenty-eight months or less. I on the other hand must serve fifty-five percent (55%) of my seven year sentence or forty-six months, even though my culpability was much less than the others according to the prosecutor and the evidence presented at my trial.

I realize that the Administration is not sympathetic to drug dealers. God is my judge my intent was never to be involved in drugs. I wouldn't know a bale of marijuana from a bale of hay or do I have any interest in knowing the difference. While incarcerated I have met a number of individuals who have been involved in the sale or importation of marijuana or cocaine for years and have received sentences and parole dates much less than mine.

The disparity created by Federal Judges in their sentencing practices is so great, that it is making a sham out of our justice system. The purpose and function of the Parole Commission was to correct such disparity. In my case such disparity was not created by the sentencing judge, but rather by the Southeast Regional Parole Commission. Hopefully through legislation this problem within our judicial system will be eliminated.

I AM NOT ASKING to be set free, but God knows I have suffered enough for what I did. My only request is that the U.S. Parole Commission grant me the same release date as my Co-Defendant TWENTY-EIGHT MONTHS AND that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons grant me a furlough as they have my Co-Defendants.

Miss. Osborne I would be forever grateful if you could assist me with my problem. I have to believe that there is someone who cares to see that the theory of fairness still applies to our judicial system.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for any consideration you may give to this matter. If you need any further documentation please do not hesitate to correspond.

Louis A. Biasi
Post Office Box 600
Eglin AFB.
Florida 32542

Sincerely yours,
Louis A. Biasi



United States Attorney
Southern District of Florida

299 E. Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

October 4, 1983

Donald L. Ferguson, Esq.
2141 Secoffee Street
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

Re: United States v. Louis Biasi

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

On Monday, September 26, 1983, you contacted me regarding the Government's position and opinion as to the participation and culpability of your client, Louis Biasi. It is my opinion that this instance for which he stands convicted could have been his first marijuana deal. Further, I do not believe he possessed a proprietary interest in the marijuana in the sense that he "owned the load", although he was to be paid for his efforts. It is the position of the government that Louis Biasi gave instructions to participants in the smuggling venture, but that Biasi, in turn, was receiving orders from other individuals. It appears to me that Louis Biasi's principal function in this conspiracy was to secure the boat and boat crew.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

STANLEY MARCUS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Lurana S. Snow
By: LURANA S. SNOW
ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

LSS:dm

LURANA S. SNOW, P.A.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1520 SOUTHEAST 3RD AVENUE

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33310

TELEPHONE (305) 467-2618

MIAMI 940-6337

June 18, 1984

United States Parole Commission
Southeast Region
715 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

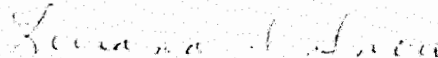
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing at the request of Donald Ferguson, Esq., counsel for inmate Louis Biasi, regarding Mr. Biasi's anticipated release date. From January, 1980 until April, 1984, I was employed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, assigned to the Fort Lauderdale office. I was the prosecutor who handled Mr. Biasi's case at trial and sentencing, and am familiar with all facts surrounding the case.

It is my understanding that Mr. Biasi is to serve forty-six months of a six year sentence, and that his co-defendant, Bruce Wildman, has been given a projected release date of twenty-six months. In my opinion, Wildman occupied a higher managerial position than Biasi, in that Wildman handled all arrangements with the Colombian source of supply of the marijuana which was to be imported by all of the defendants in the case. Further, Wildman devised the marine radio codes which were used, and maintained contact with the vessel throughout the trip from Florida to Colombia. Biasi, on the other hand, was only responsible for procuring the vessel and a captain for the trip, and had no role once the vessel departed for Colombia.

If I can provide any further information which may be of use to the Commission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Lurana S. Snow

LSS/nb

cc: Donald Ferguson, Esq.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL E. DINKINS
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Continuing Correspondence From Louis A. Biasi

By memorandum dated August 1 I referred to you for appropriate action correspondence from Louis A. Biasi, who was complaining about an allegedly disparate sentence. Additional correspondence recently received from Mr. Biasi is attached, again for whatever action you consider appropriate. The White House has not responded to this latest correspondence.

Many thanks.

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To: Miss Kathleen Osburn

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cc

From Louis A. Biasi #09949-004
P.O. Box 600
Eglin Air Force Base
Florida, 32542

RE: Parole Destarity

DEAR Miss. Osburn:

I would like to thank you for forwarding my request of assistance on to John Roberts Associate Counsel to the President. Realizing this is an extremely busy time of the year with elections only a few weeks away. It is great to see that our President or his opponent and we will have four more years of strong leadership.

Unfortunately, I haven't been as lucky with my efforts for equal and fair treatment from the Southeast Regional Parole Commission. They have just recently denied my appeal (see attached) to correct my presumptive parole date from forty-six months to twenty-eight months. The parole date that other codefendants who were more culpable, as stated by the U.S. Attorney who prosecuted (a copy of her letter you have) the case, from the Northeast Regional Parole Commission.

Miss CSBERG recently under the Freedom of Information Act, I received notes and a summary from my original Parole hearing, that took place on March 26, 1984. At this meeting the two Panel members were unable to make a recommendation on my case and made the following statement "We believe that we should return to the office check into the Codendants and make some further examinations about Mr. Biasi's peripheral or non peripheral role and the Parole status of the Codendants who seem to be probably more culpable."

New information was provided in my appeal to the Southeast Regional Parole Commission showing my role to be far less culpable than other Codendants who received a twenty-eight month Parole date. Apparently, this information was overlooked. The Parole Commission has compared me to an individual who was not even involved in my case by the name of Carlos Rojas #23712-080 who received a five year sentence and a twenty-month Parole date. The Codendant in my case is named Carlos Rojas Chiriboga #09951-004. He receive a seven year sentence same as I and a twenty-eight month Parole date.

Not only did they fail to check into other Codendants to verify if disparity existed, they obtained information on an individual who was not even involved in my case and searched the reason he received an earlier release date was because

he received a lesser sentence which is absolutely not true. This information was made available in my appeal, but apparently this piece of evidence was also overlooked.

It leads one to believe that the regional appeal process has a lot to be desired. When the Parole Commission's own Panel members request that the regional office look further into the situation and the appellant on appeal makes the Parole Commission aware of such facts by supplying the Commission with said information.

The reasons the Southeast Regional Commission gave to deny my appeal does not make any sense. (See attached Notice of Action on Appeal.)

I am forwarding my National Appeal to Mr. Benjamin Barr, U.S. Parole Commissioner. Hopefully some action will be taken to correct this injustice.

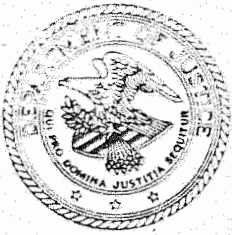
Thank you again for taking the time to read this letter and lending me whatever assistance possible.

Wishing you and our President all the best in Sixty-Four

Sincerely,
James Q. Rios

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NOTICE OF ACTION ON APPEAL

Name BIASI, LOUIS

Register Number 09949-004

Institution EGLIN

REGIONAL APPEAL: The appeal by the above-named has been carefully examined by the Regional Commissioner and the following was ordered:

Order dated 5/4/84 affirmed.

No new information submitted significant enough to affect the decision. Reasons given support the order.

COPY TO INMATE 9/26/84
DL 378

You have a right to appeal this order to the National Appeals Board. Forms for that purpose may be obtained from your caseworker, and must be filed with the Parole Commission, through the appropriate Regional Office within 30 days of the date shown below. All appeals (*Regional and National*) must be sent to the Regional Office for processing.

NATIONAL APPEAL (Full Commission): The appeal by the above-named has been carefully examined by the National Appeals Board (*Full Commission*) and the following was ordered:

All decisions by the National Appeals Board (*Full Commission*) on appeals are final.

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