



U.S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

NOV 15 2010

Grant F. Smith
Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy
Calvert Station
P.O. Box 32041
Washington, D.C. 20007

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Request No. 2011-003

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), received in this office on October 5, 2010, in which you requested “copies of all inbound, outbound, and internal correspondence and communications for officials, individuals, organization, and governments seeking AG or Pardon Attorney clemency or easing of terms of incarceration for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard from February 2008 to the present date.”

Mr. Pollard, through his counsel, who are separately identified in the documents released pursuant to your request (see below), applied for commutation (reduction) of sentence on October 15, 2010. His application remains pending at this time.

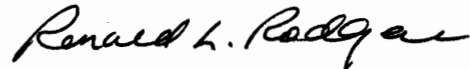
Absent the specific, written authorization of Mr. Pollard and his attorneys, Mr. Pollard’s application for executive clemency and all communications between this office and his attorneys are not subject to disclosure due to Exemptions 6 and 7(c) of FOIA, which limit the disclosure of information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of an individual clemency applicant’s personal privacy. After reviewing all of these records, I have determined that a discretionary release of the withheld and redacted material would not be appropriate.

A total of approximately 134 pages of documents responsive to your request have been located and are hereby provided. You will note that several pages have matters which have been redacted due to the applicability of the aforementioned Exemptions 6 and 7(c) of FOIA as well as Exemption 2 of FOIA, which limits the disclosure of internal matters of a trivial nature related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency of the United States Government.

I trust that you find this response complete and satisfactory; however, I am required to inform you that if you consider my response to be a denial of your request, you may appeal to the Co-Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York

Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530-0001, within 60 days from the date of this letter. Your envelope and letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "Information Appeal." In the event your appeal is unsuccessful, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the federal district court for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business or in the District of Columbia, where the requested records are located.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Enclosures



U.S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

WH 09242010-24

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Morris Pollard
Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences
Coleman Foundation Chair for Cancer Research
Director of LOBUN Laboratory, University of Notre Dame
[REDACTED]
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-[REDACTED]

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Dear Professor Pollard:

This is in reply to the letter sent by you and your daughter, Carol Pollard, of June 30, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard.

Consideration for commutation (reduction) of sentence is predicated upon the formal application by the person for whom clemency is sought. Mr. Pollard has previously applied for commutation of sentence and on each of those occasions that his application was accepted for processing, those applications were denied. No application for commutation of sentence for Mr. Pollard is being processed at this time, though he is free to apply, should he desire to do so.



Thank you for writing to the President; I regret that a more favorable reply was not forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Rodgers, Ronald L. (SMO)

From: Liddell-Westefeld, Christopher [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Rodgers, Ronald L. (SMO)
Cc: Olson, Elizabeth H.; Stephens, Jeffrey M.; Harris, Kimberley D.; Doody, Jillian
Subject: Carol Pollard
Attachments: Pollard Letter.pdf

Hi Ron,

Attached is a letter we received from Carol Pollard, sister of Jonathan Pollard. While we agreed to no longer forward Pollard letters, since she is a family member I wanted to send this to your office for a possible reply. The workflow number and information are below.

The "Scott" referred to on the first page is the staff member she spoke with regarding how to fax this letter to the White House.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks for your help.

Chris

Chris Liddell-Westefeld
Assistant Director – Agency Liaison
Office of Presidential Correspondence
[REDACTED]

The enclosed correspondence appears to fall under the jurisdiction of your office. It is requested that you reply on behalf of President Barack Obama according to the rules and regulations of your office.

Please respond to the constituents within 30 days.

Please provide a copy of the response to the White House via email ([REDACTED]).

You may contact Chris Liddell-Westefeld at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence, Agency Liaison by email at [REDACTED] or phone at [REDACTED].

Carol Pollard - WH 09242010-24

Yale *Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics*

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August 3, 2010

Scott,

Per our telephone conversation of a few minutes ago, I'm forwarding a letter that my father (professor at Notre Dame) and I (associate director of Yale University's Bioethics Center) wrote to President Obama seeking commutation of sentence to time served for our son and brother Jonathan Pollard.

Jonathan has been in jail for 24 years – about 20 years longer than the typical sentence for his wrongdoing. Jonathan was never accused of treason.

Angelo Codevilla, a friend of Vice President Biden and a past Senate Select Intelligence Committee staffer, directed us to Vice President Biden. Professor Codevilla has written a number of articles about Jonathan's case, and apparently Vice President Biden shared similar views about Jonathan's treatment.

We were hoping that Vice President Biden could deliver this letter to President Obama on our behalf.

I wanted to talk to Ronald Klain about this.

You can reach me at Yale tomorrow:

My home phone number:

My cell phone number:

I thank you in advance for any help you can give me.

Sincerely,



Carol Pollard
Associate Director
Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics



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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
100 GALVIN LIFE SCIENCE BUILDING

[REDACTED]
Notre Dame, Indiana
46556 [REDACTED] USA

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fax [REDACTED]
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June 30, 2010

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-0004

Re: Jonathan Pollard

Dear Mr. President,

We want to extend our congratulations to you on the passing of the Health Care Reform Act and the Tobacco Control Act. These acts will define your Presidency in years to come, and you will be identified with great changes for the common good. We are proud to call you our President.

Our purpose in writing to you relates to our son and brother Jonathan Pollard. He is serving a life sentence in the Federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, for his involvement in transfer of classified information to Israel back in the 1980's. Demonization of Jonathan by both Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and the American press ignited a propaganda attack aimed at promotion of a lynch mob atmosphere. Secretary Weinberger called Jonathan "the most dangerous spy in the history of the country," accused Jonathan of "treason," and recommended that Jonathan "be shot."

Jonathan pled guilty to one count of "passing classified information to an ally," with minimal damage to the security of the United States. The court hearing (not a trial) was conducted *in camera*. Jonathan signed a plea agreement that stated that the prosecution was not asking for a life sentence nor were they accusing him of treason. But the proceedings leading up to Jonathan's hearing were replete with so much adverse and confusing publicity sponsored by both Secretary Weinberger and the prosecutor Joseph DiGenova that Jonathan was all but declared guilty and sentenced to life in prison before the hearing. Defense attorney Richard Hibey, without Jonathan's knowledge, failed to sign a petition for appeal which needed to be done within ten days of sentencing. And an editorial appearing in *The New York Times* published two days after Jonathan's

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sentencing (March 6, 1987) stated that "Jonathan Pollard was sentenced to life in prison for treason." Jonathan's fate was sealed.

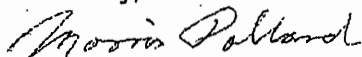
Jonathan was immediately sent to a hospital for the criminally insane in Springfield, Missouri, with a statement in his hospital records that he "was not there as a patient." What followed after ten months was seven years of solitary confinement in Marion, Illinois, in a maximum security prison and then, only by intercession of Congressman Lee Hamilton, was he sent to the Federal prison in Butner, North Carolina.

After all this, in 2002, in a taped interview published in the *New York Jewish Week*, Secretary Weinberger stated that the "Pollard Affair" was "a very minor matter, but made very important. It was made bigger than its actual importance." Secretary Weinberger, indicted on four counts by a Federal Grand Jury for perjury, obstruction of justice, and lying to Congress in the Iran Contra Affair, was not qualified to be a witness in this case and took the real reasons for Jonathan's life sentence to his grave. The conviction in Jonathan's case has no transparency. It is absolutely opaque due to secret manipulations and testimony. Release of Secretary Weinberger's sealed testimony would be of great importance in evaluating the content for public assessment as it relates to Jonathan's life sentence.

We are asking that Jonathan's sentence be commuted to time served. He has already served 25 years, almost four times more than anyone ever convicted for his offense – and very hard time at that. And he is truly remorseful for his actions.

We are asking that if you find merit in this plea for clemency, there are many both in Israel and the United States who would feel overwhelming gratitude for such an act.

Sincerely,



Morris Pollard
Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences
Coleman Foundation Chair for Cancer Research
Director of LOBUND Laboratory, University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana



Carol Pollard
Associate Director
Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics
New Haven, Connecticut



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Pardon Attorney

WH 07282010-123

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Herbert Adelstein

[REDACTED]
Aventura, FL 33160

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Your letter of June 28, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Rodgers, Ronald (OPA)

From: EOP Agency Liaison [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 4:50 PM
To: Rodgers, Ronald (OPA)
Subject: WH 07282010-123 - Herbert Adelstein
Attachments: AGL-PARDON_07262010_1716590005.pdf

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

The enclosed correspondence appears to fall under the jurisdiction of your office. It is requested that you reply on behalf of President Barack Obama according to the rules and regulations of your office.

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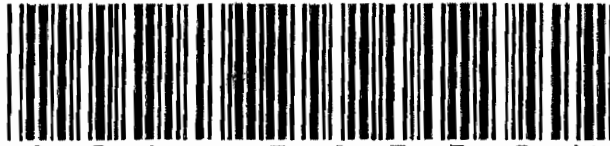
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You may contact Chris Liddell-Westefeld at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence, Agency Liaison by email at [REDACTED] or phone at [REDACTED].

CASE: WH - 07282010-123 - Herbert Adelstein

Please let us know if you need anything else regarding this case.

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Agency Liaison Pardon Casework

NAME OF CODER:

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the military or
a military family?

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CONSTITUENT NAME:

SUMMARY OF CASE: HERBERT *Herbert*

Writer seeks a pardon for a conviction in Poland

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June 28, 2010

Herbert Adelstein

Aventura, FL 33160

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20502

Mr. President,

I am taking this opportunity as a Jewish citizen to sincerely urge you to pardon Jonathon Pollard. My family feels that in view of other convicted criminals getting much lighter sentences, getting pardoned and many convicted spies walking free.

Mr. President, there is a growing consensus that you are anti-Israel and anti-Semitic. May I suggest that you counteract this negative mind set by many Jews and a significant growing number of non-Jews that you snubbed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his recent visit. I would strongly suggest that you exercise your right to pardon. You would gain tremendous benefit in public opinion. Please give this option your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Adelstein



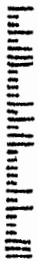
Mr. Herbert Adelman
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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Washington, D.C. 20530

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JUL 15 2010

Karen Frimkess Wolff

Los Angeles, California 90026-1951

Dear Ms. Wolff:

Your letter of April 17, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response.

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Your views regarding Mr. Pollard are appreciated, and your letter will be retained in case he should apply for commutation of sentence in the near future. Thank you for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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DATE OF DOCUMENT: 04/17/2010
DATE RECEIVED: 07/07/2010

WORKFLOW ID: 1891283
DUE DATE: 7/23/2010

FROM: Karen Frimkess Wolff
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90026-1951

TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: Requesting assistance with receiving a pardon for Jonathan Pollard. See related
corres. in ES.
WH 06182010-6

DATE ASSIGNED
07/09/2010

ACTION COMPONENT & ACTION REQUESTED

OPA

For component response directly to the writer. When responding, note that it is
in response to an inquiry to the President. Insert WH# on resp ltr.

INFO COMPONENT:

COMMENTS:

FILE CODE:

EXECSEC POC: Erma Freeman-Austin [REDACTED] b2(low)

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KAREN FRIMKESS WOLFF

Los Angeles, CA

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President Barak Obama
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

You and the Democratic Party are losing Jewish-American voters at an alarming pace. On social, economic, domestic political, energy and labor issues, most Jewish Americans are with you. But you are blowing it on Israel. Two things to do if you want Jewish Americans to stay with you are 1) pardon Jonathan Pollard, 2) Recognize that Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel.

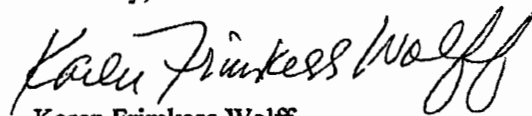
Jonathan Pollard has been in jail long enough. He has been held unfairly long for no harm done while others who have done far more harm to the United States of America have received presidential pardons after much shorter or no prison term at all.

You have not shown that you recognize the fact that Israel is important to American Jews and many American Christians as well. For most Jewish Americans, Israel's existence equals life itself (as opposed to murder and ultimate personal extermination). Jerusalem is Israel's capital city. It has been the capital of Israel for more than 3,000 years. Jerusalem is not the capital of any other country. For Palestinian Arab Muslims to say they want part of Israel's capital for their own is nothing but a disingenuous provocation for continuing deadly conflict.

Two things that actually might advance the cause of a Palestinian state and peace between Palestinian Arab Muslims and Israeli citizens (who are in fact Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Bahai, agnostic, atheist) could be: 1) to recognize the fact that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and no other country, 2) ask for a Palestinian state that respects people of all religions as well.

You are important for the repair of our country. The Republicans and the Bush Administration have done horrible damage. Please, for the sake of women's health, the environment, restoration of our constitutional government through your Supreme Court appointments, regain the support of Jewish Americans for your own presidency and the Democratic Party. Please pardon Jonathan Pollard and recognize the fact that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel not another country.

Sincerely,



Karen Frimkess Wolff



Ms Karen Frinkess Wolff
Los Angeles CA 90026-1951
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President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington DC 20500



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Agency Liaison Casework to Department of Justice

NAME OF CODER: Pat Morgan

Involves a member of
the military or
a military family?

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CONSTITUENT NAME:

Wanda ...

SUMMARY OF CASE:

*Seeking a passport
for ...*

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From: EOP Agency Liaison [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 6:45 PM
To: DOJExecSec
Subject: WH 06182010-6 - Karen F. Wolff
Attachments: AGL-DOJ_06142010_1129540064.pdf

Dear Tolson:

The enclosed correspondence appears to fall under the jurisdiction of your office. It is requested that you reply on behalf of President Barack Obama according to the rules and regulations of your office.

Please respond to the constituent within 30 days.

Please provide a copy of the response to the White House via email by responding to this message

([REDACTED])

You may contact Chris Liddell-Westefeld at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence, Agency Liaison by email at [REDACTED] or phone at [REDACTED].

CASE: WH - 06182010-6 - Karen F. Wolff

Please let us know if you need anything else regarding this case.



Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUN 30 2010

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Daniel Zeldin

[REDACTED]
Grapeview, Washington 98546-9707

Dear Mr. Zeldin:

Your letter of April 23, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response.

Applications for commutation (reduction) of sentence generally are entertained only upon formal application by the person for whom clemency is sought. Mr. Pollard has previously applied for commutation of sentence and on each of those occasions that his application was accepted for processing, those applications were denied. No application for commutation of sentence for Mr. Pollard is being processed at this time, though he is free to apply, should he desire to do so.

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Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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DATE OF DOCUMENT: 04/23/2010
DATE RECEIVED: 06/23/2010

WORKFLOW ID: 1879282
DUE DATE: 7/9/2010

FROM: Mr. Daniel Zeldin
[REDACTED]
Grapeview, WA 98546-9707

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TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: Requesting executive clemency for Jonathan Pollard. See related corres. in ES.
WH 06172010-6

DATE ASSIGNED
06/28/2010

ACTION COMPONENT & ACTION REQUESTED

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COMMENTS:

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EXECSEC POC: Sheaya Thomas: [REDACTED] b2(low)

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

April 23, 2010

Dear Mr. President:

As a President who has expressed his strong determination to restore honor to American democracy, I would like to call your attention to the case of Jonathan Pollard and to request that you exercise your power of executive clemency to commute Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time-served.

Jonathan Pollard is currently serving his 24th year of a life sentence even though the median sentence for the offense he was indicted for is 2 to 4 years.

Jonathan Pollard never had a trial. He entered into a plea agreement, which spared both the U.S. and Israeli governments a long, difficult, expensive and potentially embarrassing trial. Jonathan Pollard fulfilled his end of the plea agreement, cooperating fully with the prosecution.

Jonathan Pollard was indicted on only one charge: one count of passing classified information to an ally without intent to harm the United States. There were no additional charges dropped by the plea agreement.

In spite of his plea agreement and in spite of his cooperation, Pollard received an unprecedented, grossly disproportionate life sentence.

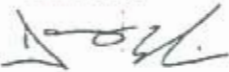
It is unjust that Pollard has been punished much more severely than all others who committed similar offenses on behalf of other US allies. It raises concern about why a Jew who spies for Israel is treated far more harshly than those who have spied for other allies, or even enemies of the US.

After more than two decades in the harshest of prison conditions, Jonathan Pollard is ill and his health is rapidly deteriorating. Furthermore, it should be noted that Jonathan Pollard has expressed remorse for his actions.

I, therefore, strongly urge you commute Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time-served. This request is supported by former CIA Director James Woolsey and former head of the Senate Intelligence Committee U.S. Senator (ret.) Dennis DeConcini, as well as a cross section of other notable Americans, and the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this urgent matter.

Yours truly,



Daniel J. Zeldin

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Grapeview, WA 98546

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Mr. Danny Zeldin

Grapeview, WA 98146

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Agency Liaison Casework to Department of Justice

NAME OF CODER: Pat Morgan

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the military or
a military family?

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CONSTITUENT NAME:

David Zeldin

SUMMARY OF CASE:

Seeking a commutation
of sentence for Walter Palko

Send to 3337 OPA

From: EOP Agency Liaison ([REDACTED])
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:20 PM
To: DOJExecSec
Subject: WH 06172010-6 - Daniel J. Zeldin
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CASE: WH - 06172010-6 - Daniel J. Zeldin

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Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUN 24 2010

Jose Crespin, M.D.

[REDACTED]
Surfside, Florida 33154-2804

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Dear Dr. Crespin:

Your letter of April 29, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response.

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Pardon Attorney

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DATE OF DOCUMENT: 04/29/2010 WORKFLOW ID: 1875984
DATE RECEIVED: 06/17/2010 DUE DATE: 7/6/2010

FROM: Dr. Jose Crespin b6/7c
[REDACTED]
Surfside, FL 33154-2804

TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: Requesting clemency to commute Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time-served.
See related corres. in ES. WH 06162010-4

DATE ASSIGNED
06/18/2010

ACTION COMPONENT & ACTION REQUESTED

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COMMENTS:

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EXECSEC POC: Sarah Green: [REDACTED] b2(low)

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

April 29, 2010

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Yours truly,



Dr. Jose Crespin

[Redacted address line]

Surfside, Florida 33154

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Dr JAIL CRESPIN
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Suckside, F1 33154

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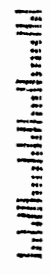


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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 4:55 PM
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Subject: WH 06162010-4 - Jose Crespin
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Dear Tolson:

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Agency Liaison Casework to Department of Justice

NAME OF CODER: Pat Morgan

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the military or
a military family?

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CONSTITUENT NAME: Dr Jose Crispin

SUMMARY OF CASE: Requests a compensation
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See to 0057012



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Yigal Dakar

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[REDACTED]
New York, New York 10025-5628

Dear Mr. Dakar:

Your letter of April 21, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response.

Applications for commutation (reduction) of sentence generally are entertained only upon formal application by the person for whom clemency is sought. Mr. Pollard has previously applied for commutation of sentence and on each of those occasions that his application was accepted for processing, those applications were denied. No application for commutation of sentence for Mr. Pollard is being processed at this time, though he is free to apply, should he desire to do so.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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FROM: Yigal Dakar b6/7c
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 New York, NY 10025-5628

TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: Requesting a pardon for Jonathan Pollard. See related corres. in ES. WH
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President Barack Obama
The White House
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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April 21, 2010

Dear Mr. President:

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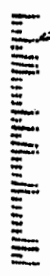
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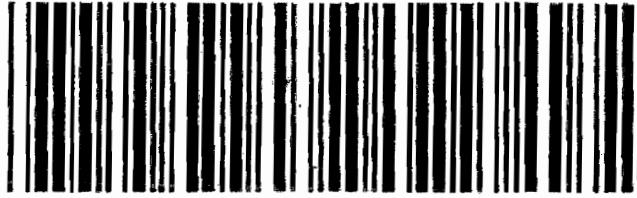


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CONSTITUENT NAME:

Yigal Dakar

SUMMARY OF CASE:

Urges clemency for
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Johnson, Ebony (JMD)

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CASE: WH - 061502010-3 - Yigal Dakar

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUN 21 2010

Galen N. Breningstall, M.D.



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St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Dr. Breningstall:

Your letter of March 9, 2010 to President Obama, seeking clemency for Jonathan Pollard, was recently forwarded to this office for response. I apologize for the delay in replying.

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Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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FROM: Dr. Galen Breningstall M.D.



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Saint Paul, MN 55101-2507

TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: Requesting a pardon for Jonathan Pollard. See related corres. in ES. WH
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Galen N. Brenningstall, M.D.

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St. Paul, MN 55101

Office: [Redacted]

Fax: [Redacted]

President Barak Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Even a cursory glance at the facts of Jonathan Pollard's ongoing imprisonment reveals a case which Appellate Court Justice Steven Williams described as "a fundamental miscarriage of justice." Jonathan Pollard is currently serving his 25th year of a life sentence for an offence — that of spying for an ally— that has a median sentence of 2-4 years.

Jonathan Pollard never had a trial. He received his life sentence as the result of a plea agreement which he honored and the US Government violated. In spite of the fact that he pled guilty and cooperated fully with the prosecution, at the last minute, the sentencing judge ignored the plea deal and sentenced Pollard to life.

"Pollard's plea agreement required him to plead guilty and to cooperate. On its side, the government made three promises of significance here. First, it would bring to the court's attention "the nature, extent and value of [Pollard's] cooperation and testimony" and would represent that the information supplied was of "considerable value to the Government's damage assessment analysis, its investigation of this criminal case, and the enforcement of the espionage laws." Second, it would not ask for a life sentence (this promise was implicit but is not contested by the government), though it would be free to recommend a "substantial period of incarceration". Third, the government limited its reserved right of allocution to "the facts and circumstances" of Pollard's crimes. The government complied in spirit with none of its promises; with the third, it complied in neither letter nor spirit..."

"...Pollard's sentence should be vacated and the case remanded for resentencing."

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIRCUIT**

September 10, 1991, Argued March 20, 1992, Decided

Dissent by: Justice Steven Williams

Jonathan was indicted on one charge only: one count of passing classified information to an ally without intent to harm the United States. There were no additional charges against him.

Ever since Pollard was able to obtain the unclassified titles of the documents that were used as evidence against him, and these titles were published in a petition to Israel's High Court of Justice, there can be no doubt that the information Pollard passed to Israel concerned Syrian, Iraqi, Libyan and Iranian nuclear, chemical and biological warfare capabilities – all being developed for use against Israel. The US was deliberately withholding this vital information, despite a legal commitment to share this data with its ally, Israel.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Jonathan broke the law and he acknowledged his guilt. On numerous occasions and in numerous forums, he has expressed remorse for his actions, regretting that he did not find a legal means to act upon his concerns for Israel. For example, a letter he wrote to then-President Clinton:

December 3, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

My attorneys Eliot Lauer and Jacques Semmelman have presented you with a request for clemency and commutation of my sentence of life in prison. I most respectfully hope that you will grant that request.

I am writing to you personally, Mr. President, to express my deep regret for what I did. I was arrested in November 1985 and I have been incarcerated continuously since then. In 1986 I pled guilty, as part of a plea agreement, to one count of conspiracy to commit espionage. I cooperated extensively with the government for over a year in fulfillment of my part of the plea agreement, and yet on March 4, 1987, United States District Judge Aubrey Robinson sentenced me to the maximum sentence of life in prison.

My fifteen years in prison began in the Federal Medical Center (Prison) in Springfield, MO, where I spent over a year in solitary confinement, incommunicado, in a ward reserved for the criminally insane. This was followed by another five years in solitary confinement at the United States Penitentiary in Marion, IL, undoubtedly the toughest prison in the federal system. I have had a good deal of time to reflect on what I did, and what I should have done.

I fully appreciate that what I did was wrong. Grievously wrong. My intent was to help Israel, but I had no right to violate the laws of this country or the trust it had placed in me. I had no right to place myself above the law.

Over the years, I have expressed publicly and privately how deeply sorry I am for what I did. I have acknowledged without equivocation how wrong my conduct was. I have expressed this to members of Congress, local elected officials from throughout the United States, officials of foreign governments, members of the clergy of all faiths, and other prominent citizens.

I have also written letters expressing my unmitigated remorse. These letters, some of which go back many years, have been publicly disseminated. I will ask my lawyers to deliver copies to you.

I have always had, and continue to have, great love for this country. For the rest of my life, I will have to live with what I did, as well as with the pain I caused my family, the American Jewish community, and this great nation.

I know you are a man of great humanity and compassion. I ask, most respectfully Mr. President, that you accept this personal expression of profound remorse, and ask from the bottom of my heart that you grant me clemency and commute my sentence, so that together with my wife I can rebuild my life and leave a better legacy than the one I currently have.

Sincerely,

Jonathan J. Pollard

Jonathan has been severely punished for the one count of disclosing classified information to Israel with intent that it be used to Israel's benefit, with which he was charged.

Even a glimpse at the record shows that Pollard, who spied for an ally of the US, was sentenced far more severely than the most notorious spies for enemy states – most of whom are free today. Jonathan is the only person in the history of the US to receive a life sentence for spying for an ally. Rudolph Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City and a former federal prosecutor, has said that “given comparative sentences, [Jonathan Pollard's] sentence – this I happen to know because I have seen the documents – is way beyond the sentences served by other people that have been convicted of the same offense.”

Pollard was never accused, indicted or convicted of treason, nor could he be. The US constitution defines treason as giving aid and comfort to an enemy during time of war. Israel is an ally. Nor was he ever accused of damage to the United States in a formal indictment – only in the media, where he could not respond to his accusers.

The only offense Pollard was ever indicted for was one count of passing classified information to an ally. Jonathan Pollard was an ideologue, not a mercenary. The FBI concluded after nine months of polygraphing that Pollard acted for ideological reasons only, not for profit. This fact was recognized by the sentencing judge who declined to fine Pollard.

Moreover, the life sentence that Jonathan Pollard is serving is unlimited. Contrary to the untruth being circulated, that Pollard will automatically go free in the year 2015; there is no end date to his sentence. His attorneys, Eliot Lauer and Jacques Semmelman have repeatedly clarified this issue in publicly available documents, in which they state that the year 2015 is simply another “presumptive parole date”, which the US government is entitled to oppose, and which we can safely assume, they will.

Nor is parole an option. Again, to quote Jonathan's pro bono attorneys, “Mr. Pollard has not “avoided” the parole board. It is the Department of Justice that has imposed an insurmountable obstacle to Pollard's parole application. The Department of Justice has prevented Mr. Pollard's attorneys, Eliot Lauer and Jacques Semmelman (both of whom have the appropriate Top Secret/SCI-eligible security clearances), from seeing the very documents that were submitted to the sentencing judge prior to Mr. Pollard's sentencing in 1987. Although Mr. Pollard's lawyers have a clear “need to know,” the government refuses to allow them to see their client's entire court file, which is partly under seal. Without access to that file, hostile elements in the intelligence community know that they have free reign to say absolutely anything about Mr. Pollard without any risk that they will be contradicted by the documents. Applying for parole without access to the court file and in the face of unremitting hostility by these elements in the intelligence community would be an exercise in futility.”

It is unjust that Jonathan has been punished much more severely than all others who committed similar offenses on behalf of other US allies, and indeed more harshly than most who have spied for enemies of the US. It raises concern about why a Jew who spies for Israel is treated far more harshly than those who have spied for other allies, or even enemies, of the US.

What is more, the hatred directed against Pollard personally is simply too big to be credible. The "new" charges against Pollard – that he spied for up to 10 countries, was an arms dealer and a drug user, and a hundred and one other things, are absurd. Even superman could not have served so many countries, pulled off such alleged weapons deals. How foolish are the media that repeat these lies without question! Twenty-five years into a life sentence, Jonathan Pollard continues to be publicly pilloried and excoriated at every possible opportunity by the American intelligence community and its willing henchmen in the media.

More to the point, if any of these accusations were true, why was Pollard never formally accused, indicted and tried for them?

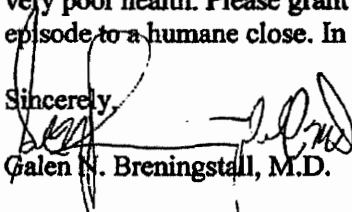
In assessing the credibility of these allegations, it is important to know that no such allegations appear anywhere in the public record docket materials. And, since it is clear that neither the anonymous "government insiders" the author quotes nor any of his so-called "sources" would risk going to prison by disclosing privileged information which is not part of the public record, these allegations therefore have no credibility whatsoever. As has been repeatedly pointed out by Pollard attorneys Eliot Lauer and Jacques Semmelman in response to similar fraudulent allegations made in the media, if the U.S. Government believed these and the other allegations made, it would have included them in the pre-sentencing memoranda. The U.S. Government took an extremely aggressive approach toward Mr. Pollard, the attorneys explain, and would have relished the opportunity to inform the sentencing judge that Mr. Pollard had violated the law by delivering classified information to foreign countries, and with mercenary motives, to boot. That was not the case.

Former CIA Director James Woolsey, former head of the Senate Intelligence Committee US Senator (ret.) Dennis DeConcini, former American Special Envoy to the Middle East Dennis Ross, as well as a cross section of other notable Americans, and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations are calling for Jonathan's release. Enough is enough, they say.

Even former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the man who drove Jonathan's life sentence, admitted in an interview before he died, that the Pollard case was a "minor matter" which had been exaggerated, "made much more important than it was" in order to serve another agenda.

I continue to entreat you, as I did your predecessor, President Bush, not to conduct yourself with strictness, but with mercy and forgiveness towards Jonathan Pollard, a man who has already paid twenty-five years, with great suffering, and who is suffering from very poor health. Please grant him clemency as a humanitarian gesture. Please bring this episode to a humane close. In reward for this, G-d will bless you and will bless America.

Sincerely,



Galen N. Breningstall, M.D.

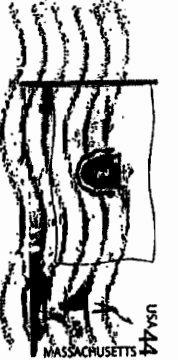
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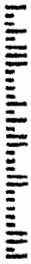
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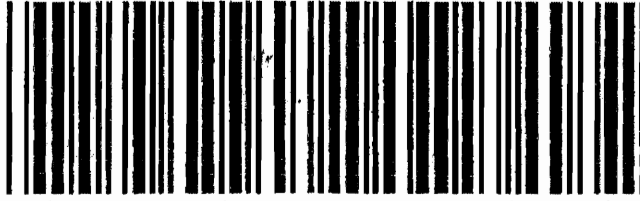
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CASE: WH - 06072010-7 - Galen Breningstall

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NAME OF CODER: Pat Morgan

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CONSTITUENT NAME: Galen Brenningstall, MD

SUMMARY OF CASE: Seeking humanitarian
clemency for Jonathan Pallard

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Washington, D.C. 20530

Mr. and Mrs. Mikhail Ronin

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Brooklyn, New York 11224-1105

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JAN 21 2010

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ronin:

This is in response to your letter postmarked on February 18, 2009 in which you advocated commutation (reduction) of sentence for Jonathan Pollard. Your letter was only recently provided to me for preparation of a response.

Requests for executive clemency in the form of commutation of sentence are processed only when they are signed and submitted to this office by the person for whom the relief is intended. Mr. Pollard has not executed an application for commutation of sentence that is presently being processed by this office. Applications for commutation of sentence are generally available at the location where Mr. Pollard is incarcerated; if he were to experience difficulty in locating an application, he could contact our office and an application would be sent to him.

Thank you for your interest in Mr. Pollard's case. We will retain your letter in case Mr. Pollard decides to apply for executive clemency in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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FROM: Mr. and Mrs. Mikhail Ronin
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Brooklyn, NY 11224-1105

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TO: President Barack Obama

MAIL TYPE: White House General

SUBJECT: (WH Backlog) Requesting assistance for clemency request for Jonathan Pollard.
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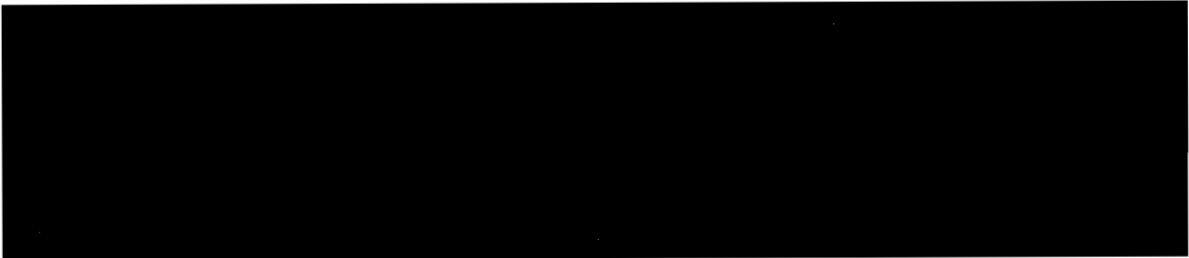
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Elliot Lauer, Esq.
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Dear Gentlemen:



Sincerely,

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Ronald L. Rodgers
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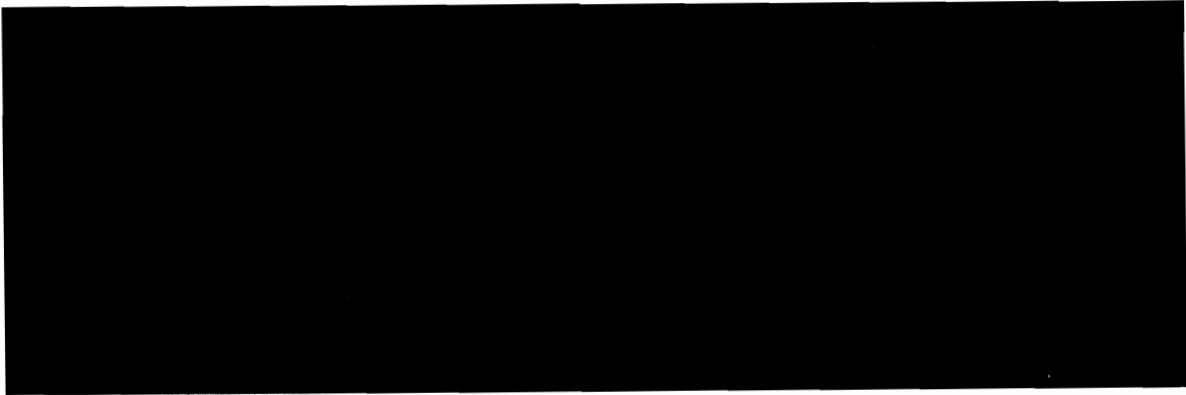
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Dear Gentlemen:



Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney



U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Hazan Rav Danny Marmorstein

████████████████████
Miami, FL 33173-4144

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Dear Rabbi Marmorstein:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 3, 2009 in which you advocate executive clemency for Jonathan Pollard.

Mr. Pollard has applied for commutation of sentence on a total of four occasions. His first three applications were denied by President Clinton. Another application for clemency was submitted on Mr. Pollard's behalf in December 2008; because it was not signed by Mr. Pollard, it was returned to his counsel (who submitted the application) on January 16, 2009 so that they could arrange for a signature Mr. Pollard. Thus far, a signed application has not been returned to this office. If such an application is returned to us, it will be processed. Notwithstanding the results of any request for executive clemency that he might file, Mr. Pollard is expected to be released from imprisonment on November 21, 2015.

I hope that the information that is contained herein has been helpful. Thank you for your correspondence, and I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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March 3, 2009

Dear Ron,

I called your office yesterday, asking why there was a change of address, and then subsequently inquiring about your position of pardon attorney as it may have been affected by the new administration. Having had no prior telephone contact with your office, I thought there would be a massive number of bureaucrats surrounding you, and that an aide might get back to me. I was surprised when you personally returned my phone call. Hearing how personable and patient you were with me on the phone, I figure nothing ventured, nothing gained in writing you today.

For years I have championed the case of Jonathan Pollard. I have no vested interest in him personally; his case was presented to me a number of years ago and, after reviewing it, I agreed to help as I could. To date, that has constituted phone calls I've made to The White House comment line, and letters I've written to your office and to former President G W Bush when he was in office. Pollard's family continues to go through the necessary and proper channels to request clemency. I write to you knowing this.

You sway a tremendous amount of influence in these matters. Is there *anything* that I can do to help this man become free? He was convicted 24 years ago. His sentence (life) is greater than everyone else's currently incarcerated for committing the same crime, and far greater than the lion's share of them (a few months, a few years). Though convicted for spying, Pollard wasn't a spy. He asked for permission to give Israel intelligence information he believed critical to Israel's defensive well being. He was denied and did it anyway. That's was his crime. Nearly all, and possibly all, of the rest serving time for spying did actually spy for foes of the US.

I want so much to see a new and fair review be initiated. Any help would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny



Hazan Rav Danny Marmorstein
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DEC 17 2008

The Honorable Anthony D. Weiner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Weiner:

This is in response to your letter to the President of December 1, 2008, supporting executive clemency for Jonathan Pollard.

Mr. Pollard's application for commutation of sentence, which was received in this office December 8, 2008, is under consideration. Your views in his support are appreciated, and your letter has been made part of his clemency file. Although we cannot advise you when Mr. Pollard may expect a decision, please be assured that he will be notified promptly when final action has been taken on his application.

Thank you for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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Sally,

The Weiner and [REDACTED] responses have been reviewed and approved.

Regards,

Keith

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December 1, 2008

Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
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Dear President Bush:

I write to request that you grant clemency to Jonathan Pollard.

This year Mr. Pollard celebrated his 54th birthday. This is the 23rd year that he has celebrated his birthday in prison. No other person convicted of espionage on behalf of a United States ally has ever been imprisoned for so long.


Mr. Pollard has admitted that he broke U.S. laws. He has expressed sorrow for what he did. Mr. Pollard cooperated fully with the investigation into his activities and he waived his right to a jury trial. He has served more than enough time for the crime of passing information to an ally.

The life sentence which Jonathan Pollard is now serving is not a reflection of the severity of the crimes he committed, but rather the result of past ineffective counsel and a damage assessment report written by an intelligence community that was badly shaken by unrelated espionage cases earlier that year. In a review of Mr. Pollard's case, Former federal Judge George Leighton wrote, "[t]he evidence shows that the government engaged in serious misconduct that went unchecked by an ineffective defense counsel, Richard Hibey, and... these constitutional violations severely prejudiced Mr. Pollard, and resulted in his sentence of life in prison."

Mr. Pollard did commit a serious crime and he deserved to be punished for his action. However, after reviewing the facts of the case and receiving multiple classified briefings on this matter, I believe that he has served a sentence that far exceeds the appropriate term for the crimes he has committed. Mr. President, the time has come to free Jonathan Pollard. I respectfully urge you to grant him clemency and send him home to Israel.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



ANTHONY D. WEINER
Member of Congress

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Yet, Pollard received a life sentence and a recommendation that he never be paroled-in violation of the plea agreement he had reached with the government.

In light of all of the above and as an American who believes an injustice has been done I am requesting that President Bush pardon Jonathan Pollard before his term expires.

Thank you

Aron Sputz
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Jonah Gewirtz



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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Robert Wexler
U.S. House of Representatives
2241 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

MAY - 9 2008

Dear Congressman Wexler:

This is in response to your letter of April 21, 2008, forwarding correspondence from your constituent, Mr. Jeffrey Gerstin, who requests information on clemency regarding Mr. Jonathan Pollard.

For Mr. Gerstin's information, the Pardon Attorney assists the President of the United States in the exercise of his clemency power under Article II, Section 2, clause 1 of the Constitution (the Pardon Clause) on granting clemency for federal offenses. Executive clemency may take several forms, including pardon, commutation of sentence, and remission of fine or restitution. Executive clemency petitions most commonly request relief in the form of a pardon or commutation (reduction) of prison sentence. The President's clemency power includes the authority to commute or reduce a prison sentence imposed upon conviction of a federal offense and a presidential pardon which serves as an official statement of forgiveness for the commission of a federal crime and restores basic civil rights. However, it does not connote innocence.

Mr. Gerstin may find the names of past clemency recipients on our Web site, www.usdoj.gov/pardon, and other information on pardons and commutations of sentence. I have enclosed the names of clemency recipients granted by President Bush.

As we previously stated to Mr. Gerstin in our letter of April 7, 2008, Mr. Pollard has applied on three occasions for a commutation (reduction) of his prison sentence by the President. One of his requests was denied by President George H. W. Bush in 1993, and the other two were denied by President Clinton during his administration.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Enclosures

Crawford, Sally (OPA)

From: Rodgers, Ronald (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 7:10 AM
To: Crawford, Sally (OPA)
Subject: FW: Constituent Inquiry to Department of Justice

Sally – please check and see if we have received this correspondence, and reply with an answer only to me.
Thanks.

From: Cassidy, Keith E [mailto: [REDACTED]] b2(low)
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 6:14 PM
To: Rodgers, Ronald (OPA)
Cc: Wade, Jill C
Subject: FW: Constituent Inquiry to Department of Justice

Afternoon Ron,
We received the below inquiry from Congressman Wexler's office today and were hoping to determine whether DOJ had received the April 21, 2008 correspondence and if a response had been prepared. Our check of EXSEC suggests that the correspondence had not been received, but we wanted to check with your office to confirm.
Thanks,
Keith

From: Feinman, David [mailto: [REDACTED]] b2(low)
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 3:41 PM
To: Benczkowski, Brian A (ODAG)
Subject: Constituent Inquiry to Department of Justice

Mr. Benczkowski,

I am writing to ask for a status on a letter Congressman Wexler sent on behalf of a constituent of his, Jeffrey Gerstin, to Acting Pardon Attorney Helen M. Bollwerk, regarding the Jonathan Pollard case. Congressman Wexler sent this letter on April 21, 2008, and as of today we have not received a reply. If you can advise as to the progress on this inquiry, I would greatly appreciate it. For your reference, I have attached a digital copy of the letter we sent to Ms. Bollwerk. Thanks for your time and assistance.

Dave Feinman

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Robert Wexler
U.S. House of Representatives
2241 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wexler:

This is in response to your letter to the Attorney General of February 27, 2008, forwarding correspondence from your constituent, Mr. Jeffrey Gerstin, who expresses concern regarding the imprisonment of Mr. Jonathan Pollard.

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Helen M. Bollwerk
Acting Pardon Attorney

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February 27, 2008

Michael B. Mukasey
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

I would appreciate your attention to the attached letter I received from Jeffrey Gerstin, a constituent of mine who has great concerns regarding the case of Jonathan Pollard, who as you are aware, was sentenced to life in prison for acts of espionage on March, 4, 1987.

Mr. Gerstin expresses a deeply held interest in this case that has been reflected by many of my constituents who are concerned about the continued imprisonment of Jonathan Pollard. In that vein, I would greatly appreciate your review of Mr. Gerstin's letter and urge you to respond to his concerns regarding this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Wexler

cc: Jeffrey Gerstin

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February 20, 2008

Congressman Robert Wexler
2241 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Robert,

Hope all is well since we last met.

Your aide, David Feinman, suggested that I write directly to you concerning my request for you to "do something" to help free Jonathan Pollard.

As you know the continued imprisonment of Jonathan Pollard has been of concern to many of your constituents. I am not connected with Jonathan Pollard in any way. I, and many others, simply believe that he has more than paid for his crime and, for humanitarian reasons; it's time to set him free.

Here are the facts:

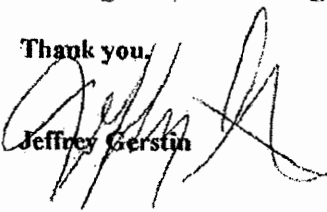
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- Jonathan Pollard was never indicted for compromising codes, agents, or war plans.
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- Jonathan Pollard was indicted on only one charge: one count of passing classified information to an ally, without intent to harm the United States.
- Jonathan Pollard has expressed remorse for his actions.

Here is his official web site: <http://www.jonathanpollard.org/>

Our Sages teach that Heaven only asks that each of us do exactly as much as we can, no more and no less. Every effort is counted in Heaven. Your involvement could be the spark that puts in motion the forces to set Jonathan Pollard free.

Looking forward to seeing you in Boca.

Thank you,


Jeffrey Gerstin



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May 5, 2008

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April 7, 2008

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Robert Wolff

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**CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING
JONATHAN POLLARD**

Your correspondence concerning Jonathan Pollard was recently referred to this office for response. This office processes requests for executive clemency on behalf of the President.

Mr. Pollard has been considered for clemency in the form of commutation of his prison sentence as a result of a request that he made through the Justice Department on three occasions. Each of his requests was denied, the most recent in July 1996. He does not have a pending clemency application at this time.

Although we cannot provide an individualized response to each piece of correspondence we receive on this matter, your views are appreciated.

Re: Your letter to President Bush of January 15, 2008.

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Dear President Bush,

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Although I am a registered democrat, I earnestly hope this letter will reach you personally and not just some filtering aide person.

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After reading about your deeply felt emotions at the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, I decided that now was the time and circumstance to touch your heart. You have a unique opportunity to establish most firmly your position as a righteous gentile by granting an immediate pardon to Jonathan Pollard.

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This simple compassionate act could also greatly affect your aspirations for peace and understanding in world history.

Sincerely yours,
Robert O. Wolff



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March 17, 2008

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