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Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 17, 2014

Mr. Grant F. Smith
Director of Research
Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy
P.O. Box 32041
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have received your letter of October 5, 2014 and enclosed DVD regarding the petition for commutation of sentence of Mr. Jonathan Jay Pollard. We have made them part of his clemency file.

As you know, we have received Mr. Pollard's petition, and it is under consideration by this office. While we cannot predict when a decision will be reached, Mr. Pollard will be notified promptly once final action has been taken on his application.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah Leff".

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Sunday, October 5, 2014

Deborah Leff, Pardon Attorney
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RE: Jonathan Pollard should not be pardoned.

Dear Deborah Leff,

I am enclosing a DVD of a National Press Club event co-sponsored by the Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy. I urge you to review the panel ***Does the 'special relationship' transcend rule of law*** with presentations by Marion "Spike" Bowman and me. Both provide a snapshot of the Justice Department's abdication of its responsibility to uphold the law on most major crimes committed here to advance Israel.

1. The "Haganah Jewish Agency" smuggling ring that violated the Arms Export Control Act and Neutrality Act. DOJ had the evidence to convict hundreds of those involved, including prominent New York lawyers, but under political pressure did not.
2. The "NUMEC Affair" in which a false front was established in Pennsylvania to smuggle weapons grade uranium out of the country. The DOJ mishandled the case for two decades.
3. Foreign Agent Registration Act cases in which DOJ was either thwarted or watched orders unwound through "reconstitution" of target organizations such as ZOA, AZC, AIPAC, and the Jewish Agency - American Section.
4. The AIPAC affairs in which in 1975, 1984, and 2005 the American Israel Public Affairs Committee was caught using classified U.S. national security and other classified information to advance Israeli objections in the United States. Of course, all investigations were quashed.
5. The Anti-Defamation League spying incident¹, in which lobbying of Janet Reno quashed a warranted espionage prosecution against that organization.
6. March Rich, Ben-Ami Kadish, Stuart Nozette, Telegy, the list goes on.

Jonathan Pollard is the sole exception proving the rule that crimes committed for Israel will not be prosecuted (though he tried to bring that up in his final motions²). He has an opportunity to seek parole, but wants to become a hero and leave immediately for Israel through commutation or a pardon. His foreign³ and domestic supporters think they can win that through their influence networks. **On behalf of IRmep, I urge that rule of law be upheld and that Pollard not be made a hero or absolved through commutation/pardon.**

Sincerely,

Grant F. Smith, Director
Director of Research

¹ http://www.irmep.org/ADL_espionage.htm

² <http://www.irmep.org/ila/pollard/default.asp>

³ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/185803#.VDFT6PldXA0>

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BILL RICHARDSON

December 10, 2013

Dear Honorable President Obama,

I am writing you to join many others in support of the commutation of Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time served so he can be released. I served in the cabinet, under President Clinton, when Pollard's release was discussed 15 years ago.

In my view, there is no longer a need for a discussion today. Virtually everyone who was in a high position of government—and dealt with the ramifications of what Pollard did at the time—now support his release. They include Secretary of State George Schultz, FBI Director and subsequent CIA Director William Webster, Chairman of Senate Intelligence David Durenberger, and Chairman of House Intelligence Lee Hamilton. Furthermore, two people in high positions at the time have directly blamed the life sentence of Pollard on the affidavit filed in the case of Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger that went against the plea bargain (with Pollard and the government's commitment to *not* seek a life sentence). One of those individuals was National Security Advisor Bud McFarlane, who said the affidavit by Weinberger manifested his "unbalanced views" on Israel and caused a "great injustice" to Jonathan Pollard. Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb wrote the Weinberger had a "visceral dislike" of Israel, which was displayed in his affidavit in the Pollard case.

Many other major figures from both parties have joined the call for Pollard's release. Those include Senator Schumer and McCain, Secretary of State Kissinger, former CIA Director Woolsey, and Chairman of Senate Intelligence DeConcini. Those in the Clinton administration, who saw the classified information and have come out for Pollard's release, include Counsel to the President Bernard Nussbaum and Assistant Attorney General Phil Heymann.

Israel and Pollard have both publicly apologized for their actions. Pollard cooperated with the government and has been a model prisoner. I have dealt with cases around the world of people who are imprisoned and I have decided to add my voice to this case because I believe it is right that Pollard be released. Releasing him now is consistent with the government commitment made by the prosecutors in writing in the plea bargain.

I am aware commutations are being considered at this time. I have been discussing the case with my dear friend and confidant Jason Lyons for quite some time (he serves as a senior Jewish liaison to millions of people of the Jewish faith). Please add Jonathan Pollard to the list of those to be released.

Very truly yours,



Governor Bill Richardson

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November 5 2013

The Hon. Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President

I join many Americans more distinguished than I in asking your mercy for Jonathan Pollard, now serving his 29th year of a life sentence (seven of which were in solitary confinement.)

Others have pointed out that Pollard is the only person ever sentenced to life imprisonment for passing information to an ally, without intent to harm America, a crime which normally carries a sentence of 2-4 years; and that this disproportionate sentence in violation of a plea agreement was based *not on the indictment* but on a memorandum that was never shared with the defense. This is not how American justice is supposed to work.

My plea, like those of former DCI James Woolsey, former Attorney General Michael Mukasey and that of former Senator Dennis deConcini, who chaired the Senate Intelligence Committee, is based on my experience as senior staffer on that committee.

Having been intimately acquainted with the materials that Pollard passed and with the "sources and methods" by which they were gathered, I would be willing to give expert testimony that Pollard is guilty of neither more nor less than what the indictment alleges.

That is why I join in begging you to exercise your Constitutional right to commute Pollard's sentence to time served.

Sincerely

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January 2, 2014

Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to ask that you commute the prison sentence of Jonathan Pollard. I knew the circumstances surrounding the case as well as anyone. I served on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1979-1986 and as its Chair during the 1985-86 session of the Congress. The Pollard arrest on charges of spying for Israel, as well as cases involving the arrest of several other Americans for providing classified secrets to foreign countries, came before the committee in 1985 during a year weekly news magazines called "The Year of the Spy." Knowing the circumstances behind each of these cases, I can recall my surprise at the sentence given Jonathan Pollard compared to others.

I recall as well the vehemence of the Defense Secretary's reaction to the revelation, since I was aware as Chair of the Committee of changes that we were told by intelligence agency heads had taken place in traditional agreements between the U.S. and Israel on the subject of spying. Of course Pollard broke the law and his conviction was deserved. But the harshness of his sentence, in light of existing relations between our countries and the nature of our observation of implicit agreements between the countries, was uncalled for. And within the parameters of confidentiality imposed on me as Chair of the Committee, I expressed that opinion at the time.

The fact that no President has chosen to take the action which I, and many of my former colleagues and associates in government, request that you take, Mr. President, does not reflect well on the office. I believe in my heart that you have the capacity to right this wrong. And I respectfully request that you do so at your early convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Durenberger".

David Durenberger
U.S. Senator (R-MN) 1978-95

USPardon Attorney

From: [REDACTED]@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 8:48 AM
To: USPardon Attorney
Subject: Re: Your email to Pardon Attorney of November 5, 2014

Thank you for this reply. Is there a limit on the number of third party requests that might be personally endorsed via an inmates' signature? This is a case where a plea bargain was accepted through a federal prosecutor and then ignored by a judge. A life sentence was then imposed and subsequent pleas for review of prosecutorial or judicial impropriety for accepting the guilty plea under such assurances were denied. Not only has Jonathan Pollard served thirty years already but has been tortured as well. His crime has never before led to anyone serving life in solitary and the fact he is [REDACTED] has not escaped the attention of interested parties. Anything you can do to offer other instructions for escalating a commutation appeal would be most just at this point in time.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

> On Nov 5, 2014, at 1:06 PM, "USPardon Attorney" <USPardon.Attorney@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

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> In response to your recent e-mail, a federal inmate is eligible to apply for commutation (reduction) of sentence if he is not currently challenging his conviction or sentence through appeal or other judicial proceeding. The inmate may obtain the application from his case worker, and the case worker will be able to advise the inmate how to submit the commutation application directly to this office. Also, an inmate may re-apply for commutation if previously denied after a one year waiting period from the date of denial. Please be advised that third parties may not file for an inmate as an inmate's original signature is required on the commutation application. After an inmate files a petition, you may offer letters of support for clemency, and these letters will be included in the inmate's clemency file.

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> I hope this information is helpful to you.

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> Sincerely,

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> Office of the Pardon Attorney -----Original

> Message-----

> From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@outlook.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 1:34 PM

> To: USPardon Attorney

> Subject: Request for information about commutation

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> To whom It May Concern,

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> Can you please inform me of the eligibility requirements for someone to file a request for the commutation of a federal prisoner? Your website noted that a year must pass between the time a request is denied and a repeat request is filed. Does this only pertain to a single filer or may multiple parties file their own initial applications at any time for a given prisoner?

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> Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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[REDACTED]

> Palm Desert, CA

November 6, 2014

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

We have received your e-mail of November 6, 2014 supporting the petition for commutation (reduction) of sentence of Mr. Jonathan Jay Pollard. We have made it part of his clemency file.

We have received Mr. Jonathan Jay Pollard's petition. His application is under consideration. While we cannot predict when a decision will be reached, he will be notified promptly once final action has been taken on his application.

Sincerely,

Office of the Pardon Attorney