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Louise Lane

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Subject:

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SEP 13 1982

Mrs. Louise S. Lane
11771 Bollingbrook Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23235

Dear Mrs. Lane:

Your letter to President Reagan concerning the verdict in the John Hinckley, Jr., case has been referred to me.

As you know, a jury found John Hinckley, Jr., not guilty by reason of insanity on June 21, 1982, on all thirteen counts with which he was charged, including attempted assassination of the President of the United States. Due to the provisions of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, there can be no appeal by the Government from a finding of not guilty.

In a statement made the day after the Hinckley verdict was announced, Attorney General Smith supported legislative changes in our Federal statutes, including reform of the insanity defense, in order to reduce crime and protect our citizens more effectively. For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of that statement.

We appreciate the interest and concern which prompted you to write.

Sincerely,

D. Lowell Jensen
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

BY:

Philip T. White
Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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SEPTEMBER 9, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 25, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. LOUISE S. LANE
11771 BOLLINGBROOK DRIVE
RICHMOND VA 23235

SUBJECT: IN VIEW OF THE VERDICT IN THE HINCKLEY TRIAL
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LOUISE S. LANE
11771 BOLLINGBROOK DRIVE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23235

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June 25, 1982

(804) 794-5648

Dear Mr. President,

*NO response to date
(Hinckley File)*

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It comes as something of a surprise to me, after my letters of May 10 and June 6, to find myself feeling the need to write you for the third time. But, in the light of the recent and most shocking verdict in the Hinckley trial, I did want to express my sense of outrage over the outcome, express my hope that a change in the laws will prevent such an injustice from ever occurring in the future, extend my deepest sympathy to all those--most especially to that fine man, Mr. James Brady, and his family--who were so brutally wounded by this young man's senseless, violent actions.

Once more, I regret my timing; I would not have chosen to send you and Mrs. Reagan the account of my own son had I had the faintest suspicion that Mr. Hinckley would be found "not guilty." At this writing, I still fail to understand how this might be. His acts--and now the verdict--are hardly likely to inspire compassion or any better treatment for the much larger proportion of mentally ill persons who are non-violent and do, indeed, suffer untoward misery.

It was my hope to be able to make some small contribution that might bring them something to hope for, but my chances of doing so seem much less, now that this verdict is in. However, I will continue to try as I believe in my heart that it is the right thing to do. As a senior citizen, I have been trying to do "the right thing" for so long that it would be impossible to change the habits of a lifetime.

Again, with all respect and best wishes,

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Louise S. Lane