

FOIA MARKER

This is not a textual record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records

Subgroup/Office of Origin: Counsel Office

Series/Staff Member: Meredith Cabe

Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 24942

FolderID:

Folder Title:

Linda Sue Evans [2]

Stack:

S

Row:

113

Section:

5

Shelf:

1

Position:

3

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
--------------------------	---------------	------	-------------

001. letter	Debra Katz to John Sipmson; RE: Linda Sue Evans [partial] (1 page)	04/29/1996	b(6)
-------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------	------------	------

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Counsel Office
Meredith Cabe
OA/Box Number: 24942

FOLDER TITLE:

Linda Sue Evans [2]

2006-1704-F

db3623

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

_____X

In The Matter Of The Parole Application of

LINDA EVANS,

Federal Register #19973-054

Currently Confined At The Federal Correctional
Institution, Dublin, California.

_____X

**EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PRE-HEARING
MEMORANDUM OF LINDA EVANS**

DORON WEINBERG
WEINBERG & WILDER
523 Octavia Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
Telephone (415) 431-3472
Facsimile (415) 552-2703

Dated: June 28, 1996

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Exhibit A

Personal Statement of Linda Evans

Exhibit B

Letter from Sentencing Judge Martin L.C. Feldman, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Letter from Peter C. Dorsey, Chief Judge, United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Exhibit C

Letter from Former Co-Defendant, Alan D. Berkman, M.D., Paroled in 1992

Exhibit D (Letters From Correctional Staff, Teachers and Volunteers)

Letter from Tom Parsons, Faculty Advisor, New College of California Weekend College

Letter from M. Lewellyn, FCI Dublin

Letter from Sister Joan Campbell, FCI Dublin

Letter from Michael Hill, FCI Dublin

Letter from K.L. Hughes, FCI Dublin

Letter from Lou Martin, FCI Dublin

Letter from Sally Swarts, FCI Dublin

Letter from Kathy Park, Prison Integrated Health Program

Letter from Rev. Michael Bryant, Ph.d., Staff Chaplain, D.C.
Department of Corrections

Exhibit E (Letters From Elected Officials)

Letter Jointly Signed By Ten Members of Congress

Letter from Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

Letter from Congressman Ronald V. Dellums

Letter from James A. Leach

Letter from Assembly Member Tom Bates, Fourteenth District

Letter from Assembly Member John L. Burton, Twelfth District

Letter from Assembly Member Carole Migden, Thirteenth District

Letter from Assembly Member Antonio R. Villraigosa,
Forty-Fifth District

Letter from Los Angeles City Council Member, Jackie Goldberg

Letter from San Francisco Board of Supervisors Member,
Tom Ammiano

Letter from Berkeley City Council Member, Maudelle Shirek

Letter from City of Oakland Council Member-At-Large,
Henry Chang, Jr.

Letter from San Francisco Board of Supervisors Member,
Susan Leal

Exhibit F (Letters from Health Professionals and AIDS Workers)

Letter from Carol L. Ghilardi, M.S., MFCC, St. Augustine Church

Letter from Jode Landsittel, M.S.

Letter from Judy Greenspan, Director HIV/AIDS in Prison Project

Letter from Peggy Macy, M.S.W., Pediatric AIDS Program

Letter from K. Selisse Berry, M.Div., M.S., Director of Volunteer Services, Women's Needs Center

Letter from Jackie Walker, AIDS Information Coordinator, ACLU

Letter from Zena Stein, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., Co-Director, HIV Center for Clinical & Behavioral Studies, N.Y.S. Psychiatric Institute

Letter from Barbara C. Zeller, M.D., Medical Director, H.E.L.P./PSI

Letter from Larry Auriemma, Clinical Director, H.E.L.P./PSI

Letter from Keith D. Cylar and Charles King, Co-Executive Directors, Housing Works, Inc.

Letter from Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt, Professor and Director, HIV Center For Clinical and Behavioral Studies

Letter from Eileen Hansen, Public Policy Director, ALRP

Exhibit G (Letters from Religious Leaders)

Letter from Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, Ph.D., Co-Chair, Racial Justice Working Group, Nat'l Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.

Letter from Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., West Side Jesuit Community

Letter from Rev. John Chamberlain, First John's United Methodist Church

Letter from Kathleen Desautels, SP, 8th Day Center for Justice

Letter from Ronald S. Fujiyoshi, Pastor/Missionary, OLA'A First Hawaiian Church (Congregational)

Letter from Julia K. Matsui-Estrella, Executive Director, PACTS

Letter from Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Church of San Jose

Letter from Rev. Lee Williamson, Ecumenical Peace Institute

Exhibit H (Letters from Family Members)

Letter from Rachel Evans, Linda's Mother

Letter from Jeff Evans, Linda's Brother

Letter from Harry L. Evans

Letter from John H. Wiegman

Letter from Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Gilreath

Exhibit I (Letters from Friends of Linda Evans)

Letter from Barbara Bennett, M.D.

Letter from Scott Braley

Letter from Susan Davis

Letter from David Dellinger

Letter from Mickey Ellinger

Letter from Ruth Hunter Ellinger

Letter from Eve M. Goldberg

Letter from Deborah K. Gould

Letter from Jeanne Kracher

Letter from Nancy Kurshan

Letter from Betty Liveright

Letter from Jaylene Mullins

Letter from Mary Patten

Letter from Grace Paley

Letter from Susan P. Picard

Letter from Michael Pill

Letter from Jahanara Romney

Letter from Lisa I. Rudman and Diane Livia Nelson

Letter from Penny Schoner

Letter from Jane Segal

Letter from Bertram Stiller and Maria E. Stiller

Exhibit J (Members of the Bar)

Letter from Lynne Bernabei

Letter from Robert Bloom

Letter from Robert J. Boyle

Letter from Carole S. Cullum

Letter from Ruth Eisenberg

Letter from Larry Beach Becker

Letter from Debra S. Katz

Letter from Daniel Meyers

Letter from Laura Nelsen

Letter from Russell Neufeld

Letter from Gary Peller

Letter from Diane Polan

Letter from Susan V. Tipograph

Letter from Urvashi Vaid

Exhibit K (Letters from Representatives of Community Groups and Organizations)

Letter from Bonnie Kerness, MSW, CSW, American Friends Service Committee

Letter from Roma Guy, Health Commissioner, City and County of San Francisco, Bay Area Homelessness Program

Letter from Jonathan Marley, M.P.H., Development Director, Berkeley Community Law Center

Letter from Raquel Aguirre, Esq., R. Lemus, Human Rights Advocate,
Tom McAninley, Educator/Organizer, Catholic Charities of the
East Bay, Immigration Project

Letter from Joanne Archibald, Advocacy Project Director, Chicago
Legal Aid to Incarcerated Mothers

Letter from Harriet S. Barlow, Executive Director, HKH Foundation

Letter from Carolyn Scarr, Mustardseed Affinity Group

Letter from Ellen M. Barry, Director, Legal Services for Prisoners
With Children

Letter from Frank Wilkinson, Executive Director Emeritus, NCARL

Letter from Salome Chasnoff, Board President, Women In The
Director's Chair

Exhibit L (Letters from Other Leading Members of the Community)

Letter from Ramsey Clark

Letter from Lyndon Comstock

Letter from Yuri Kochiyama

Letter from Peter Matthiessen

Letter from Thomas O'Brien

Letter from Jerry Pacht

Letter from Michael Parenti, Ph.D.

Exhibit M

Press Accounts of Projects and Activities Organized By
Linda Evans

Exhibit N

Informational Booklet - AIDS & Prisons, The Facts; For
Inmates and Officers, Linda Evans, Principal Author

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

A

Divider Title: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF LINDA EVANS

My name is Linda Evans. I am 49 years old and have been in prison the last 11 years. During that time I have reflected at length on my past actions. I am submitting this written statement to the Parole Commission to assure you that I have changed immeasurably, and that I will never engage in any illegal activities again. I hope that this written statement -- as well as my personal appearance before your Examiner, and the letters submitted on my behalf -- will somehow communicate who I am now, and why I should be allowed to rejoin my family, and our society.

I have been a political activist for the last 30 years, ever since I was 19 years old. Ever since I became aware of poverty, racism, and injustice. I have felt compelled to act to alleviate other people's suffering. Throughout my life, I have felt a moral responsibility to try to change U.S. government policies that I felt caused suffering in other countries, and to support locally-based political movements that were fighting for freedom from oppression. I became increasingly discouraged by my failure to win the social change I believed was urgently needed. As a last resort, I decided that perhaps the pressure of militant action was necessary to force the way for social reform.

I joined with other political activists to form a group that would focus serious attention on policies we considered unjust, by means of symbolic bombings, a tactic that was being used throughout the world at that time in history. The purpose of the actions was to stimulate public protest against unjust government policies and practices, part of an overall effort towards change.

The bombings themselves were conceived as being symbolic in nature-intended only to cause minor property damage, and never to endanger human life. I know that many precautions were taken to make sure no one was hurt: the bombings occurred only at times when buildings

were unoccupied, and warning calls were made to allow time for them to be evacuated.

I now realize how dangerous these actions really were, despite the precautions that were taken, and I deeply regret that my own decisions and actions ever contributed to putting anyone's life in danger. I can't adequately express how glad I am that no one was ever hurt in these actions. I realize now that bombs and firearms are by their very nature extremely dangerous, and I believe it was a serious misjudgment to think that bombings could be a legitimate form of social protest or symbolic action. I feel that taking these actions was completely wrong, and I believe that I have much to teach others about the mistakes I made.

During these 11 years in prison, I have engaged in deep reflection and introspection about my actions and the political beliefs I held that compelled me to engage in such extreme behavior. I now recognize that such violent actions are not appropriate or effective means to achieve positive social change. I know that the actions in which I assisted were dangerous and could easily have led to loss of life. In fact, I believe these actions were counter-productive, and added to the atmosphere of violence that now so dangerously dominates our society. They could easily have produced terrible tragedy and suffering through unforeseen injury to innocent people. Certainly they did not achieve the social and policy reforms that were their purpose.

I no longer believe that I can change the course of history or set right all the injustices I witness, whether I act alone or as part of a small group of people. However, I do continue to believe that every person has an important, positive contribution to make toward improving our society. Even during these 11 years in prison, I have tried to work toward positive goals, and to be of assistance to others, and I know I can be an asset to whatever community I live in when I am released. I can assure the Commission that whenever I am released, I will make positive contributions to our society only in lawful, and civic-minded ways. I now truly believe that

engaging in lawful, community-based activities is the most enduring way for me to help improve our society.

While I've been in prison, I have contributed as positively as I could by helping others in a variety of ways. I have been a jailhouse lawyer, gardener, teacher, counselor, and translator. With others, I founded a model AIDS peer education program -- PLACE, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education. We have saved peoples' lives by providing AIDS and health-related education, supporting prisoners in changing their high-risk behavior. We have built excellent relations with AIDS organizations in the communities around this prison, sponsoring two Fight AIDS Walk-a-thons to raise money for local AIDS service agencies, and making toys and quilts for children with AIDS at Oakland Children's Hospital.

Whenever I am released from prison -- and I hope that it will be soon -- I plan to work with local, community-based organizations to solve the problems confronting people on a day-to-day basis. I long to spend time with my 73-year-old mother, especially since I missed the opportunity to spend time with my father before he died a year ago. I know I will be able to support myself financially -- I have already been offered several jobs. I completed my BA degree in Humanities while in prison, and my professors have urged me to continue post-graduate studies. I have a place to live when I am released -- a family in San Francisco has opened their home to me.

I believe that I have much to contribute to our society. I want to dedicate myself fully to good works upon my release. I no longer believe that violence is an appropriate means to achieve good works and will never again break the law. I hope you will assist me in my efforts to gain a second chance and will grant me parole at this time.

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

B

Divider Title: _____

United States District Court
Eastern District of Louisiana
500 Camp Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Chambers of
Martin U. C. Feldman
District Judge

May 13, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U. S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Re: Linda Sue Evans
Inmate No. 19973-054
FCI Dublin

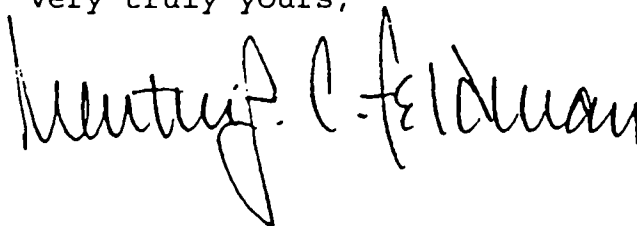
Dear Sir:

As the sentencing judge in the case for which Ms. Evans is currently incarcerated at FCI Dublin, I write to fully support her desire and effort to achieve parole. I understand that her case will shortly be administratively reviewed by the U.S. Parole Commission.

I have received a letter from Ms. Evans, by way of her lawyer, dated April 25, 1996. I have also reviewed her institutional progress reports dated February 8, 1996 and March 27, 1988, as well as several letters which have been written in support of her parole efforts; these letters are from individuals who have known and worked with her in one capacity or another during her 11 years of incarceration.

I realize that I sentenced Ms. Evans to 30 years for her crimes. I write in support of her parole application because I am impressed with her institutional record and with her plans for the future. I applaud her desire to work with AIDS victims. I am also satisfied that she seems to have disregarded the earlier philosophy she held regarding violence and revolution. Ms. Evans is no doubt still committed to social change, but I believe that her goals now seem to be change through peaceful rather than violent means. When I sentenced her, I was concerned that she was a person committed to violence at any price. I believe now that no longer to be the case and I write in support of her parole application.

Very truly yours,



MLCF:kkj
cc Robert Glass, Esquire

United States District Court
District of Connecticut
141 CHURCH STREET
NEW HAVEN, CT 06510

Chambers Of
Peter C. Dorsey
Chief Judge

(203) 773-2427

May 22, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
United States Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Re: Linda Sue Evans
Inmate No. 19973-054
FCI Dublin

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

This is written at the request of Ms. Evans' attorney and in relation to her application for parole. My only connection with Ms. Evans was as a Judge assigned a criminal case in which Ms. Evans was charged with harboring a fugitive. The case was related to a case in the Southern District of New York, before Judge Vincent Broderick. The two cases involved the same fugitive. As the just disposition was agreed to have Judge Broderick sentence Ms. Evans, the case in Connecticut was dismissed and, with my concurrence, she was sentenced by him.

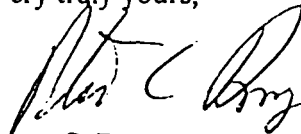
I did meet with Ms. Evans and her attorney, I believe on two occasions, and thus have formed a valid insight with respect to her. She seemed to be a very intelligent and idealistic person. She was very personable and highly motivated. She articulated a strong sense of what was just and was willing to commit herself to achieving that goal. While she was cause oriented, she did not seem to leap into causes without being sure of what she thought was right. The only flaw I could detect in her approach was a lack of awareness of the consequences of the course of action she pursued to achieve the just end she espoused. That was perhaps understandable given the temper of the times and her naivete.

I am sure that Ms. Evans has matured and developed a greater sense of responsibility for her conduct. There is every reason to believe from my review of the material supplied by her attorney, including her conduct while in prison, that she would be a good risk for parole at this time. There is nothing that has come to my attention to suggest otherwise.

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
May 22, 1996
Page 2

If there is any further question you have, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Dorsey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "D".

Peter C. Dorsey
Chief Judge

PCD/km

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

C

Divider Title: _____

ALAN BERKMAN, M.D.
N.Y.S. LIC. # 112795
78 BANK STREET, APT. 6
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10014

 (212) 463-0532

April 8, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I'm writing to ask you to support Linda Evans in her upcoming appearance before the U.S. Parole Commission.

Before I talk about Linda and why she deserves to be released, I'd like to tell you something about myself. I'm the Medical Director of Highbridge-Woodcrest Center, a 100 bed residence for men, women, and children with AIDS situated in the Bronx, New York. In addition, I've been awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in HIV Prevention by the National Institute of Mental Health and am on the staff of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University. I'm a member of the Institutional Review Boards of both the New York City Department of Health and the Montefiore Medical Center.

Why is this relevant to Linda's parole application?

Five years ago, I sat at the same defendants' table with Linda in Washington, D.C., facing the same charges, and the object of the same claims that I would always be a threat to the community. A unique combination of events led to the charges being dismissed against me, so I never had to confront some of the hard decisions that Linda and others had to. Those events included a principled legal decision by Judge Greene and the fact that I had a recurrence of a cancer I had suffered four years previously. Given the life-threatening situation I was in, Linda and two of our other codefendants agreed to plead

guilty if the prosecution did not pursue an appeal of Judge Greene's ruling.

It was a loving, courageous, and self-sacrificing decision on her part. I hope my achievements since my release have given her some comfort during these long years in prison. I also hope they show that those of us who broke laws in an effort to end injustices are fully capable of reintegrating into society in a productive way.

I know Linda's motivations for a better world for all, for I share them. I know her love and concern for others, for I've experienced it. I also know that she's given deep thought to the mistakes that she and I made, for we discussed them at length when we were in Washington together.

Linda Evans is a wonderful woman. She gives to others wherever she goes. She broke laws but has paid dearly for those mistakes. She deserves a chance to once more make her life in freedom. Please help her get that opportunity. She will make us all proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Berkman, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan Berkman, MD

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

D

Divider Title: _____

JAN 13 1996



WEEKEND COLLEGE

50 FELL STREET • SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102 • (415)241.1300 • FAX (415)241.9525

1.3.96

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans Release

Dear Commissioner Simpson

I am writing you to provide my support for the release from federal incarceration of Linda Evans. I have served as her academic advisor during the period she has been engaged in the completion of her baccalaureate degree program. She is in the final stages of completing her BA and has fulfilled all major requirements. I am writing this letter not only to let you know of her academic achievements, but also to provide you with my impressions of her, as a person. This letter is in support of her being permitted to parole and return to civil life.

Linda has completed an absolutely tremendous senior project. As with such projects within the context of the Weekend College division of New College, this project was one that both Linda and myself found of extreme importance. She addressed the contemporary global economic system, one that is extremely unbalanced in terms of wealth and development. She combined the essential theoretical core of developmental economics, world systems theory, neo-Keynesian analysis, supply side analysis, neo-Marxist analysis, contemporary cultural analysis and post-modernism within an integrated and, at times, truly profound manner. She integrated information about the role of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization. Environmental global dynamics have also been address. In general Ms Evans, through this work, has distinguished herself as an academic contributor. Her senior project has been distributed to the class I am currently co-teaching with the Dean of the Humanities Division at New College. It has been well received.

Beyond completing the senior thesis, Linda has participated in seminar assignments evaluated by other members of the Core Faculty, conducted through mail and by phone. These core humanities seminars covered material, beyond the scope of her senior project, in literature, psychology, contemporary culture, health and the environment. Her work has been well received by the Faculty. She has demonstrated academic excellence within an interdisciplinary humanities context. In short, Linda Evans has excelled as a student.

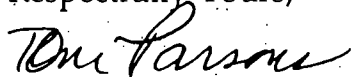
Re: Linda Evans (2)

I was somewhat reticent to participate in another degree completion program with an incarcerated student, in the beginning. One such former student created an enormous problem for me and the institution as result of his dishonesty and ruthlessness. Over a brief period of time, however, I determined that I could effectively work with Ms. Evans and, thereafter, we became exceptionally productive. Linda Evans is a very affirming person. She has treated me with respect, complete honesty, and warmth. What is exceptional about Linda is her overall positive approach despite her incarceration. She is also exceptional in her ability to bridge differences among diverse peoples and to communicate and operate within the cross cultural reality of contemporary society. She has the qualities of a leader, or a coordinator, or a contributor. She has consistently, in all of her formal, creative and academic work as well as the interactions I have observed at FCI, spoken and wrote about humanistic goals and methods. There is no indication of any sort of harmful intentions: Yet I am certain she was viewed as an advocate of violence in the past.

With age comes humility, quite often. With true education comes a larger perspective and appreciation for historical possibilities. A significant part of her educational process has been based upon reflection. The death of a parent and the subsequent concern about continuing to find meaning in life also percolates within. The maturation process, hopefully brings with it for all of us—or the best of us—the capability of continued accomplishment, even greater contribution to the greater good. These ideals are part and parcel of the higher order that philosophers and theologians address in America and throughout the globe. I really do believe that Linda Evans will contribute given the opportunity. She has developed the capacity to work with exceptional discipline. She has learned how to bridge cultural and class barriers that create distrust and misunderstanding. She has contributed to community, as I am sure you know, as a result of her ability to facilitate the work of inmates and staff on projects through FCI.

I am positive Linda Evans will become gainfully employed, as they say. She has employment waiting her release. New College would gladly employ a woman of her competence, commitment, warmth, compassion, acceptance, understanding and intelligence. I recommend that you support the release of Ms. Evans upon her first request. I, personally, will take whatever steps you might request in order to permit her to return to civilian life. She may become a famous academic before her life is complete, something that I will encourage in our future conversations.

Respectfully Yours,



Tom Parsons
Faculty Advisor

cc: Doron Weinberg, JD

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 1995

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: M. Lewellyn, Laundry Supervisor

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

TO: To Whom It May Concern

I have been the Supervisor of the FCI-Dublin Laundry for 4 years. I have also been the staff sponsor of the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (Pl.A.C.E.), an inmate organization dedicated to peer education, since 1992. During this time I worked closely with Ms. Evans in her capacity as President of the organization. I am writing this letter to offer information that may be helpful in your consideration of her request for parole.

During the 3 years that I have sponsored Pl.A.C.E., Ms. Evans has generously offered many hours of her time, hard work and energy to other inmates who needed counseling or information regarding HIV/AIDS or other health issues. She has successfully organized numerous educational forums about AIDS that have benefitted all the women here at FCI. For the last 3 years during FCI's Children's Day, she and others have provided AIDS education materials for children and teenagers attending this special visitation day with their mothers. Ms. Evans has also organized regular presentations to educate new inmates about HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and Hepatitis C.

Ms. Evans has volunteered countless hours to make Pl.A.C.E programs successful - programs which have also benefitted the Institution through building positive community relations. Community outreach programs have been particularly important and Ms. Evans fulfilled major responsibilities in organizing all of them. An exhibition of the AIDS International Memorial Quilt was held at FCI-Dublin in 1993, and women prisoners constructed several memorial panels. Pl.A.C.E. sponsors an on-going program benefitting HIV+ children from the Oakland Children's Hospital, making gifts of greeting cards, toys and clothing for the children. In 1994, Pl.A.C.E. sponsored FCI's first Fight AIDS Walk-a-Thon, in which almost 500 women prisoners participated (from a total inmate population of 900), raising over \$3,500 which was donated to community HIV services.

Page 2

I consider Ms. Evans to be a real asset to the inmate population here. Her willingness to help others and her responsible completion of all requests made of her are exemplary. She has excellent and respectful relationships with myself and other staff members.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

DATE: June 14, 1996

SUBJECT: Linda Evans #19973-054

FROM: Sr. Joan Campbell S.P.

TO: Mr. Moorer - Unit Manager

I have known Linda Evans #19973-054 for over five years here at F.C.I. Dublin. I had begun efforts to respond to the needs of the women at the prison and Linda generously offered her time and talents. Linda was respected by inmates for her leadership skills and her concern and compassion for individuals. The staff could observe that she was serious about using her time for personal growth and appropriate response to challenges.

Linda learned to respect her own boundaries and those of others - staff and inmates. She has become especially adapt in finding appropriate options for reaching her goals. Linda is committed to humanitarian efforts and takes the time to include all of the cultures represented here. In this way she has creatively included the leadership and potential of other inmates and meaningfully counteracted racism and prejudice.

Linda has learned to deal with her personal issues and challenges in her own life and with groups. She has developed a vast network of support inside and outside the F.C.I. This has helped her with the death of her dear father and getting support for her mother. She has been involved with grief work and other forms of support for inmates in need. In my nearly twenty years of involvement in prison work, I have rarely worked with a person more sincere, effective, and dedicated to her own development and the betterment of society. One of her biggest personal challenges is commitment to self care to the extent that she shows care, respect and compassion for others.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM
FCI-DUBLIN

DATE: May 15, 1996
TO: Unit A Team, for Central File
FROM: Michael Hill, Acting Supervisor, Recreation Dept.
RE: **Linda Evans, Reg. #19973-054**


I have worked as a Recreation Specialist at FCI-Dublin since August, 1990, and I am currently the Acting Supervisor of the Recreation Department. I have known Linda Evans for many years; I am writing to offer my evaluation and recommendation that she be offered the opportunity for release on parole.

Over the years, Ms. Evans has volunteered for the Recreation Department on many, many occasions. Her relationships with staff members are consistently excellent. She has worked with Recreation staff closely through her work with the Arts and Crafts program, assisting outside teachers with the Quilting class, and in coordinating the Fight AIDS Walk-a-thons in late 1994 and now in 1996. She is always respectful and willing to help with any task.

Ms. Evans is dedicated to making inmate programs a success, especially educational and self-improvement programs. Her commitment to AIDS education has made an important contribution to the level of AIDS awareness inside this prison, and has educated women being released to the community outside. She has volunteered to help with recreation programs, including the 1993 Earth Day activities, and some of the special Children's/Family visiting days. She uniformly treats other inmates with kindness and patience, and uses her Spanish language skills to help Spanish-speaking women.

I believe Ms. Evans could make a positive contribution to the community outside, and I hope you will give her a chance to rejoin our society by granting her parole.

Sincerely,



Michael Hill
Acting Supervisor, Recreation Dept.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS
F.C.I. DUBLIN
5701 8TH. ST. CAMP PARKS
DUBLIN, CA 94568
K.L. HUGHES, MATERIAL HANDLER SUPERVISOR**

May 9, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Md 20815-7286

RE: Linda Evans - #19973-054

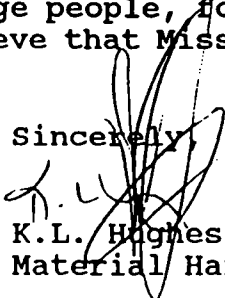
Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Inmate Linda Evans - #19973-054 who is incarcerated at F.C.I. Dublin. I have been a Correctional Officer at F.C.I. Dublin for two and one-half years. I was Miss Evan's Unit Officer and more currently a Co-Sponsor of Pl.A.C.E. in which Miss Evans is a very active participant.

During the entire time that I have been at F.C.I. Dublin, I have never seen Miss Evans act rudely or disrespectful to inmates and or staff.

I believe Miss Evans is a model prisoner. My letter is one of many praising Miss Evans. If not to judge people, for not what they say but what they do, then I truly believe that Miss Evans is ready for release.


Sincerely,


K.L. Hughes
Material Handler Supervisor

KLH:kp

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

FCI-DUBLIN


DATE: May 1, 1996
~~TO: Unit A Team, for Central File~~
FROM:  Lou Martin, CMS Foreman
RE: Linda Evans, Reg. #19973-054

I was the CMS-Landscape Foreman at FCI-Dublin for 10 years. During this time, from early in 1991 until the Fall of 1994, Inmate Linda Evans worked under my supervision. For much of this time she was a Grade One worker. We developed a very good working relationship, and I wanted to comment on her work performance for purposes of her parole hearing.

The quality and quantity of Ms. Evans' work were excellent. The landscaped areas for which she was responsible were always well-cared for, and I received compliments from both staff and inmates about how beautiful these garden areas were. Ms. Evans was a hard worker; she required very little direct supervision, and took a lot of initiative in planning and planting her garden so it would bloom most of the year. Many weekends she would devote some of her free time to watering her garden, so even during our years-long drought, the area she was responsible for flourished. Linda learned to save seeds from season to season so we would have a good variety of flowering plants to work with. She also propagated and maintained nearly 100 houseplants to beautify the inside of her living unit. She sought additional knowledge through taking a series of Horticulture classes, and our department and her own work area benefitted.

Her relationships with staff and other inmates are respectful and friendly. She always responded willingly to requests for overtime work or to changes in her job ~~assignment~~ for major landscaping projects. I would be glad to have her work for me anytime. Her work habits and attitude are excellent, and I would recommend her for any job. From my discussions with her over the years, I feel that she has changed her views considerably, and will not engage in criminal behavior in the future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM
FCI - DUBLIN

Date: May 1, 1996
Reply to : 
Attn of Sally Swarts, Vocational Training Business Instructor
Subject: Linda Evans, reg. #19973-054
To: Unit A Team - Central File

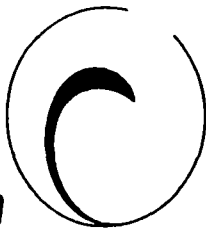
I first met Ms. Evans when she came to use one of our student computers to complete a paper for her college class. She worked diligently on her paper. I was so impressed with the depth of her topic and her writing ability that I had assumed the paper was for a graduate level course. I was very surprised to learn that it was for the completion of her bachelor's degree.

I felt honored when Ms. Evans asked to enroll in my Word Processing class. Rarely have I had a student who I feel I will be able to learn more from her than she from me. Ms. Evans had taught herself enough word processing while completing her paper that she was able to skip the introductory class in word processing and enter into the intermediate class. She completed the VT Word Processing Program in December of 1995. During her time in the program, Ms. Evans was an exemplary student. She always came to class with a positive attitude and ready to learn. It impressed me that even with her many volunteer and college activities she was able to keep up with the requirements of the course and find additional time to help her fellow students.

Once Ms. Evan completed the program, she volunteered to assist in the classes. She became a valuable asset to classes that she aided in. Many of my students only speak Spanish and have a hard time completing the course since the instruction and text are both in English. Ms. Evans worked especially with these students. She translated the material so that the Spanish speaking students could keep up with the class. I appreciated her patience and ability to simplify difficult topics.

Overall, I have appreciated getting to know Ms Evans. There are many aspects to a prison setting that are very negative. Ms. Evans works to create features that give people positive activities, connections, and thoughts.

prison
integrated
health
program



March 22, 1994

60 Front Street
Healdsburg
California 95448

(707) 433-4625

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to speak on behalf of Linda Evans, # 19973-054, a model student in the Prison Integrated Health Program (PIHP) at FCI Dublin. My name is Kathy Park and I have volunteered since the fall of 1990 as the founder, co-director and core teacher in PIHP. PIHP is an innovative volunteer program of holistic health practices fostering personal growth, creative expression and the health of the entire prison community. We offer over thirty hours a week of classes in meditation, stress management, conflict resolution, somatic education, yoga, creativity, and intuition training, in addition to special workshops, events and projects.

Co-Directors

Kathy Park
Wendy Palmer

Creativity Coordinator

Henry Woolbert

Linda Evans' participation in PIHP has been consistently strong and enthusiastic since she joined the somatic education class in the fall of 1992. (Somatic education deals with refining our understanding of our bodies - how we accumulate the stress and tension which can lead to chronic ailments and how we can facilitate relaxation, balance and a general sense of well-being.) Linda is eager to explore new material, share her experience and offer support and encouragement to her fellow students. Her consistent attendance in regular classes and occasional special workshops clearly indicates that she is dedicated to learning as much as she can about somatic education in order to help others learn to relax and deal more skillfully with chronic pain. Linda's commitment also includes college-level independent study in Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

In addition, Linda was a founding member of the Multicultural Club, a special project of PIHP dedicated to educating the prison community about racism and multicultural diversity. In 1992, PIHP and the Multicultural Club produced a two-day multicultural celebration of leadership training, music, dance and workshops. Her equanimity, listening skills, sense of fairness, broad vision, and dedication to dismantling racism were all essential to the successful organization of this event.

Linda is also a founding member of PLACE - Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education - an inmate club promoting education about AIDS and the HIV virus. In 1993 she was a key organizer in bringing the famous Names Project Quilt to FCI Dublin in a weekend-long ceremony dedicated to the memory of women prisoners who have died of AIDS and children orphaned as a result of AIDS. She also helped facilitate the creation by PLACE members of three new large quilt sections to be added to the Names Project Quilt.

Having had a chance to observe and work with Linda, and having had a good look at the difficulties women encounter living in prison, I have the highest respect for Linda's leadership skills and commitment to being of service to those in greater need than herself.

I hope these observations are useful to your assessment of Linda Evans' merit. Please let me know if I can be of any more assistance.

Sincerely,

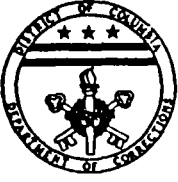
Kathy Park, Co-Director, PIHP

a sponsored project of

the
san francisco
women's
centers



FEB 24 1996



Government of the District of Columbia
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Detention Facility
1901 D Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Office of the Chaplain

February 20, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing in behalf of Linda Evans, 19973-054, who I understand is coming up for a parole hearing this spring.

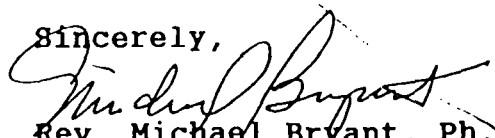
Ms. Evans was incarcerated at the DC Detention Facility during the course of her trial for almost two years. During this time I had numerous contacts with her. I remember being impressed by her compassion and concern for other women residents who were struggling with being HIV/AIDS infected. Over the course of her time here she spent many hours offering supportive counseling and giving information to the women regarding the AIDS virus. She brought a reassuring and calming presence to women who had no other support.

She was always respectful of the correctional staff. In the early days of her being at this facility she was always in restraints when moving through the institution. In the many contacts I had with her during those days I never experienced her as being belligerent or resistant to correctional personnel.

She indicated regret at the way she went about demonstrating her concerns on human rights issues she believes in deeply. My sense is that if she could relive the past, she would not use unlawful ways to promote human rights.

As to the length of time she received, I believe it is excessive. I have been a correctional chaplain for sixteen years and no where have I seen a harsher or more unreasonably sentence for the crimes committed.

I would ask that the parole board think deeply about the unusually long sentence that has been given in her case. I ask also that the board take into consideration Ms. Evans' changed views on what she did as well as the service she has rendered to inmates at the institutions where she has been housed.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Bryant, Ph.D.
Staff Chaplain

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

E

Divider Title: _____

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 1996

Commissioner John R. Simpson
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

We are writing to advise you of our support for Linda Evans' request for parole. She is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California and will appear for a parole hearing in July 1996.

In her almost eleven years in prison, Ms. Evans has gained the respect and confidence of institution officials. She established the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education Organization (PLACE), a peer AIDS education and counseling program that has provided invaluable support and assistance to those incarcerated at FCI Dublin. She has demonstrated an active concern for fellow prisoners and has taken her personal development seriously, recently receiving her bachelor's degree. We believe that if she is paroled, Ms. Evans will act upon the same spirit of community service that invigorated her during her rehabilitation.

The circumstances of Ms. Evans' case also argue for favorable consideration of her parole request. Ms. Evans is serving an unprecedented thirty year sentence for making false statements to buy legal firearms. It is the longest sentence for such a crime in U.S. history. Records from the Administrative Office of the United States District Courts show that half of those convicted for this offense received only probation. For the other half who received prison sentences for this offense, the national average sentence was thirty-seven months, and the average amount of time served is approximately a year and a half. Had Linda been sentenced under the national sentencing guidelines, which came into effect four months after she was sentenced, the maximum sentence she could have received for this offense was two years.

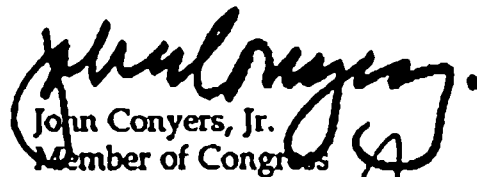
Prior to her arrest, Ms. Evans was an articulate antiwar activist and critic of U.S. policy in Central America. We believe that her grossly disproportionate sentence was a product of her political beliefs being put on trial and not as a result of the gravity of her actions.

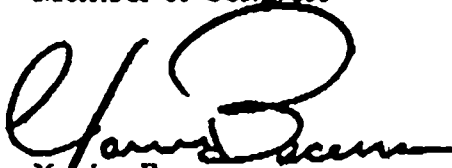
Commissioner John R. Simpson
June 25, 1996
Page two

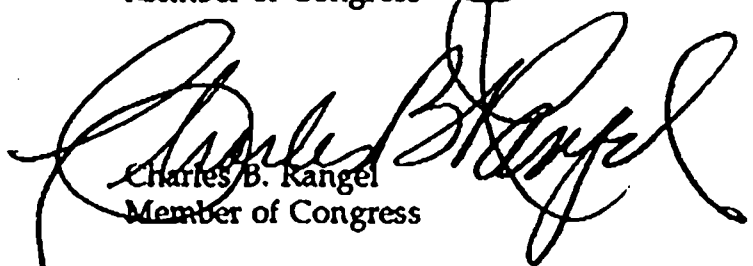
For these reasons, we urge the Commission to grant Ms. Evans parole at the upcoming hearing. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

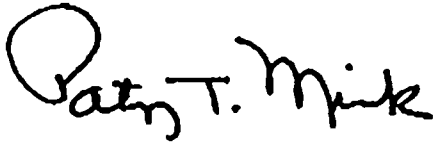
Sincerely,



Ronald V. Dellums
Member of Congress


John Conyers, Jr.
Member of Congress



Xavier Becerra
Member of Congress



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

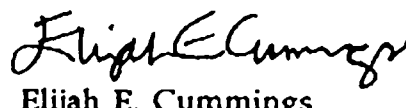

Patsy T. Mink
Member of Congress


Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress


Melvin L. Watt
Member of Congress


Donald M. Payne
Member of Congress


Maxine Waters
Member of Congress


Elijah F. Cummings
Member of Congress

03/20/88 15:20

4002/002

JOHN CONYERS, JR.
14TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

SENATOR
RANKING MEMBER
JUDICIARY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTS AND
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
CONSTITUTION

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
3428 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-2201
PHONE: 202-225-8126

DETROIT OFFICE:
600 FEDERAL BUILDING
231 W. LAFAYETTE
DETROIT, MI 48226
PHONE: 313-661-8670

March 20, 1996

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-034

Dear Mr. Simpson:


I am writing regarding the upcoming parole hearing for Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California. I believe that the Parole Commission should grant her request for parole when she comes before the Commission in July.

In her more than ten years in prison, Ms. Evans has gained the respect and confidence of institution officials. She established the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education Organization, an AIDS education and counseling program. She has demonstrated an active concern for her fellow prisoners and has taken her personal development seriously--recently receiving her Bachelor's degree. If she is paroled, I believe she will act upon the same spirit of community service that invigorated her during her rehabilitation.

The circumstances of Ms. Evans' case also argue for favorable consideration of her parole request. The judge sentenced her to an unprecedented thirty years for making false statements to buy legal firearms. It is the longest sentence for such a crime in U.S. history. Under the current national sentencing guidelines the maximum sentence for this crime is only two years. Half of those convicted receive only probation and the other half receive an average of thirty-seven months. What separates Linda Evans from ordinary cases was that she was an articulate antiwar activist and a critic of U.S. policy in Central America. Her grossly disproportionate sentence was a product of her political beliefs being put on trial and not a result of the gravity of her actions.

For all these reasons, I urge the Commission to grant Linda Evans parole at the upcoming hearing. Thank you for your consideration of this letter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


John Conyers, Jr.
Member of Congress

cc: Ms. Linda Evans

RONALD V. DELLUMS
9TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

RANKING MINORITY
COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

REPLY TO
OFFICE CHECKED:

2108 RAYBURN H.O.B.
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-2661

1301 CLAY STREET
SUITE 1000-N
OAKLAND, CA 94612
(510) 763-0370



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

February 16, 1996

WASHINGTON OFFICE
CARLOTTIA A. W. SCOTT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CHARLES C. STEPHENSON, JR.
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

DISTRICT OFFICE
SANDRÉ R. SWANSON
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
H. LEE HALTERMAN
GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: EVANS, Linda
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I write on behalf of Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. I write to urge the Commissions positive consideration of Ms. Evans when she appears before you this spring, and I do so for two separate reasons, each of which should suffice to justify her return to the community.

First: Ms. Evans has been the type of prisoner during her ten years in custody who has demonstrated her rehabilitation and her capability of living on the outside and making a positive contribution to society. I know that your record contains testimonials from prison personnel as to Linda's maturity, her work in trying to promote understanding within the institution and her very real contributions through her work with PLACE, the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education organization, demonstrate her positive attributes. All of these activities, her work to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree, and others argue strongly that it is time for her to return to the community.

Second: Ms. Evans received a sentence for the charge of making false statements to buy legal firearms that is extraordinarily (30 times) in excess of the current guidelines for punishment for a such a crime. The consequences of this are many fold, and none of them are just. Her sentence is about thirty times longer than that for the average firearms violation, and no violence was done in connection with her charge. The total time of sentences for her other charges was ten years — so she has served them entirely. With credit for "good time" this total would be much lower, approximately only 5½ years. The result is that by her March parole hearing, she will have served


over five years on the false statements charge alone, a number far in excess even of the average pre-guideline sentence of 37.6 months.

On either one of these analyses it seems strongly the case to me that Ms. Evans is deserving of the opportunity to attempt to reconstruct her life in the civilian world. But in addition to the merits of her case, there is a humanitarian aspect as well. Ms. Evans has lost one parent during her incarceration and wishes to spend time with her mother, who is now 72 years old.

In addition to meeting the criteria for parole on both her conduct and time served, she meets the other indicia for release to the community. She has job offers and a home into which she can live, both attributes that will facilitate her transition from institutional life and provide a measure of guarantee to the community that she will successfully navigate this transition.

For all of these reasons and others, I urge the Commission to grant Linda Evans a parole at your March meeting. I believe this is supported by the record and will be the only action consistent with current standards of sentencing enforcement. I thank you very much for your consideration of this letter and will look forward to hearing of the Commission's determination.

Sincerely yours,


Ronald V. Bellums
Member of Congress

RVD:hlh

cc: Ms. Linda Evans



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

April 23, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

RE: EVANS, Linda

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

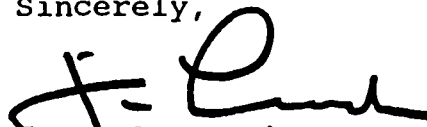
At the request of her mother, with whom I became acquainted when she was active in Iowa politics during the 1970s, I am writing regarding the upcoming parole hearing for Linda Evans.

While I am not personally familiar with her case, it is my understanding that she was sentenced to 30 years for an offense for which she would have received a maximum of two years under the national sentencing guidelines now in effect. It is also my understanding that in the 11 years in prison she has served Ms. Evans has completed her undergraduate education, made positive contributions to the institutions in which she has been incarcerated and in general been an exemplary prisoner. I have been told she has employment opportunities and a home into which to move when released.

I understand that a number of factors must be weighed in evaluating cases of this sort. I would simply asks that every appropriate consideration be given to granting Ms. Evans a parole.

Thank you for your attention to this case.

Sincerely,



James A. Leach
Member of Congress

JL:bt

STATE CAPITOL OFFICE
P.O. BOX 942849
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0001
(916) 445-7554
FAX: (916) 445-6434

DISTRICT OFFICES
3923 GRAND AVENUE
OAKLAND, CA 94610
(510) 428-1423
FAX: (510) 428-1599

RICHMOND OFFICE
1108 BISSELL AVENUE
ROOM 202
RICHMOND, CA 94801
(510) 234-0211
FAX: 234-0213

Assembly
California Legislature

TOM BATES
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

CHAIR
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEES
NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY &
TOXIC MATERIALS
PUBLIC SAFETY



May 30, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson,
Commissioner
United States Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: EVANS, Linda
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, currently incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California. I understand Ms. Evans will appear before the Parole Commission this summer. I strongly urge the Commission's favorable consideration of Ms. Evan's case in light of her exemplary behavior during her incarceration and the clearly disproportionate nature of her sentence.

During her time in prison, Ms. Evans has not only improved herself by steadfastly pursuing a bachelor of arts degree, but has brought critical education and information to others in the prison population through her work with PLACE, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education. Ms. Evans has demonstrated an admirable degree of self-discipline and a desire to contribute to those around her -- attributes that bode well for a smooth transition to life outside the institution.

Regarding her disproportionate sentence, I know I am not the first to point out to the Commission that for the crime of making false statements to buy firearms, Ms. Evans received a sentence 15 times greater than that which could be imposed under current federal sentencing guidelines. Moreover, the period she has already served for the offense -- more than 66 months -- is in excess of three times the average period served for federal firearms offenses even in 1985 when she was sentenced. For all her other offenses, Ms. Evans has served her sentences in full. Clearly this is a woman who has been duly punished. To keep her in custody any longer will serve no purpose except to exacerbate the disproportionate nature of her sentence.

Page 2

Ms. Evans has a home waiting for her with family members in San Francisco, an elderly mother who wishes to spend her final years with her daughter, and a community in the San Francisco Bay Area that welcomes her positive contribution.

I urge the Commission to recognize the extent of Ms. Evans' rehabilitation and give her the opportunity to reconstruct her life in the community outside the federal prison system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Bates".

TOM BATES
Member of the Assembly

SACRAMENTO ADDRESS

State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916)445-8253

DISTRICT OFFICE

601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2030
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 557-2253

Assembly California Legislature

JOHN BURTON
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY
Twelfth District

COMMITTEES:

Rules
Appropriations
Health



May 2, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: EVANS, LINDA
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:


I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California and due to appear before the Parole Commission this spring.

In reviewing Ms. Evans case I believe she is the victim of disproportionate sentencing. She has currently served 11 years in prison, longer than many who are guilty of far more serious and violent crimes. In addition, during her tenure in prison she has worked hard to make a contribution to the institution and fellow prisoners and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree. Her commitment to helping others is exemplified in her work with PLACE, the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education organization.

I strongly urge the Parole Commission to give positive consideration to Ms. Evans. She has served her time and I believe is ready to reconstruct her life and make a contribution to society. She has a home to go to and job offers both of which will help her make a positive transition from prison back into society.

As the Parole Commission reviews Ms. Evans record, behavior and time served I believe the only determination that should be made is to parole Ms. Evans.

Peace and friendship,


JOHN L. BURTON
Member of the Assembly
12th District



SACRAMENTO OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 942849
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0001
(916) 445-8077

DISTRICT OFFICE
1700 CALIFORNIA STREET
SUITE 340
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109
(415) 557-0784

Assembly California Legislature

CAROLE MIGDEN
ASSEMBLYWOMAN, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES
BUDGET
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #4
NATURAL RESOURCES
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

May 29, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: LINDA EVANS
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson,

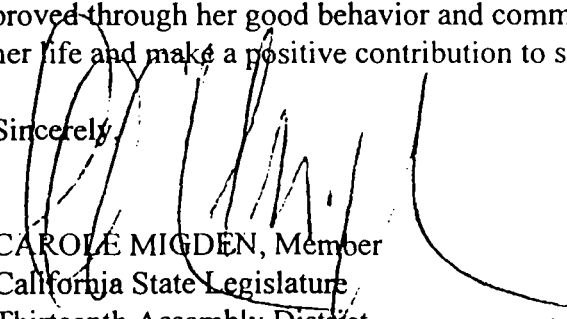
I am writing on behalf of Ms. Linda Evans, who is serving a 40 year sentence at the federal women's prison in Dublin, California and is due to appear before the Parole Commission this spring. Linda is serving 30 of the 40 year sentence for making false statements to purchase four guns in Louisiana.

Linda is a victim of unfair and excessive sentencing. She received a prison sentence 30 times longer than the average for the firearms charges. She has already served 11 years in prison which is more than most convicted murderers spend in prison.

During the 11 years Linda has been in prison, she has made many significant contributions to both fellow prisoners and to society in general. She was a founding member of PLACE, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education, an AIDS peer education group at the federal women's prison in Dublin. She organized the first AIDS walkathon and Christmas gift-making for children with AIDS at Oakland's Children's Hospital. She regularly assists fellow prisoners with legal problems and serves as a translator and advocate. Further, she has completed a BA in Humanities from New College.

I strongly urge you to give positive consideration to Linda. She has served her time and has proved through her good behavior and commendable work efforts that she is ready to reconstruct her life and make a positive contribution to society.

Sincerely,


CAROLE MIGDEN, Member
California State Legislature
Thirteenth Assembly District

STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 942849
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0001
PHONE: (916) 445-0703

DISTRICT OFFICE
110 NORTH AVENUE 56
LOS ANGELES, CA 90042
PHONE: (213) 255-7079

Assembly California Legislature

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

MEMBER:
APPROPRIATIONS
TRANSPORTATION
BANKING AND FINANCE

June 4, 1996

John Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Ste. 420--
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans (Reg. No. 19973-054), who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. She is due to appear before the Parole Commission this Spring. After reviewing Ms. Evans' case, I believe she is a worthy candidate for parole.

First, Ms. Evans was given an unprecedented 30 year sentence on the charge of making false statements. Current federal sentencing guidelines prescribe only a 2 year sentence for a conviction on this charge. Taking into account both statutory and earned good time, Ms. Evans has already served an amount of time that exceeds the current guidelines for every crime for which she was convicted.

I am also urging the Parole Commission to give special consideration to Ms. Evans' impressive contributions to the prison community. She helped found the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (P.L.A.C.E.) inmate organization, which provides invaluable counseling and education to inmates on issues relating to HIV, AIDS and health. In addition to her work with P.L.A.C.E., Ms. Evans is also working toward obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities.

I believe Ms. Evans has clearly demonstrated a willingness to become a productive member of society. Please give special consideration to these aspects of Ms. Evans' case when the Commission considers her suitability for parole.



Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ARV', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Assemblymember, 45th District

ARV/cam



City Council
of
Los Angeles



JACKIE GOLDBERG
Councilmember, 13th District

April 30, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing in support of Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California. I would urge you to grant Ms. Evans' request for parole when she comes before the Commission in July.

During her more than ten years of incarceration, Ms. Evans has made many positive contributions to the prison community, especially through her work in HIV/AIDS peer education. She has gained the respect and confidence of staff. In addition, she will be soon receiving her Bachelors of Arts degree. These activities strongly indicate that if Ms. Evans were to be released from prison, she would continue to make positive contributions to society at large.

Also, Ms. Evans received a disproportionate sentence when she was convicted of making false statements to buy legal firearms. Her extraordinary sentence of 30 years is many times longer than usually meted out for this charge. Under current national sentencing guidelines, the maximum sentence is only two years.

I am also aware that Ms. Evans has both job offers and a home in which she can live when she is released from prison -- both important factors in making a successful transition from institutional life.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to grant parole for Linda Evans.

Thank you for considering this letter. I look forward to hearing the Commission's determination.

Sincerely,


Jackie Goldberg
Los Angeles City Councilmember

JG:SDsc

CITY HALL
200 N. Spring St./Room 240
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213/485-3353

COMMITTEES
Chair, Personnel Committee
Vice Chair, Public Works
Member, Administrative Services

FIELD OFFICE
3525 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90026
213/913-4693

Member
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco



TOM AMMIANO

March 13, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: EVANS, Linda
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson,

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently serving time at FCI at Dublin, California. I write to ask the Commissions positive consideration of Ms. Evans when she appears before you this spring, and I do for the following reasons: Ms. Evans has served time sufficient to her charge, Ms. Evans has proved her ability to be an asset to her "community" in the walls, earning the respect of advocates in the AIDS/Health Services Community nationwide and finally, Ms. Evans is needed here in San Francisco, where her insights and abilities are in critical need, particularly in AIDS education with women.

The amount of time that Linda Evans has served is beyond that which is the norm for many far more serious offenses. As an elected official, I hear the disillusionment and despair of the electorate. Their lack of trust for the legislative and judicial branches of government, law enforcement and custodial staffs, health and human services workers is real and based on incidents which appear imbalanced. The task for each of us is to correct imbalances where and when we can. This is such a need for balance. Linda has reached out to the women around her in prison, giving education, power and hope in a situation which seems for most to be hopeless. In the AIDS pandemic, women are critically underserved. Linda is needed on the outside, where work is awaiting her. Her time in custody should yield to her time to continue her much needed work here in the community. Keeping her "down" will not serve to exemplify the type of good, just government that we all seek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Ammiano".

Tom Ammiano
Supervisor

TA:lji

CITY OF BERKELEY

Maudelle M. Shirek

COUNCIL MEMBER

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

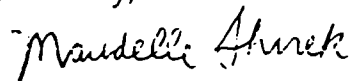
Dear Commissioner Simpson,

I am writing to you regarding Linda Evans, a woman currently serving a 40-year sentence at the federal women's prison in Dublin, California. Linda has spent the last ten years of her life in prison and is now eligible for parole. I am writing to urge you to support her petition for parole.

Linda has worked as an HIV/AIDS peer educator and been active in other educational and self-help training activities while in prison. She has been a model prisoner and I believe would be an example to others and a great contributor to society should she be released to the Bay Area. I would use the facilities of my office to try to help her secure employment in the area in the fields of social welfare in which she has already demonstrated an ability to serve.

Once again, I urge you to help Linda become a contributing member of society on the outside, as she has already demonstrated by her good work at Dublin.

Sincerely,



City Councilmember Maudelle Shirek

CITY OF OAKLAND



CITY HALL

ONE CITY HALL PLAZA

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612

HENRY CHANG, JR.
Councilmember At Large

510/238-3266
FAX/238-6129

April 16, 1986

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U. S Parole Commission
5555 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7288

Dear Mr. Simpson:

As Councilmember-At-Large for the City of Oakland I am writing to request that you consider granting parole to Linda Evans, incarcerated at FCI prison in Dublin, CA.

It seems that the sentence Ms. Evans received was an extremely harsh and disproportionate one. Her prison sentence is much longer than the average for the firearms charges levied against her.

During the 11 years she has been in prison, she has shown a desire to help others and has worked hard to make some significant contributions. She founded Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (PLACE), an AIDS peer education group. Through PLACE she organized the first showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the first AIDS walkathon. Routinely she has assisted fellow prisoners with legal problems and serves as a translator and advocate. She also completed a BA in Humanities from New College.

According to testimonials from prison personnel her behavior has increasingly reflected changes from former militant attitudes to constructive and positive ones. She has demonstrated that the time spent in prison has rehabilitated her to the place where she has the capability to rejoin society and I believe deserves the opportunity to do so. I think her release would benefit the community, her family and friends.

Sincerely,


HENRY CHANG, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE

Member
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco



SUSAN LEAL

June 19, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to you regarding the forthcoming parole hearing for Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California. I believe that Ms. Evans should be granted parole when her case comes before the Commission in July.

During the last ten years, Ms. Evans has been a model inmate, gaining the respect and confidence of Institution officials. Ms. Evans has also shown compassion for her fellow inmates. During the last ten years, Ms. Evans has helped others, for example by establishing the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education Organization, as well as helping herself - she recently earned her Bachelor's degree.

I do not take firearm violations lightly - in fact, I have just authored a local ban on the sale of "Saturday Night Specials" which includes a misdemeanor conviction for gun dealers who illegally sell them. However, I believe that Ms. Evans has served time proportionate to her crime.

I would hope that the Commission would also take into account that Ms. Evans' father has died during her incarceration, and her mother is now 72 years old.

Based on the foregoing, I urge the Commission to grant Linda Evans parole at the upcoming hearing, and to allow her to be paroled to San Francisco, where she will be welcomed as a reformed woman.

Very truly yours,



SUSAN LEAL

Member,
Board of Supervisors

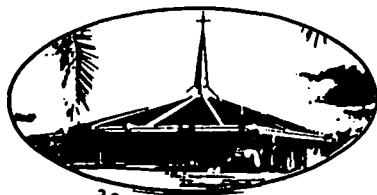
Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

F

Divider Title: _____



3999 Bernal Ave.
510-846-4489

**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
ST. ELIZABETH SETON MISSION**

P.O. BOX 817, PLEASANTON, CA 94566
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE - 846-3531



4001 Stoneridge Dr.
510-484-5020

February 17, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Petition for Parole by Linda Evans (#19973-054)

Dear Mr. Simpson & Other Parole Board Commissioners:

I am writing you to give my wholehearted support, without reservation, to Linda Evans' upcoming parole request. Over the past two years I have gotten to know Linda very well in my role as volunteer, and founding member of St. Augustine Church AIDS Ministry. Sr. Joan Campbell, Chaplain at F.C.I. Dublin, initially introduced three of us to Linda and some of the other inmate members of the "PLACE" group. In 1991, Linda founded this group, "Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education", in an effort to educate inmates (many of whom had family and friends who were infected or had died of AIDS) about the disease. They give all new inmates an orientation presentation about AIDS as well as Hepatitis. From this they have branched out into making panels for the Names Project Memorial Quilt and Linda orchestrated getting the quilt displayed at FCI; to making cards, clothing, dolls, blankets for the children of Oakland's Children's Hospital. I and other members of our ministry have procured fabric and yarn, as well as several used sewing machines to assist them in this on-going project of love.

As the outside coordinator of PLACE's very successful 1994 "Fight AIDS Walk-a-thon", I worked very closely with Linda. More than 500 women walked the track for more than 5,000 miles, over a 10 day period, to raise almost \$4,000 for San Francisco's Ambassador Hotel which houses and provides services to 200 people living with HIV/AIDS. Linda worked tirelessly for long hours on this selfless undertaking for others less fortunate. Recently, Linda coordinated a Women's Health Fair at the prison, bringing in sixteen or more outside presenters on women's health issues and we obtained donations of pens, pencils, skin cream, tooth-brushes, etc. to be given out in a plastic "goody bag" to each inmate who attended. I am constantly awed by Linda's compassion and devotion to serving others who are powerless, hurt or in need.

Besides my volunteer work, which my Christian faith calls me to pursue, I am also a professional licensed psychotherapist, practicing, along with my husband, for over twelve years in my home town of Pleasanton. My training and experience have given me insight into assessing character and personality. I have heard Linda say more than once, that she has reflected on her past methods for attaining social justice, and she would never choose them again. She has never given me any reason to disbelieve her,

and I have observed that Linda treats everyone fairly as an equal, with consideration, and I see the respect the other inmates and prison staff give her. I firmly believe that Linda Evans is a very intelligent, highly ethical, and compassionate person who has an enormous amount of positive energy to channel into enhancing any community in which she is involved. I would be truly glad and grateful if she chose to contribute her talents and gifts in my community.

I am very aware of the fact that Linda is serving a 30 year sentence on one of her convictions, which is grossly disproportionate when compared to sentences of similar offenders. If the aforementioned exemplary behavior and accomplishments while in prison is not enough grounds for granting her parole, then this miscarriage of justice should be. Linda has already served eleven years, and many people who have murdered, raped, or molested others, have served far less years total than she has to date, yet she has never been involved with killing or hurting anyone. Her sentence is a grave injustice and I urge and pray that you all act justly and use your intelligence and humanism to allow her to fully give of her strengths on the outside, by granting her parole request.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Ghilardi

Carol L. Ghilardi, M.S., MFCC

JAN 27 1996

Jode Landsittel, M. S.
Marriage, Family, Child Counseling Intern #28640
5269 Northway Road
Pleasanton, CA 94566

January 26, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Parole Request for **Linda Evans**

Dear Mr. Simpson:

During the past two years through my work with the AIDS ministry at St. Augustine's church in Pleasanton, I have had the opportunity to work with Linda Evans, an inmate at the FCI, Dublin, California facility. I have never before written a letter requesting parole for an inmate, but having closely observed the excellent work Linda Evans has done and having viewed her character and genuine concern for her fellow inmates, I feel compelled to write this letter on her behalf.

Linda has been the main force behind the establishment of the PLACE group (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education) at FCI-Dublin which is how I first came to know her. Through this group, she and fellow inmates have made countless handsewn and knit articles of clothing, blankets, and toys for the children at Oakland's Children's Hospital. Linda has organized and coordinated several day-long health fairs within the prison and educational AIDS/HIV and hepatitis prevention presentations to new inmates. She arranged a very successful walk-a-thon within the prison which raised almost \$4,000 for the Ambassador hotel in San Francisco, home to many low income men and women afflicted with HIV/AIDS. In addition to these and other worthy endeavors, Ms. Evans personally counsels, encourages, and supports fellow inmates of all races. I have been especially impressed that she has learned Spanish and makes sure that the large number of Spanish speaking inmates have access to health information in their native language. She seems to have channeled her desires for social justice in very positive directions.

As a resident of the San Francisco East Bay where Ms. Evans hopes to settle if paroled, I would be happy to have her as a member of my community. I feel that she has demonstrated great competence and ability in HIV/AIDS education and counseling and is ready to continue this valuable work outside of prison.

It has also come to my attention that Ms. Evans is serving a sentence which is very disproportionate when compared to sentences of similar offenders. Many murderers and child molesters do not serve as many years as Linda Evans has already served, yet she never injured or killed anyone. I respectfully request, without reservation, that you look favorably on Linda Evans' application for parole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jode Landsittel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jode L. Landsittel, M.S.



HIV/AIDS in Prison Project

433 Jefferson Street, Oakland, California 94607, 510/834-5657 ext., 3150, Fax 510/451-6998

April 24, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans, #19973-054
Petition for Parole

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to strongly support the parole petition of Linda Evans, #19973-054, a federal prisoner at FCI Dublin, California. I have known and worked closely with Ms. Evans for more than eight years and believe that she is an excellent candidate for parole. I have made Ms. Evans a standing job offer with the HIV/AIDS in Prison Project of Catholic Charities upon her release from prison.

I first met Ms. Evans in 1988 when I was the AIDS Information Coordinator at the ACLU National Prison Project in Washington, D.C. Ms. Evans was incarcerated at the D.C. Jail awaiting resolution of her charges relating to the bombing conspiracy. Despite the pressures and work of her legal case, Ms. Evans quickly became an advocate for many of the women inside the D.C. Jail. She worked with organizations such as the Whitman Walker Clinic to bring in some of the first HIV/AIDS educators into the jail. She wrote away for and compiled a small library of HIV/AIDS education and prevention information materials which she willingly shared with women in the jail. Her work as a peer educator during this period of the AIDS epidemic was critically important and immensely helped the women inside. As an AIDS educator on the outside, I was honored to be able to work with Ms. Evans on this peer effort.

When Ms. Evans' D.C. case was resolved, she was transferred back into the federal system to FCI Dublin. Here again, Ms. Evans began working almost immediately on starting a peer education program. She found both staff and a prison administration that were supportive of her efforts and Ms. Evans was instrumental in founding PLACE, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education. This program, which has been in existence for six years, has become a model HIV/AIDS education program for the Bureau of Prisons.

As the Director of the HIV/AIDS in Prison Project of Catholic Charities, and as someone who has worked to fight the epidemic in prison for over ten years, I have never met a more dedicated, talented, sincere and hardworking individual (inside or outside of prison) than Linda Evans. Over the past five years, since relocating to California, I have again had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Evans to support PLACE and its many peer education projects.

Letter to the U.S. Parole Commission
Re: Linda Evans, #19973-054

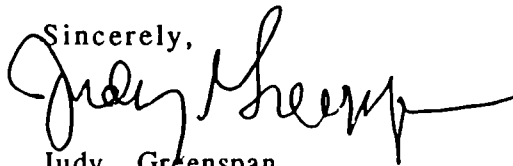
Now that Ms. Evans is parole eligible, I hope that I may have the opportunity to work with her as part of the HIV/AIDS in Prison Project of Catholic Charities. I have offered Ms. Evans the position of Public Policy Associate and will employ her to inspire and work with other peer education programs in state prisons and county jails around the state.

My project is a statewide advocacy program for prisoners with HIV/AIDS with a special emphasis on women prisoners. The project's goals are to improve the quality of medical care provided for prisoners with HIV/AIDS; to reduce the use of prison administrative policies of segregating and discriminating against prisoners with HIV/AIDS; and to encourage prison administrative policies that support HIV/AIDS peer education programs. Ms. Evans has been a highly effective peer educator and counselor and an eloquent and impressive spokesperson for prisoners with HIV/AIDS. Her direct, first hand knowledge about the conditions facing prisoners with HIV/AIDS and her proven track record of implementing a model peer education program makes her ideally suited to assist in our efforts to develop humane and effective policies for combatting this epidemic. Her talents and abilities are sorely needed and we are prepared to hire her immediately upon her release.

I fully understand that Ms. Evans has been incarcerated for committing some very serious crimes. However, I believe that 11 years of incarceration have substantially changed Ms. Evans' outlook on her past actions. She has indicated to me on numerous occasions that she will never engage in those or any other illegal activities again.

If released, I believe that Ms. Evans will be a positive and valuable member of any community. I am pleased that she has decided to live in the Bay Area. I hope in the near future that I will have the opportunity to work with her outside of prison. I urge you to grant her parole petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Greenspan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judy Greenspan
Director

Children's Hospital Oakland

Mr John Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD
20815-7286

May 16, 1996

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

I am writing about Linda Evans, who is incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. I am writing to express my strong support for Ms. Evans' parole because she will make valuable contributions to the outside community and because she has already served a disproportionately long sentence for her crimes.

I came to know Ms Evans through her pioneering AIDS work within the prison. As the social worker in the Pediatric AIDS Program of Children's Hospital Oakland, I was invited by Ms Evans and her prison-based AIDS organization, PLACE, to take part in the display of the Names Project Quilt in 1993. It was the first display of this world-renowned AIDS memorial to take place in a woman's federal prison. I was honored to participate in this event and was staggered by the tremendous amount of planning that had made it possible. The display of the AIDS quilt not only honored adults and children who had died of AIDS but also served as a tool to provide important AIDS education and to increase AIDS awareness among the inmate population, many of whom are at high-risk for contracting HIV.

Ms Evans has shown incredible commitment to the cause of AIDS, with peer education projects within the prison as well as fundraising (through prison walkathons) for people living with AIDS in surrounding communities.

Ms Evans coordinated the prison's "adoption" of the children in our Pediatric AIDS Program. First she asked me to meet with inmates to teach them about pediatric AIDS. Then many inmates started creating gifts from their own hands and hearts for the children with AIDS, including holiday cards, cloth dolls, knit blankets and comforters.

Through the "adoption" program between the prison and our AIDS Program, Ms. Evans succeeds in bringing fulfillment to each party involved. The children with AIDS are grateful for gifts lovingly made for them, while the prisoners receive the gift of experiencing their own generosity despite their imprisonment and despite their feelings of helplessness.

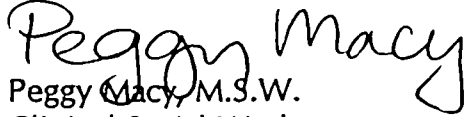
Ms Evans has improved the lives of fellow-prisoners. It is time for her contribute her organizing skills and her strong humanistic values to the outside community. The San Francisco area, where she plans to parole, can use her commitment and expertise in AIDS peer education. I understand she already has several job offers and I can think of numerous AIDS organizations who could benefit from her skills in this area.

*The pediatric medical center
for Northern California*

747 Fifty Second Street
Oakland, CA 94609-1809
510 428 2000

It seems to me that it is quite a waste for Ms. Evans to remain in prison when she has already served such a disproportionately long sentence for the purchase of legal firearms and when she has a productive life waiting for her outside with family, housing and employment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Macy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "M".

Peggy Macy, M.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker
Pediatric AIDS Program

THE Women's Needs Center

1825 Haight Street San Francisco, CA 94117 Tele: 415.487.5607 Fax: 415.221.6573

Mr. John Simpson, Commisioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: Linda Evans (#19973-054)

April 15, 1996

Dear Mr. Simpson and Parole Board Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Linda Evans's upcoming parole request. I am currently the Director of Volunteer Services at the Women's Needs Center, a free women's health clinic in San Francisco. In my capacity, I was contacted to organize our clinic's presence at the Women's Health Fair at FCI Dublin, an event planned and implemented primarily by Linda Evans. Through my work with the Health Fair, I had several opportunities to interact with Ms. Evans and was struck with her compassion and her strong sense of justice.

As a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, I served as the Chair of the Peace with Justice Commission of the Northern California Ecumenical Council. As the chair of that commission, I was contacted to support the "Fight AIDS Walk-a-thon", another FCI Dublin event that was planned and implemented largely by Ms. Evans. Linda Evans is a very intelligent woman who also has a big heart.

I have lived and worked in the Bay Area for ten years. In my current capacity as the Director of Volunteers, I would welcome Linda as part of our staff of Health Educators who share women's health concerns with low income women. Depending on our fiscal situation, Linda may also utilize her knowledge of women's health in a paid capacity at the clinic.

Linda Evans has already served eleven years in prison. Ms. Evan's 30 year sentence for making false statements to buy legal firearms is extremely unjust by current guidelines. I urge you to grant parole to Linda Evans. Her compassion and energy and commitment to work for social justice is greatly needed in our community.

Sincerely,



K. Selisse Berry, M.Div., M.S.
Director of Volunteer Services

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION

THE NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT

March 25, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd.
Suite 420
Chevy Chase MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to recommend Linda Evans, #19973-054, a prisoner currently incarcerated at FCI-Dublin be granted parole. I understand Ms. Evans' case will be heard by the Commission later this Spring.

As AIDS Information Coordinator of the ACLU National Prison Project, I have often highlighted the accomplishments of AIDS/HIV peer educators. Ms. Evans has been on the vanguard of providing AIDS/HIV peer education to prisoners throughout her incarceration. She's accomplished this through two vehicles. First, as author of the text for "AIDS in Prison the Facts for Inmates and Officers" (see enclosed booklet). The simple and straightforward manner in which Ms. Evans wrote has appealed to prisoners and been a selling point for organizations that purchase the booklet. The booklet is currently in its third printing with over 30,000 copies distributed in correctional systems throughout the country.

Secondly, Ms. Evans' role in the formation of Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (PLACE) has resulted in a highly effective AIDS/HIV education program operating at FCI-Dublin. Ms. Evans involvement with PLACE has included coordinating a variety of projects including the development of bilingual (Spanish/English) materials on HIV/AIDS, operating a booth at the annual Children's Day/Family Day, and adopting the HIV ward at the Oakland Children's Hospital. In 1993 Ms. Evans coordinated the exhibition of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at FCI-Dublin and the donation of several new panels to the International Memorial AIDS Quilt. Additionally, Ms. Evans helped organize the PLACE "Fight AIDS Walk-A-Thon", which raised over \$3,000 for the Ambassador Hotel (a facility housing a large number of people living with HIV). PLACE

1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.E.
Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 234-4830
Fax # (202) 234-4890

Elizabeth R. Alexander
ACTING DIRECTOR

Stuart H. Adams, Jr.
Eric Balaban
Karen Bower
Mohamedu F. Jones
Ayesha N. Khan
Mark J. Lopez
Marjorie Rifkin
Margaret Winter
STAFF COUNSEL

Jenni Gainsborough
PUBLIC POLICY COORDINATOR

Kelly Gardner
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Jackie Walker
AIDS INFORMATION
COORDINATOR

National Headquarters
132 West 43 Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 944 9800

Nadine Strossen
PRESIDENT

Ira Glasser
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commissioner Simpson
Page 2
March 25, 1996

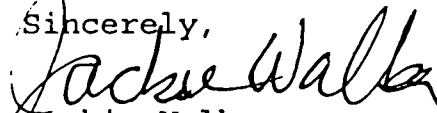
has also been profiled in a number of publications including the National Prison Project Journal (see enclosed article).

Many advocates and numerous reports have recommended implementing AIDS/HIV peer education programs in correctional facilities. In 1993 the World Health Organization issued guidelines on "HIV Infection and AIDS in Prisons" that included the following recommendation on AIDS/HIV education and information:

"In view of the importance of peer education, both prison staff and prisoners themselves should be involved in disseminating information."

Clearly Ms. Evans' role in the formation and continuing existence of PLACE exemplifies the contributions prisoners can make to AIDS/HIV education. Her efforts have been beneficial to both prisoners and correctional staff. I urge you to grant Ms. Evans parole.

Sincerely,



Jackie Walker
AIDS Information Coordinator

Enclosures

Columbia University in the City of New York | New York, N.Y. 10032

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Division of Epidemiology

March 5, 1996

Mailing Address: 600 West 168th Street
Delivery Address: 630 West 168th Street, PH-18
Tel: 1-212-305-9412
Fax: 1-212-305-9413

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

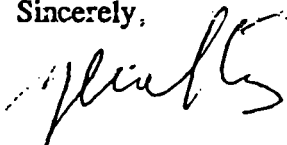
I am writing to support Linda Evan's application for parole that will soon be heard by the U.S. Parole Commission.

While I am not a personal friend of Ms. Evans, I have been able to review materials on both her legal case and on her accomplishments both before and during her period of imprisonment. She acknowledges that she has committed serious violations of the law, and it strikes me that she has been punished severely for those mistakes. Justice will not be served if she is made to serve any additional time in prison.

In fact, she seems to be a talented and committed woman who will likely be an asset to society when she is allowed to join us. As a research investigator and teacher in the field of HIV/AIDS at Columbia University, I am particularly impressed with the HIV education and prevention work that she has initiated at FCI Pleasanton. This work is difficult to do under optimal circumstances, and she must indeed be an extraordinary person to have accomplished all she has from inside prison. It is well understood that such tasks are seldom undertaken and maintained long enough to be effective. The work she has done is a model that should be emulated in a wide range of institutions across the United States.

In the interest of both justice and fairness, I urge you to release Ms. Evans at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,



Zena Stein, M.A., M.B., B.Ch
Professor Emeritus of Public Health
(Epidemiology) & Psychiatry
Columbia University
Co-Director
HIV Center for Clinical &
Behavioral Studies
N.Y.S. Psychiatric Institute



H.E.L.P./PROJECT SAMARITAN, INC.

1401 University Avenue • Bronx, New York 10452
(718) 681-8700 • Fax: (718) 588-5709

Executive Director
John Cavallaro, J.D.

Assoc. Exec. Directors
Joanne F. Miceli, CSW
Adult Day Health Care

Eileen Pagan, MS, RN
Nursing Services

Larry Auriemma
Clinical Services

Chief Fiscal Officer
Alan Zuckerman

Medical Director
Barbara Zeller, M.D., D.Ac

Asst. Administrator
Carlos Izquierdo

Board of Directors

President
Richard Pruss

Vice President
Jane Velez

Secretary
Wallace Leinhardt

Treasurer
Marshall Goldberg

Board Members
Elizabeth Barton
Margaret Brooks, J.D., MA
Jerome F.X. Carroll, Ph.D.
Maria Cuomo Cole
Vincent Ravaschiere, Esq.
Dr. Jeffrey A. Sachs
Ronald L. Savarese, Ph.D.
Barbara Taylor
Rogelio I. Thomas, M.D., M.P.H.

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans

February 2, 1996

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, who has applied for parole after serving 11 years of a federal sentence.

Although we were acquainted in the late seventies through mutual friends, I came to know her well only after her arrest in 1985. Since then I have been a regular social visitor.

I believe that she is a worthy candidate for parole. She has completed all of the five year sentence for the most serious charge involving conspiracy to bomb the U.S. Capitol, Plus all of the three years for harboring a fugitive and all of the two years for weapons possession. I believe the sentence of 30 years for making false statements to purchase four guns is extremely harsh, and would urge you to grant parole to relieve this injustice. Furthermore, she has been an exemplary member of every prison community to which she has been designated.

As a physician who provides care for people with AIDS and the Medical Director of an AIDS Nursing Home, I have followed with great interest Linda's deep compassion for imprisoned women who are affected by the HIV virus, either personally or through their families, and Linda's commitment to provide leadership to peer counseling efforts. I have followed with great interest her work in founding PLACE, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education. This meant that she had to develop a whole new fund of knowledge about HIV/AIDS's care and prevention. It also meant the she had to continuously

Residential Health Care Facility
(ADMISSIONS)
1401 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452
Phone: (718) 681-8700

C.O.B.R.A.
(Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management)
3205 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York 10458
Phone: (718) 365-2531

Adult Day Health Care Program
1545 Inwood Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452
(To Open Late 1995)

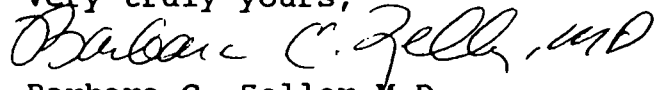
put effort into keeping the project alive and functional. She has earned respect from her peers and also from staff. She was instrumental in organizing the first showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the AIDS Walkathon at Pleasanton. I remember viewing the AIDS quilt in Tokyo in the Summer of 1994 at the International AIDS Conference, and how my eyes filled with tears when I saw the quilt panel made by the women at Pleasanton, a project I knew that Linda had coaxed into existence.

More recently, I have shared with Linda her experience of continuing her higher education. I have read her papers on global economics, which revealed fine scholarship and a profound grasp of the subject matter.

Linda Evans is a woman who has been motivated all her life by her belief in social justice. Ironically, it has been in prison that some of her finest qualities have developed and matured.

I believe that she will contribute magnificently to any community of which she is a part and will be productive and law-abiding.

Very truly yours,


Barbara C. Zeller, M.D.
Medical Director

February 29, 1996

Executive Director
John Cavallaro, J.D.

Assoc. Exec. Directors
Anne F. Miceli, CSW
Adult Day Health Care

Debra Pagan, MS, RN
Nursing Services

Debra Auriemma
Clinical Services

Chief Fiscal Officer
John Zuckerman

Clinical Director
Barbara Zeller, M.D., D.Ac

Asst. Administrator
Carlos Izquierdo

Board of Directors

President
Richard Pruss

Vice President
John Velez

Secretary
Allace Leinhardt

Treasurer
Marshall Goldberg

Board Members
Elizabeth Barton
Roger Boyle, Esq.
Margaret Brooks, J.D., MA
Thomas F.X. Carroll, Ph.D.
Maria Cuomo Cole
Robert Ravaschiere, Esq.
Jeffrey A. Sachs
Donald L. Savarese, Ph.D.
Barbara Taylor
Regelio I. Thomas, M.D., M.P.P.

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

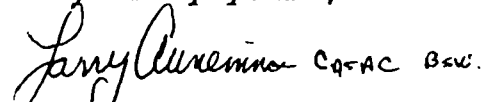
I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, who has applied for parole after serving 11 years of a federal sentence.

I learned about Miss Evans parole hearing scheduled in May from my friend and colleague Dr. Barbara Zeller. Dr. Zeller and I work with Aids patients in a South Bronx nursing facility in New York. Prior to writing this letter on Miss Evans behalf, I researched her crimes and the punishment she received. I am not one who capriciously writes to parole boards to advocate for convicted felons. A bleeding heart I am not. However, in this particular case I believe that Miss Evans deserves a chance to redeem herself to herself and to the broader society by continuing her work with Aids patients. I feel that the 11 years she served is ample punishment for her crimes. The services that she has performed for people with HIV and Aids as a counselor/educator is a good barometer for evaluating her rehabilitation.

As the Clinical Director of an Aids Nursing Home I realize the commitment one must have working with this tragic disease. Miss Evans has demonstrated this commitment and I believe she should be given the opportunity to continue her work as a free woman.

If the commission grants Miss Evans her freedom I would consider providing her employment in my program.

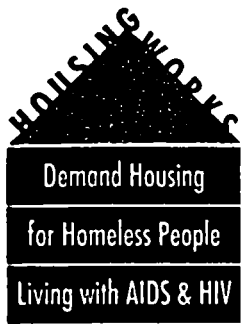
Very truly yours,


Larry Auriemma
Clinical Director

Residential Health Care Facility
COMMUNICATIONS
1401 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452
Phone: (718) 681-8700
Fax: (718) 293-0510

C.O.B.R.A.
(Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management)
3205 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York 10458
Phone: (718) 365-2531
Fax: (718) 365-2614

Adult Day Health Care Program
1545 Inwood Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452
(To Open Late 1995)



March 1, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

We are writing in support of Linda Evans' application for parole.

We do not know Linda Evans personally, but we have learned of and admire her work in HIV education and prevention at FCI Pleasanton. As Co-Executive Directors of Housing Works we understand how difficult and important this work is. Housing Works is a minority-controlled, community-based organization that provides housing, supportive services and advocacy to homeless men, women and children with AIDS and HIV-related illness with the goal of helping them stabilize their lives and regain their places in the community. Founded in 1990, Housing Works is now the largest provider of housing and supportive services in New York City. Since the opening of the first client service office in 1991, housing has been obtained for more than 700 people, and other services provided to an additional 1,500 clients who are awaiting permanent housing. Housing Works now serves as a national model for dealing with the twin crises of AIDS and homelessness.

We have reviewed Ms. Evans' legal case, and read her materials about her request for parole. Ms. Evans has clearly reflected on the seriousness of the acts for which she is incarcerated, and seems sincerely motivated to be an exemplary member of society if released. In fact, her commitment and discipline in carrying out the peer education program is testimony to her character.

It is evident from the 11 years already served of her sentence that she has been severely punished for her violation of the law. We do not believe that further imprisonment serves the interest of justice or fairness. Therefore, we urge her release or parole as soon as possible.

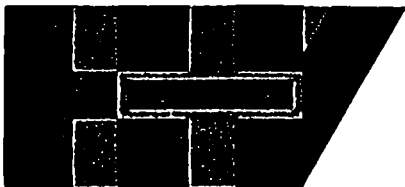
Sincerely,

Keith D. Cylar
Co-Executive Director

Charles King
Co-Executive Director

Housing Works, Inc.
594 Broadway
Suite 700
New York, NY 10012

Phone 212 966-0466
Fax 212 966-0869



HIV CENTER for Clinical and Behavioral Studies

March 12, 1996

Office of the Director

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

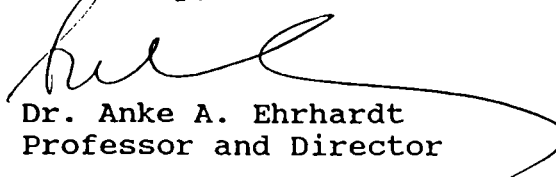
Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to support Linda Evans' application for parole that will soon be heard by the U.S. Parole Commission. Linda Evans seems to be a talented and committed woman who will likely be an asset to society when she is allowed to rejoin us. I am the Director of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University. I am aware that we have a major problem of HIV infection in the U.S. prison system and, thus, I am particularly impressed with the HIV education and prevention work that Linda Evans has initiated at FCI Pleasanton. This work is difficult to do under optimal circumstances, and she must indeed be an extraordinary person to have accomplished all she has from inside prison. This work is a model and should become exemplary for a wide range of institutions across the United States.

While I do not personally know Ms. Evans, I have been able to review materials on both her legal case and on her accomplishments both before and during her period of imprisonment. I have been impressed that she acknowledges that she has committed serious violations of the law, and that she is highly motivated to become a productive member of society. Justice will not be served if she is made to serve any additional time in prison.

In the interest of both justice and fairness, I urge you to release Ms. Evans at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,



Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt
Professor and Director

ALRP
A I D S
L E G A L
R E F E R R A L
P A N E L

114 Sansome St.
Suite 1129
San Francisco,
CA 94104
(415) 291-5454

May 1, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: EVANS, Linda
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. I urge the Commission's positive consideration of Ms. Evans when she appears before you.

The two organizations that I represent, the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP) and the Women's AIDS Network (WAN), believe that the work accomplished by Ms. Evans in founding PLACE (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education) is extremely significant. Her work is recognized throughout the country and PLACE is seen by many of us as a model program. Ms. Evans' dedication to educating women about HIV is unwavering and she has accomplished what many of us have been unable to do through her peer model approach.

We believe that this work — now ongoing for five years — shows her positive contributions to society and her many positive qualities while incarcerated. Ms. Evans is also completing her BA and has fulfilled all the major requirements. She has demonstrated that she is rehabilitated and is capable of living on the outside. We know that she will continue to contribute to society once she is released and we look forward to working with her in the AIDS education arena.

In addition, Ms. Evans received a sentence for the charge of making false statements to buy legal firearms that was extraordinarily in excess of the current guidelines for punishment for such a crime. Her sentence was approximately thirty times longer than the average sentence for firearms violation. No violence was done in connection with her charge. She has fully served her time for the other charges — eleven years. With credit for



584 CASTRO ST.
SUITE 321
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94114
415.621.4160

good time, this total would have been approximately five and one half years. Ms. Evans has thus served far more time than most convicted murderers.

The ALRP and the WAN urge you to allow Ms. Evans to reconstruct her life in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has a home waiting for her in San Francisco and several job offers. Her family, including her 73-year old mother, her brother and his children, are waiting for her. In addition to her exemplary conduct at Pleasanton, her time served and her ability to make tremendously positive contributions, her family and her friends will help her make the transition to live outside. Thus, we believe that she will make this transition with some ease and show that she has successfully been rehabilitated.

We urge the Commission to grant parole to Linda Evans at her upcoming hearing. We appreciate your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing that the Commission has acted positively and according to current standards of sentencing enforcement. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Eileen Hansen
Public Policy Director

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

G

Divider Title: _____

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA

February 4, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Freindship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

As Co-Chair of the Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA (composed of 32 communions and some 40 million Christians), I write this to urge the U.S. Parole Commission's granting parole to Ms. Linda Evans, presently incarcerated at FCI prison in Dublin, California.

During past several years, in making pastoral visits to prisons in my capacity as the Director of the Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project, I have visited Ms. Evans at regular intervals. I know her as a person who deeply care for the welfare of others, demonstrated in these latter years particularly by her working effectively as an HIV/AIDS peer educator. A person of great ability, including skills she acquired in working with and for others during 11 years of her imprisonment, she would be invaluable as a community worker.

In conversing with her during my pastoral visits, I know that her commitment to militancy as in the past before her imprisonment is not her way now of demonstrating her concern for others in need. As many of us do over the years, I sincerely believe that Linda has changed in her views of how she can best make her contribution to society.

Inasmuch as Ms. Evans was eligible for parole last year, and her prison sentence was many times longer than for similar charges, and she has already served 11 years, longer than others with more serious charges, we sincerely hope that she would be released. This would be in the interest not only to her family members devoted to her and many friends but also for the betterment of the community in which she can be permitted to live.

We pray that the Parole Commission will allow her release.

Respectfully yours,



The Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, Ph.D., Co-Chair
Racial Justice Working Group,
National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA

SMY/jrs



WEST SIDE JESUIT COMMUNITY

220 WEST 98TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Feb. 19, 1996

I write in the name of my community of Jesuit priests and brothers, regarding the parole request of Linda Evans.

We have carefully reviewed her case, including the atrociously unjust length of her sentence, her courageous work on behalf of AIDS-afflicted prisoners, her volunteering as advocate and translator, her completion of a BA degree in humanities. All this while in custody. Truly, most of us would be proud of such achievement while at large in America.

It occurs to us that this truly admirable woman no longer merits imprisonment - if indeed she ever did.

We hope and pray that even at this late date, injustice may be remedied and Linda Evens be freed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Berrigan, S.J." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

(Rev.) Daniel Berrigan, S.J., and 21
New York Jesuit priests and brothers.

FirstSTJohn's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEST NOB HILL PARISH 1600 CLAY STREET SAN FRANCISCO CA 94109 (415) 474-6219

John Chamberlin, Minister

February 6, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

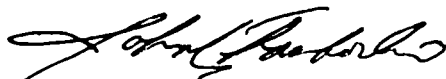
Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing in support of Linda Evans, a former radical political activist, now eligible for parole. Convicted of making false statements to buy four firearms in Louisiana, Linda was sentenced to 30 years for this crime. Under current Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the court would have been allowed to sentence her to only 2 years. Since Linda has never injured anyone, the sentence she is serving seems egregiously disproportionate to the nature of the crime. The 11 years she has already spent behind bars is more than most convicted murders! I believe that justice demands Linda Evans be given parole.

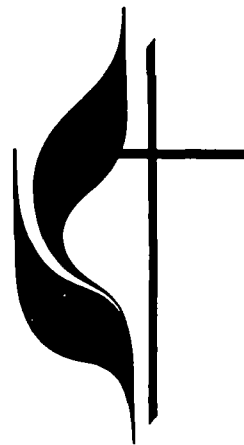
I am also convinced that Linda Evans would be a tremendous asset to the Bay Area, as the impact of her work on the lives of inmates at FCI in Dublin (through such activities as the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education group) appears to indicate. All signs suggest that Linda would make a positive contribution to the community, and I believe she deserves this opportunity.

Therefore I hope and pray you will give her appeal for parole the highest possible consideration.

Sincerely,



Rev. John Chamberlin



For the Sake of The World: A Global Renewal of the Local Church

8th Day Center  For Justice

205 West Monroe, Chicago, IL 60606-5033
Phone (312)641-5151 Fax (312)641-1250

May 5, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

SPONSORING MEMBERS

Adrian Dominicans
Claretians, East, USA
Dominican Fathers and
Brothers, Central Province
Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate
Passionists,
Holy Cross Province
Priests of the Sacred Heart
Litchester Franciscans
School Sisters of St. Francis
Sisters of Charity, BVM
Sisters of Providence
St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana
Sisters of St. Joseph of the
Third Order of St. Francis

FRIENDS

Capuchin Province of St. Joseph
The Carmelites, Chicago
Congregation of Alexian Brothers,
Immaculate Conception Province
Sisters of Charity of
St. Vincent DePaul
Divine Word Missionaries,
North America
Dominican Sisters of
Springfield, Illinois
Order of Friars Minor,
Sacred Heart Province
Our Handmaids of Jesus Christ
Wisconsin Dominican Sisters
Sisters of Mercy
Sisters of St. Joseph of LaGrange

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing in support of Linda Evans parole petition. It has been brought to my attention that Linda is an extraordinary woman who has spent the last ten years of her life in prison. The grossly disproportionate 30-year sentence for "making false statements to buy four legal firearms" is an abuse of power.

In spite of the harsh sentence (15 times greater than the maximum sentence that could have been legally imposed under the current guidelines), Linda has instead used her life in prison working as an HIV/AIDS peer educator and contributed greatly to the lives of many other inmates at FCI Dublin. This remarkable transformation of one's life deserves justice - a chance to begin life anew outside of prison walls.

The Staff at the 8th Day Center for Justice urges you to use your power of influence to accept Linda's request for parole at this time. Whatever you can do to promote Linda's release will not only be good for her, but serve society as a whole.

Sincerely,

Sister Kathleen Desautels

Kathleen Desautels, SP
for the Staff of 8th Day Center for Justice

OLA`A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL)

17-1514 Hale Pule Loop
P.O. Box 509
Kurtistown, Hawai`i 96760



March 18, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I would like to add my voice to those recommending parole for Ms. Linda Evans - #19973-054 presently detained at FCI Dublin.

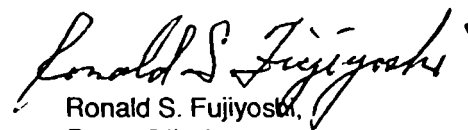
I was fortunate to meet with Ms. Evans at FCI Dublin and was very impressed by her. She definitely is not a threat to society, rather, is a boon to society as seen by her work as an HIV/AIDS peer educator among the inmates. She has already spent 20% of her life behind bars and the original sentence of 40 years is unreasonable excessive.

In my work as a missionary of the United Church of Christ over the last 25 years I have met all kinds of people involved in correcting injustices. Ms. Evans is a person with genuine love for others, has a kind heart and should be spending her energies making this world a better place to live. I request that you parole her and release her to the Bay Area. As I visit northern California from time to time, I expect to meet with her again.

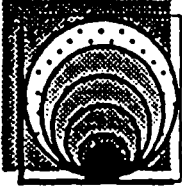
Again, as a missionary and lay pastor of the Ola`a First Hawaiian Church (Congregational) in Kurtistown, Hawai`i, I call upon you to release Ms. Evans back into society so that she can contribute her talents toward the good of all people.

Thank you for your consideration!

Yours sincerely,


Ronald S. Fujiyoshi,
Pastor/Missionary

cc: Friends of Linda Evans



PACTS

1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California 94709. Tel. (415) 849-0653

Pacific
&
Asian
American
Center
for
Theology
&
Strategies

March 20, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am presently serving as director of a national ecumenical organization called Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies, with offices in Hawaii and the Bay area. On behalf of PACTS, I am writing to provide support for the release of Linda Evans (19973-054). Over the last two years, I have visited with Linda as part of our chaplaincy work at our two centers.

I am impressed with Linda's commitment to peace and justice and her love for humanity. If she is released, I know that Linda will be a great asset to the community. I have studied her case and feel there has been disproportionate sentencing in Linda's case. Therefore, in the name of justice and fairness, I hope Linda can be released as soon as possible. She has already served a long sentence. Please let me know the outcome of your deliberations. Thank you.

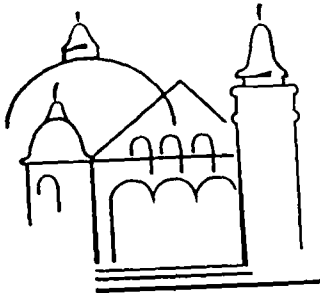
Sincerely,

Julia K. Matsui-Estrella

Julia K. Matsui-Estrella
Executive Director
PACTS: c/o Pacific School of Religion

cc: Board of Directors

copy



FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

160 North Third St. • San Jose, CA 95112 • (408) 292-3858 • Fax (408) 292-4744

Lindi Ramsden
Senior Minister

Geoffrey Rimositis
Associate Minister
for Religious Education

Ervin Barrios
Coordinador de Unitarios
Universalistas de Habla Hispana

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815 - 7286

April 7, 1996

Dear Mr. Simpson,

I am writing to you this Easter Sunday on behalf of Linda Evans. Ms. Evans is currently serving a forty year sentence at the federal women's prison in Dublin, California. It is my understanding that her parole will be considered this spring, and I am hopeful that my letter on her behalf does not arrive too late.

It is my opinion that the interest of justice, fairness, and the appropriate stewardship of our tax dollars, would best be served by granting her parole. It is my understanding that she wishes to settle in the San Francisco Bay Area. I would be happy to have her as a neighbor here in San Jose, or as a member of my congregation.

Linda has evidenced remorse for her actions which broke the law, relief that no one was hurt, and has demonstrated a continued commitment to community service. Since her sentence to prison she has worked as an HIV/AIDS peer counselor and educator, and has offered her support of civil rights for ethnic minorities. She has used her time in prison productively, having completed her BA in Humanities and acquired computer skills. I believe she will be an asset to whatever community she settles in.

Linda Evans has completed her sentences for the charges of weapons possession, conspiracy, and harboring a fugitive. She is now serving out the sentence for buying legal weapons with false ID. The fact that she received a 360 month sentence for a charge which currently would be limited by Federal law to a 12 month sentence argues strongly against this waste of tax payer funds and for compassion and equity.

I urge you to look favorably on her request for parole. Linda is not a threat to the community. Her mother is well into her seventies. Further heartache and family separation is not called for. The community would best be served by letting her leave prison. Outside she can be a taxpaying, productive citizen.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Senior Minister
First Unitarian Church of San José



Ecumenical Peace Institute

the Northern California Chapter of
Clergy & Laity Concerned

P.O. Box 9334 • Berkeley, CA 94709

phone (510) 420-1336

March 26, 1996

Board of Directors

Rev. Lee Williamson, president
United Methodist
Fatima Hassan, vice-president
Moslem
Dorothy Ho, secretary
Church of the Brethren
Dorothy Voth, treasurer
Mennonite
Carolyn Scarr, financial secretary
United Methodist

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans release

Gene Broadway,
S. Baptist
Rev. Lorenzo Carlisle
United Church of Christ
Rev. Forsyth
Unitarian-Universalist
Rev. Gibson
United Church of Christ
Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka
United Methodist
Rev. Dennis Jennings
Native American
Rev. Kelly, S.J.
Roman Catholic
Rev. Pierre Labossiere
United Church of Christ
Rev. Saifullah
Moslem
Rev. Stief
United Church of Christ
Rev. Yvette Zaragoza
United Church of Christ

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

The board of Ecumenical Peace Institute/Clergy & Laity Concerned urges you to parole Linda Evans.

Having served all other sentences, Linda Evans is now serving a 30 year sentence for having made false statements while purchasing four handguns. The usual sentence for this charge was two years or less, which is now designated in the Federal sentencing guidelines.

It is contrary to any concept of justice that a person's sentence be determined by their political views. Linda Evans has served more than the usual time in prison for her convictions. If our justice system is to have any integrity, it must now release her.

While in prison, Linda Evans has been a model prisoner. She has earned good time. She has completed her college education and has organized an AIDS/HIV education program for the benefit of her fellow inmates. She more than meets the parole standards regarding behavior in prison.

Many people in the San Francisco Bay area are already prepared to help Ms. Evans find a home and work. Her experience in AIDS education would be very valuable to a number of programs. We at EPI/CALC would be happy to help her make her place in our community.

Once again, we urge you to parole Linda Evans at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Lee Williamson

Rev. Thomas
Friends

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

H

Divider Title: _____

June 24, 1996

Rachel Evans
4545 Harbortown Lane
The Landings
Ft. Meyers, FL 33919

John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

Please release my daughter, Linda Evans, on parole.

She has served more than 11 years in prison and is now almost 50 years old. Her father died last year without being able to see her free. I am now 73 years old and I want nothing more than to spend some time with her while I can.

Linda is a very generous person. A product of the 60's, she identifies with other people's suffering. This has led her to be a political activist, to protest against U.S. policies and the war in Vietnam.

We have had many serious conversations during these years she has been in prison. I truly believe she has changed her ideas about how to bring about social reforms. She no longer believes that illegal activity is appropriate or effective, and she deeply regrets her past actions. I now that if you release her on parole she will be a constructive member of our society. She plans to live in San Francisco, and numerous people representing that community have written to support her release. She has completed her BA, has several job offers, and a network of friends to help her make the transition from prison.

Please allow her to return to society, and to our family, by releasing her on parole.

Sincerely,

Rachel Evans

March 26, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson,

As the brother of Linda Evans, I am requesting your strongest consideration in her release this spring from the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California.

As you are more aware than many of the people responding on her behalf, her sentence is extremely excessive. The documents I have seen indicate that her sentence is nearly 30 times greater than those of the current guidelines for punishment. As she has already been incarcerated over 10 years, and not received the time reduction benefit of her excellent behavior while in the institution, we are requesting you allow Linda the opportunity to begin her life again.

During her incarceration she has been vitally instrumental in various programs such as AIDS Counseling and Educational Organization as well as other activities helping other women, many of whom were not as capable of helping themselves. Linda truly desires to continue to make a difference in other people's lives, and her method of doing so has been beneficially tempered as a result of her rehabilitation over the last 10 years. Having spent time with her during visitation opportunities and having corresponded via letters and phone calls, I am confident that she will return to society as a contributor.

From the family perspective, our mother, who is now 73 years old and who only last year lost her husband and our father, needs to have the family together again. As her brother, I can confidently state that Linda will receive the support and guidance that she will need as she is reintroduced to society.

I know that my sister has made plans to live and be employed in Northern California and thus will be close to my family. We anticipate close family interaction, which for the last 10 years has been difficult at best.

I would welcome addressing any questions you may have as to what specifics our family plans to implement to address my sister's soon release and preparation for her new life in Northern California.

We are eager to learn of your positive decision to allow the release of my sister at the earliest time possible. We thank you in advance for your support and personal recommendation for her release.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeffrey J. Evans and Family : Rachel, Joshua, Noah, Esther and Anna
5851 Blueberry Street
Yorba Linda, California 92686
Home #: 714-701-9548
Work # 213-239-1746

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

January 24, 1996

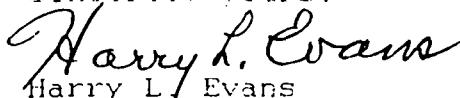
Dear Mr. Simpson:

I write this letter to plead for a parole grant for Linda Evans at the earliest possible time. Linda's father, recently deceased, was a first cousin and a good friend. My wife and I visited Linda's parents frequently and traveled with them on many occasions. We know Linda and saw her on many occasions during her younger years. We communicate weekly with Linda's widowed mother and usually are together for visits or trips two or three times a year. I cite this background to indicate that we know the family and their problems.

From all information that I can obtain, Linda Evans has been an exemplary prisoner, doing lots of very significant volunteer work, finishing her college education as an outstanding student, having no disciplinary problems and providing health care to less fortunate inmates. Because she is energetic, intelligent and skilled she will not have a problem making a living upon her release. More importantly, her widowed mother is now in her seventies and, although currently in good health, obviously will at some point in the future need the availability and help of her daughter. I believe that an early parole for Linda is not only very well deserved, but it will enable her to reenter society and continue the many useful activities that she has participated in while incarcerated. An early parole will serve as a humane act for all of her family, and friends. It will lessen the injustice of the disproportionate sentence of thirty years for making false statements to buy fire arms. It will also save government monies that will be expended if she is not paroled at the earliest opportunity.

I request your favorable consideration of an early parole for Linda Evans. I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,



Harry L. Evans
Major General USAF (Retired)

MORRIS ☆ AF ARCHITECTS

Houston, Texas
Washington DC
Long Beach CA
Orlando Florida
P O Box 22715
Houston, Texas
77227-2715

John H. Wiegman AIA
Chairman

3355 W A Acama
Houston, Texas
77098

March 1, 1996

Fax
713 622-7021

Telephone
713 622-1180

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner:

Linda Evans is my niece. I am writing to you in her behalf, but most of all, on behalf of her Mother (my sister) whom I love dearly.

I have never condoned Linda's actions, but I do believe that her sentences were overly harsh and punitive when compared with any similar sentencing criteria. She has also served substantially more incarceration time than similar prisoners convicted of similar crimes.

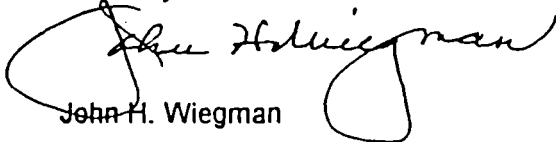
What has really impressed me, however, is Linda's exemplary record in prison. Not only has she completed her B.A. degree, but she also has devoted her prison time to serving and helping others. Her intellect has always been keen, and her innate kindness to others that I remember so well when she was growing up, has obviously surmounted what could have been only abject bitterness.

My major concern, however, is Linda's mother, Rachel Evans. During the past eleven years, Rachel has never wavered in her love and support of Linda. I can only imagine what kind of pain Linda's incarceration has caused her mother, but I do know the experience has deeply affected their entire family.

Linda's father, Jack Evans, died just about a year ago without realizing the hope that he would see Linda free. I don't want to see that tragic event repeated with my sister...

Certainly, by any measure, justice has been served in this case. I strongly urge the Commission to respond favorably to Linda Evans' parole petition. I have every faith that she will be a positive force in our society, and a productive member of the community. And I know that her release would answer the heartfelt prayers of her family, and especially – her Mother...

Sincerely,



John H. Wiegman

JHW/cst

Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Gilreath
1219 Dockside Place
Sarasota, Florida 34242

May 6, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U. S. Parole Commission
5520 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Parole recommendation for Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

For over 50 years we have known Linda Evans parents (Rachel and Jack Evans) and know them to be fine, upstanding, law abiding people. Jack Evans served with distinction as an officer in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Unfortunately, Jack Evans was the victim of a fatal heart attack in 1995 so he was unable to live to see his daughter finally released from prison for the crime for which she is incarcerated.

We lived through and are familiar with the protest movements of thousands of citizens that flourished in the 60's and 70's protesting the U. S. involvement in the Vietnam war, an action by our government, that, in retrospect is considered by most citizens to have been an illegal action and a great mistake.

Linda Evans was sentenced for 30 years for a crime that now would merit a sentence of 1/30th the time she was given. In fact, her sentence is 30 times greater than any other sentence ever handed down for a crime of this type. This is the longest sentence ever given for purchasing legal weapons using false statements. She committed no crime of ever even using these weapons.

Linda Evans' prison record is spotless. She has been assigned to and performed paralegal work while serving her sentence, as well as acted as an interpreter for the Spanish speaking prisoners. Linda was a National Merit Scholar, Valdictorian of her class while a student and is an outstanding person.

She has served 11 years of her 30 year sentence. Nothing can be gained by continuing her incarceration. In fact, expense to the tax-payers will be eliminated by granting her parole. We urge you to do so at the up-coming hearing.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Gilreath

Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Gilreath

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

I

Divider Title: _____

GURLEY MEDICAL CLINIC, P.C.

5995 Highway 72 East
Gurley, Alabama 35748
(205) 776-2094

May 14, 1996

Commissioner Simpson:

I have known Linda Evans #19973054 since we were students at Michigan State University in 1969.

I know Linda to be very intelligent and an unusually compassionate human being. I have corresponded with her and visited her in prison. While I understand the gravity of the charges against her, I believe they reflect a time in her life and history that has passed.

I believe her work has benefitted her fellow prisoners, and that her release would benefit society at large.

I would not hesitate to assist her in any way, including employing her, were that deemed appropriate.

Sincerely,



Barbara Bennett, M.D.

original sent 5/14/96 to
Commissioner Simpson

BB

Scott Braley Photography

3914 Webster
Oakland, CA 94609
(510)-655-7638

5-6-96

John R Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Mr. Simpson:

I am writing to urge you to grant parole to Linda Evans, #19973-054, who is currently incarcerated at FCI Dublin. I have known Linda since 1967 when we were both students at Michigan State University, and have visited her regularly in prison for the last several years. In all that time I have never known her to participate in anything that she did not feel was contributing to the greater social good. Linda is one of the most caring people I have known, and our community needs her out of prison.

During the time Linda has been at FCI Dublin she has been an exemplary prisoner. I am sure that you have received many letters about Linda's work around prisoners and AIDS, so I will speak more to my personal experience. Every visit I have had with Linda has included some discussion of how she could help other inmates who were having difficulties- especially women with children.

I'm sure you are aware that one consequence of women being imprisoned is that their families are frequently destroyed, creating another generation destined for prison. Because many of these women have no outside support networks, Linda's help enabled several of these mothers to maintain ties with their children. I frequently get calls from Linda asking for help getting a child out to the prison to see his or her mother. My wife and I were able several times to open our house to young people while they were in town visiting their mothers. All of this was arranged by Linda using her very limited time and commissary money and for no other reason than her feelings of personal responsibility.

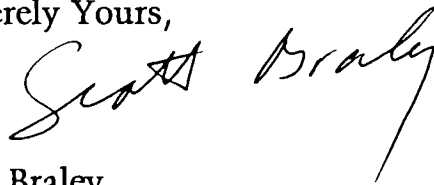
Many years ago Linda was involved in a group that took a number of actions against the US government. She was convicted of several charges, and has served her time on all of them, except for the incredibly

disproportionate sentence of thirty years for making false statements to purchase weapons. Since she has been an exemplary prisoner during the last decade, keeping her imprisoned can only be guided by the same political vindictiveness that gave her the longest sentence for "false statements to purchase weapons" in the history of the US.

Linda deserves to be out of prison. She has stated that she will engage only in legal political actions if she is released. She has already spent more time incarcerated than an ordinary prisoner would for murder, and no one was ever injured by anything with which Linda was involved.

My wife and I will gladly open our home and other resources to Linda if she is released. I urge you to grant her an immediate parole date.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Braley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Scott Braley

Susan Davis, Licensed Acupuncturist
1613 Harvard St., N.W., Suite 115
Washington, D.C. 20009

April 30, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054, who will come before the Parole Commission in July, 1996, after having served eleven years in prison.

I first became acquainted with Linda almost four years ago. Linda was exploring the possibility of using alternative medicine to help other inmates with their medical conditions. I am an acupuncturist, and began corresponding and speaking with Linda at the suggestion of a mutual friend. We discussed the symptoms of women Linda was working with and possible acupressure points to relieve their symptoms. Immediately I was impressed with two things: Linda's unlimited concern for others and her ability to understand difficult concepts of Chinese medicine. I was amazed at how quickly she integrated new material and was able to respond to complex medical situations. It was not long before our conversations were a learning experience for me as well.

In my ten years as an acupuncturist, I have rarely met anyone as bright and dedicated as Linda Evans. The more I got to know her and know of her work in prison, the more she became an inspiration to me. I deeply believe it would be a great service to our community for Linda to be released from prison. If the population was half as committed and caring as Linda our world would be a much more humane place for all of us.

Linda has expressed an interest in studying acupuncture upon her release from prison. I know she has other job opportunities when she is released from prison, but I would be honored if she ever chose to apprentice with me as an acupuncturist. I take my work very seriously and I would trust my clients under Linda's care.

I know Linda committed very serious offenses and that she would never repeat such actions. Linda's desire is to spend time with her family and to continue her service to others. She also desires to spend time in nature, hiking in the forest and sitting near the ocean.

I truly believe that Linda will be an asset to society upon her release and I urge you to allow her this opportunity at the

earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Susan Davis, L.Ac.

David Dellinger

Box 247 • Peacham
Vermont 05862
(802) 592-3259

December 28, 1995

U.S. Parole Commission, North Central Region
10220 North Executive Hills Blvd.
North Pointe Tower, Suite 700
Kansas City MO 64153

In re: Linda Evans, #19973-054, FCI Dublin

Dear Members of the Parole Commission,

I am a member of the Educational Advisory Board of the Northeastern Correctional Institution at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, as well as a Guardian Ad Litem who has had clients in three other Vermont prisons and courts. Finally, I visit two long term prisoners outside Vermont who mistakenly turned to violence in the late 60's, thinking at the time that it was a more "effective" way of working for justice and peace. They know better now.

I have taught seminars at Yale and countless other colleges on the Power of Nonviolence and the disastrous effects of violence. I continue to this day, including in an occasional out-of-state prison that invites me to meet with some of their convicts who are undergoing courses in rehabilitation.

I am writing to urge you to grant parole to Linda Evans who is a beloved friend of mine. Twelve years ago she engaged in criminal activities that I totally disagreed with and wrote publicly against at the time. But I know without fail that 1) she engaged in these activities with the highest of motives, motives that I admire and fully agree with. She was influenced by the much publicized Declaration of Independence that stated that "All men [sic] are created equal" and wanted to make this a reality. 2) She has long since understood, actually for years now, that the methods she followed then were misguided and should never be repeated by anyone who hopes, as she once hoped, that they will contribute to the causes of human solidarity, democracy, justice and peace.

Even in 1983, before her present belief that only totally nonviolent methods are proper, Linda Evans took extraordinary precautions that no one would be wounded or killed as a result of her strictly symbolic "moral action"--the bombing of a capital building and, conceivably, the bombing of one or two military buildings as well.

As she saw it then, the action was in protest against the U.S. invasion of Grenada that killed thousands of people and was officially justified by flagrant lies that she and I both knew had been manufactured by the U.S. government. But it was more than Grenada that motivated her, it was the country's repeated military interventions in foreign countries for the purpose of selfish domination and power, something she had observed at first hand when she visited Vietnam in 1969.

I helped arrange that visit to Vietnam because I knew that her

opposition to the war was not one-sided. She suffered not only for the massive losses of life among the Vietnamese but also for the G.I.'s, who at the time were coming home in body bags at the rate of 200 a week. And, long before her own personal experience of the horrors of prison, she also suffered for the G.I.'s who were POW's. I knew that and knew that she was an appropriately sensitive person to serve on a team that would try to work out with the North Vietnamese the release of some POW's. They succeeded and joyfully brought three POW's back to this country. It seems ironic that having accomplished that mission of freeing those prisoners, she herself ended up in prison some years later and will have suffered 130 months there by the time of her Parole Hearing in March, 1996. This despite the fact that her sentence for purchasing legal firearms while using false identification was 30 times longer than the current maximum (12 months) for that offense. Not only that but even the pre-sentence investigation recommended that she be eligible for parole after 12 to 16 months.

To put the matter of her sentencing in further perspective, one of her public activities before being sent to prison was to protest the C.I.A.'s role in training the death squads in El Salvador. By now it has been proven that the C.I.A. aided and abetted countless murders in El Salvador, including the murders of a series of priests and nuns (some of them from this country) that shocked everyone. It has never been charged that any of the activities of Linda Evans caused anyone to be injured, let alone killed, but she has already spent more than ten years in prison for her opposition to these and other aspects of U.S. imperialism. On the other hand, so far as I know none of the C.I.A. agents who trained and employed the death squads has ever been imprisoned for it.

Finally, I have a confession to make. The nonviolent activism that I and most others practiced during the years that preceded Linda Evans' criminal activity was not nearly as imaginative, creative and powerful as it should have been. So I take some of the responsibility for her despairing, highly principled belief that, given the failings of nonviolence to stem the oppression and wars that were running rampant, it was necessary to experiment with what she hoped would be "stronger, more effective methods." Now she knows that any use of legal guns or symbolic bombings, even those in which no one is hurt, are dangerous and to be avoided at all costs.

Long before her imprisonment and for ten years in prison, she has been performing a number of inspired actions to help people who are suffering mental, psychological or physical distress. She has job offers in the Bay area, a place to live, friends and four family members. One is her 73-year-old mother whom she can comfort for the recent loss of her husband, Linda's father.

For Justice and Joy,

David Dellinger

David Dellinger

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

BERKELEY • DAVIS • IRVINE • LOS ANGELES • RIVERSIDE • SAN DIEGO • SAN FRANCISCO



SANTA BARBARA • SANTA CRUZ

UNIVERSITY HERBARIUM ♦ JEPSON HERBARIUM

May 10, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing to urge you to grant parole to Linda Evans, #19973-054, who is currently incarcerated at FCI Dublin. I have known Linda since the 1970s when she lived in Austin, Texas, and have visited her regularly in prison for several years.

Linda has been an exemplary prisoner at FCI Dublin. Others will no doubt write to you about her AIDS education work and other activities inside the prison on behalf of the women there. I want to mention two aspects of Linda's character that I know from personal experience that convince me she should be paroled. The first is her intellectual honesty and commitment to serious study. Linda has finished her B.A. in Humanities at the New College of California. She and I have discussed her work, and I have enjoyed helping her find research materials as well as reading the finished work, which is original and thoughtful like Linda herself.

Second, Linda's concern for the other women at Dublin is truly extraordinary. She calls frequently, using her own limited time and commissary money, to ask me to help arrange for children to visit their mothers, to find housing for visiting family members. This is the kind of personal responsibility that not only helps save the lives and families of individual prisoners but that creates a climate of responsibility among all the women with whom she comes in contact.

Many years ago Linda was involved with a group that took armed actions against the U.S. government. She was convicted of several charges, and has served her time on all of them, except for one grossly disproportionate sentence of thirty years for making false statements to purchase weapons. Linda has stated that she will engage only in legal political actions if she is released. Since she has been an exemplary prisoner for more than a decade, there is no reason to keep her imprisoned.

My husband and I will gladly open our home and other resources to Linda if she is released. I urge you to grant her an immediate parole date.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mickey Ellinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Mickey Ellinger

Software Development Manager
UC Herbarium

Ruth Hunter Ellinger
2905 Richard Lane
Austin, Texas 78703

March 25, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing in support of the parole petition of Linda Evans, who is currently serving a sentence in the federal women's prison in Dublin, California.

I knew Linda Evans in the 1970's in Austin, Texas. She was very well informed and dedicated to furthering peace, racial justice and women's rights. I asked her to speak to a youth leadership conference that I was conducting at that time. I felt that she left her young audience with a strong desire to work toward positive changes in our community.

I regret her bad judgment that led to her wrongdoing, but I believe her statement that she never intended to actually harm anyone (as she didn't). She has demonstrated her compassion through her work at Dublin with prisoners with AIDS, and would no doubt continue to be of service after her release.

I hope you will give Linda Evans favorable consideration as you review her parole petition.

Sincerely,

Ruth Ellinger

cc Atty. Doron Weinberg

RHE

Cottonwood Shadow Productions

2211 Cummings Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95404 707-527-6087

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

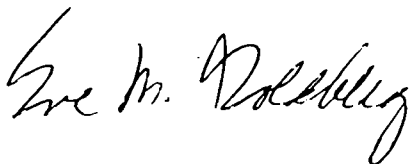
It has been my good fortune in life to become a friend of Linda Evans. I have experienced her warmth, her caring, her generosity and her deep concern for others. I know that what motivates Linda in her work and in her life is compassion and a desire to make ours a more just, equitable world.

Although Linda has broken laws in the past, she has already paid greatly for those actions. What's more, none of her past activities have ever injured any person, nor were they intended to.

If Linda were to be released from prison, she would surely be a positive, contributing member of society. Besides her considerable work in HIV/AIDS education, Linda is a talented and accomplished writer. As a film and television producer, I would certainly hire Linda in a research or writing capacity if the opportunity arose.

Please give Linda Evans the chance to live her life in freedom.

Sincerely,



Eve M. Goldberg, producer

Deborah K. Gould
4646 N. Winchester Ave. #2
Chicago, IL 60640

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

5 May 1996

RE: EVANS, Linda
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I write to you regarding Linda Evans who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute in Dublin, California. I urge you to grant Linda Evans parole when she appears before you this summer. Perhaps you will disregard this letter because I am a friend of Ms. Evan's, but I hope not; it may be the case that those of us who know Linda on a personal basis best understand the contributions to society that she will make once released from prison.

Throughout her life, whether in opposing the Ku Klux Klan, organizing for reproductive freedoms and against forced sterilization, or protesting the Vietnam War, Linda has demonstrated her concern for the well-being of others. During the past eleven years, while imprisoned, Linda has employed her many skills with the goal of assisting other prisoners. The best example is her work in co-founding and participating in the nationally-known organization named PLACE (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education), the AIDS peer education group at FCI Dublin. Additionally, Linda helped to organize the first showing of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and the first AIDS walkathon at FCI Dublin. As a person who worked in the AIDS arena for six years and who recently has "burned out," I can attest to the dire needs faced by communities ravaged by HIV and to the pivotal role that someone such as Linda Evans could play in the fight against AIDS. It is rare to find a person who is so committed to the welfare of other people.

Linda has served eleven years in prison, more years than most people convicted of rape or murder, yet she has never injured anyone. Thirty years of her forty year sentence are for making false statements to purchase firearms. Interestingly, nearly one-half of people convicted for

firearms charges spend no time in prison at all and the average time served for all firearms offenses is just over nineteen months. Linda received a sentence thirty times longer than the average for making false statements to purchase four guns in Louisiana and she has already served 132 months. I don't know if anyone can explain these discrepancies; they certainly defy logic and reason. If not logic and reason, upon what is our justice system based?

Linda deserves to be paroled. She has spent eleven years of her life in prison. She has demonstrated her ability to be a productive member of society. Her father died while she was incarcerated. Her mother is 73 years old and she and Linda have maintained a very close relationship. Linda has a home waiting for her in San Francisco, she has several job offers, and there is no doubt that she wants to rejoin the outside communities to make a positive contribution.

I strongly urge you to parole Linda Evans. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Deborah K. Gould

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

5/6/96

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

I am writing to urge you to grant parole to Linda Evans at her upcoming hearing.

Most of Linda's and my relationship has taken place during the time of her incarceration. Even under the extraordinary difficult conditions of prison, Linda has proven to be a great friend, teacher, and role model. She has always shown enormous care and concern for me and the other people in our lives. In addition, Linda has maintained a deep commitment to improving the conditions of people who are less privileged than her.

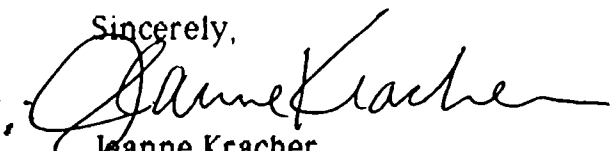
Linda has done her "time" by making many productive and important contributions. She has been an educator; an advocate for women with HIV and for women with legal issues; a gardener; a cultural organizer; a health worker; a student; and a friend. Her efforts have enhanced the lives of other incarcerated women.

The details of Linda's outrageous sentence are disturbing. It is clear that Linda received a most extreme sentence - far beyond the average of others who had been convicted of similar and even more severe crimes. She has never been convicted of a violent act causing harm to any person. Linda, with her 30 year sentence for "making false statements to purchase four guns in Louisiana", is serving a sentence 15 times greater than the maximum sentence that could be currently legally imposed. If Linda were sentenced today according to the revamped Federal Sentencing Guidelines, she would receive a maximum of two years for these charges.

Now is the perfect time to right the wrong of this excessive sentence. As you probably know, Linda has already served over three times the average time served by people convicted of Federal firearms offenses and she was eligible for parole in 1995. She has been offered employment and stable housing in anticipation of her release. It is clear that Linda will make a positive contribution to any community that she is a part of. She is not a threat to any community - only an extraordinary asset. I encourage you to take this opportunity to end her all too lengthy incarceration and release Linda Evans now.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Kracher
4730 N. Virginia
Chicago, IL 60625
(w)312-292-1990; (h)312-561-6992

1037 West Newport, Apt. 2
Chicago, Illinois 60657
May 12, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing you today, Mother's Day, on behalf of Linda Evans who is currently incarcerated at FCI Dublin in California. I have known Linda Evans for over 25 years, and I can attest to the fact that Linda is an extremely compassionate and caring individual, one who goes out of her way to help others with their problems. She personally assisted me in a time of crisis many years ago, counseling me and helping me to make a difficult decision. She has helped many other women in much more serious situations as an HIV/AIDS peer educator while in prison. As a social worker in the public schools, I work regularly with the troubled youth of our city as well as their parents. We need more people like Linda Evans who are concerned about the welfare of all and not just the individual need to get ahead.

I believe I am a good judge of character. I am truly convinced that Linda Evans will make a great contribution to the betterment of our society.

Additionally, given the nature of her charges, it certainly appears as if there is an issue of disproportionate sentencing. Linda has already spent 11 years in prison which is more than the average time served for murder in this country. She is now eligible for parole and I encourage you to grant her that parole.

Today is Mother's Day. I myself have two beautiful children, and I recently had the pleasure of meeting Linda's mother. She is 100% behind Linda, and I hope they can spend next Mother's Day together.

Sincerely,
Nancy Kurshan
Nancy Kurshan, MSW, LCSW

nk/

HERMAN AND BETTY LIVERIGHT

103 Bartlett Ave.
Pittsfield, MA. 01201
(413) 499-1120

January 27, 1996

John Simpson, Commissioner
Parole Commission

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans who is now, and has been for many years, incarcerated in the Dublin, CA, prison.

I have met Linda a couple of times and have had extended correspondence with her and have studied her history. I am ready to vouch wholeheartedly for her integrity and feel that she should be given a fair hearing and paroled as soon as possible.

Her period in prison has in great part been in participating in the AIDS education program, in educational work and she has now completed a college degree, no small feat for someone in prison. Society would be better off for having her free to participate in the outside world.

Please give this matter your serious attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Liveright". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Liveright

WBE Certified
License No. 613915



Telephone 415. 255. 9473
Fax 415. 255 9553

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

It is a pleasure to address you on behalf of Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. I join the many others who are lending their voices of support for Linda's parole request.

I know Linda personally. I have visited her inside prison for more than eight years and can attest to her integrity, honesty and morality. I have offered Linda a job with my Electrical Contracting Company in San Francisco when she is released. I would consider her an asset to my company in every way. Linda is intelligent, hardworking and is unafraid to tackle the new high-tech world she will find upon her release. There is a place in our young growing business for a skilled writer, who has problem solving skills and a commitment to excellence such as Linda.

Additionally, Linda will be a great benefit to our community, as evident by her service to others inside. She has coordinated many programs for Women at Dublin. A few of her well known accomplishments are P.L.A.C.E. , Pleasenton AIDS Counseling and Education" the "Fight AIDS Walk-a-thon", and the Women's Health Fair held at Dublin.

I strongly believe the time she has served is sufficient and she should be released. I urge the commission to find in favor of her parole request and return Linda Evans to our community and a society that needs her.

Cordially,

Jaylene Mullins
Vice President

TheSchool

The Art Institute of Chicago

May 2, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing this letter to implore you to do all that you can to facilitate the immediate parole of Linda Evans, a woman currently incarcerated at the Federal women's prison in Dublin, California.

I have known Linda Evans for 18 years. I first met her when we were both involved in national community organizing projects to educate against racism and organized white supremacist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. Ms. Evans is an extraordinary individual. All her life, she has been an outspoken voice for social and economic justice, and a selfless advocate for the poor and disenfranchised — a role she has continued to play during her incarceration.

As a prisoner, Ms. Evans has worked with and counseled other prisoners ill with HIV/AIDS and cancer, counseled her fellow inmates on legal and health-related matters, continued her studies of alternative medical therapies such as acupuncture and nutrition, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in global economics from New College. Linda's generosity, community-mindedness, skills as a mediator/translator, and energetic work to advance multicultural literacy and awareness have been praised by prison staff, faculty advisors, and health professionals who have worked at the prison, as well as other prisoners. While in prison, Linda has become a leader in shaping a successful peer-education program for women prisoners at risk for HIV/AIDS at the FCI in Dublin. She was pivotal in bringing the AIDS memorial quilt to Pleasanton, and in organizing the first AIDS walk-a-thon there. She has spent untold hours listening, comforting, educating, and organizing.

But despite this wonderful and heroic work, Linda Evans could be much more helpful and productive as a healthcare and legal rights advocate outside of prison. A number of well-respected community institutions, including alternative health care facilities and schools, have gone on record in offering Linda gainful employment in anticipation of her release on parole.

According to Federal guidelines regarding "statutory good time and earned good time," Linda Evans was eligible for parole in 1995. She has already served eleven

Page 2 of 2

years of a 40-year sentence, *thirty years* of which is for her conviction on the charge of "making false statements to purchase four guns in Louisiana." As I am sure you and the other Parole Board members are aware, Ms. Evans has *already served over three times the average* time served by people convicted of Federal firearms offenses. The cruel irony of Linda's situation is that, if she were to be sentenced today, according to the re-vamped Federal Sentencing Guidelines, she could receive a *maximum of two years* on these charges.

Linda Evans has never killed, raped, assaulted, or injured *anyone*. In the current social climate of panic over "the rising crime rate" and violence in America, and at a point when the overcrowding in jails and prisons is reaching crisis proportions, it is important to analyze concrete situations and sift real facts. The only "threat" to society Linda Evans presents is constituted by her *history* of activism in the anti-Vietnam war movement and by her *political beliefs* supporting the right of oppressed peoples to defend themselves against institutional and governmental violence. She has been clearly and selectively singled out for a grossly DISPROPORTIONATE SENTENCE. Perhaps the system is not as even-handed as it claims. I urge you to break this pattern of one-sidedness that can be characterized as nothing short of a miscarriage of justice. The Commissioners have in their hands the opportunity to redress this grievance and to restore a productive, conscientious, and dedicated woman to the communities which need her leadership, compassion, and skills so desperately.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Mary Patten
Faculty, Video Department
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
112 South Michigan, 3rd floor
Chicago, IL 60603
312.345.3538 (work)
312.275.1526 (home)

April 29 '96

To John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission

Dear Sir

I am writing about Linda Evans. I was with her in 1969 when we were delegated by the peace movement to bring POWs back home from Vietnam prisons. I quote myself in an earlier letter:

"Linda Evans was about 18 maybe as much as 20, I'm not sure. but the sight of that destroyed landscape and the conversations with distraught, unhating survivors had a tremendous effect on her.. I tell you this because she did have an experience few Americans (civilians) have ever had, - been to a war. As an idealistic kid she saw that war as one made by her own government and paid for by her own people -including herself. I think it's important to say that she was a victim of that war - wounded to her very good despairing heart."

Now I must add that I am shocked by the sentence she was given, for the purchase of the guns. I was not aware until now of the inequality of the judicial decision. How could it happen?

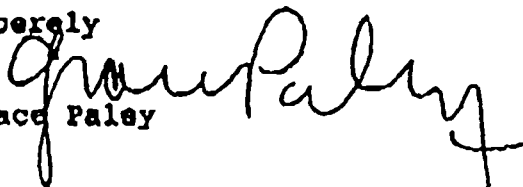
I am a pacifist and opposed to easy gun sales. in general, but I do not want to be responsible for the kind of brutally disproportionate sentence Linda Evans was given .

And I would also like to say that there is something strange about keeping in prison a woman who, in her youth helped bring three Americans, two officers and one enlisted sailor out of a North Vietnamese war-time prison-in '69, saving them at least six more years of incarceration.

Please consider all these facts and feelings Commissioner Simpson. She has done good work in prison . I believe absolutely she will continue to be a useful citizen at home with her family.

Sincerely

Grace Palsey



SUSAN P. PICARD, C.S.W.
500 Wall Street Suite 322 Seattle, WA 98121 206/517-3643

John Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission

January 17, 1996

Dear Mr. Simpson,

I am writing on behalf of my friend, Ms. Linda Evans, currently incarcerated at FCI, Dublin, in California. I have known Linda for 15 years, having met her in 1980 in Austin, Texas. At the time I was an undergraduate at the University of Texas and Linda was a printer, a co-founder of a women-owned and operated printing business. She was also involved in education efforts designed to raise the awareness of citizens in the community about the rise of the Ku Klux Klan at that time in Central Texas. Linda encouraged me to become involved in educating the public and in protesting the frightening marches and rallies which were part of the Klan's membership drives in cities throughout Texas in the early 1980's.

From that time until the present, Linda has been a person who, as much or more than anyone I have known, has taken to heart the philosophy, "If not me, who?". I had been raised to be extremely aware of the horrors of the Holocaust and the concern that it should "never again" happen. In Linda, I found a contemporary who was able to put anti-racist ideals into practice not only in her own life but in the life of the community in which we lived. Even since she's been incarcerated, she has worked to better her community, particularly through her work in PLACE, the AIDS education and support organization she co-founded and co-leads at FCI, Dublin.

In part as a result of my relationship with Linda, I was able to seek out a profession, social work, which allows me to help strengthen people on a personal level to take responsibility for changing their own lives and the life of the community in which they live. I am clear that it is Linda's desire and intention to work in a public manner to help people in a similar fashion and I believe that no useful purpose would be served by having her continue her stay in prison. On the other hand, releasing her at this time would benefit the community at large as a result of her intelligence, energy, and ongoing concern for our whole society. I can only hope that after looking through all of the information available to you, Mr. Simpson, that you will come to a similar conclusion and participate in a decision that

would release her in 1996. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter regarding Linda Evans.

Sincerely,

Susan P. Picard, CSW

Susan P. Picard, C.S.W.

Michael Pill, J.D., M.A., Ph.D.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

37 Leverett Road, P.O. Box 242
Shutesbury, Massachusetts 01072
Phone: (413) 259-1221

January 25, 1996

Mr. John Simpson, Commissioner
U. S. Parole Commission
c/o Doron Weinberg, Attorney
523 Octavia Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Parole for Linda Evans

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Linda Evans and I have known each other for nearly 40 years, ever since we were elementary school students in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Our friendship continued through high school and college, and was renewed during the time she has been incarcerated.

During our high school years, we were on the debate team together. Linda's deep concerns about social justice helped me to realize there was a world in turmoil beyond our small prairie town.

Linda went through all four years of high school from 9th to 12th grade with an unprecedented perfect 4.0 (straight "A") grade average. Her obvious intellectual gifts made it very difficult to ignore her insights into social problems that many of us might have preferred to ignore. How many high school students in 1964 had the intelligence and courage to question the subordinate role of women? As a high school senior, she was the only female on the first string debate team.

While we went to different colleges, I continued to see her when we both came home to Fort Dodge for holidays and summer vacations. Like so many college students of any era, I might have coasted along oblivious to the world beyond the campus. Indeed I was active in the college Young Republican club, and firmly committed to conservative politics.

Linda made it difficult for me to hide from the reality of wartime bloodshed abroad and

civil strife at home. As in our high school years, she became deeply involved in the fundamental problems of our time. After a thorough inquiry, she concluded that the Vietnam War was wrong. While many others might have stopped there, Linda always has been a person who puts into action her sense of right and wrong. She genuinely seeks to live her life to try to make the world a more honest place to live, where the justice we all preach really means something in practice.

At first, Linda's opposition to the Vietnam War seemed radical, even dangerous, to a good Republican college boy like myself. She believed the United States had fallen into the same role played by the British Empire in trying to crush our own struggle for independence. She helped me to see Vietnam in an historical perspective, as a nation which was engaged in a century-long struggle to win independence from foreign invaders. To the Vietnamese, we were simply successors to the French as would-be colonial conquerors. Far from being the act of a dangerous subversive, her trip to Vietnam during the war was an example of her personal courage. She wanted to see for herself what was going on with the other side--the one many of us were taught to see only as Communist devils who needed to be killed. She came back to Fort Dodge, Iowa, to explain that what she found in Vietnam were poor people fighting to regain their nation's independence from foreign domination.

Linda's work in Students for a Democratic Society(SDS) is sometimes painted as some kind of terrorist activity. So many people today have forgotten the "Port Huron Statement" written by the young students who founded Students for a Democratic Society. That statement was a call to action by and for the post-World War II generation. These student activists understood that much of the "American Dream" of the 1950's and 1960's represented the sacrifice of moral principles to the pursuit of material wealth. It is often forgotten that these young people, including Linda, offered many perceptive insights into social problems that have only grown worse over the years.

During our long talks, I realized that we both shared the horror of the events that made the year 1968 a "crack in time." The year that opened with the Tet offensive in Vietnam began by forcing me (and many other Americans) to realize that our own government leaders were lying to us about imminent victory in Vietnam. The assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, followed by urban insurrections and the police brutality at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, made a generation of American youths question whether peaceful, legal change was really possible in the United States.

By the end of 1968, Linda and I agreed that the United States appeared to be turning its back on issues that were tearing the country apart. As in earlier years, the difference between us was in what to do about it. I went on to law school and the pursuit of a career. During that first year of law school, I remember being horrified at the Chicago 8 trial, when a black activist (Bobby Seale) was ordered bound, gagged, and chained to a chair in the United States District Court.

Linda stayed with Students for a Democratic Society and participated in the "Days of Rage" demonstrations in Chicago during 1969. These demonstrations protested the injustice of government persecution of activists during the Chicago 8 trial. As a young law student being taught formal principles of justice, I shared the moral outrage that motivated those demonstrations.

I spent a great deal of time with Linda in Fort Dodge, Iowa, during the summer of 1970. This was after her first arrest. We corresponded on a regular basis during the jail sentence she served as a result of the Days of Rage. In 1972, she visited me at law school after her release from jail. As the war in Vietnam dragged on (with our own government continuing to lie about it), as the nation turned its back on the struggle against poverty, I understood the depths of Linda's frustration with a nation that appeared unable to live up to

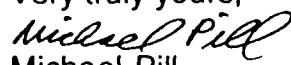
its promises.

After being a lawyer for more than twenty years, not many legal cases make me cry. Nevertheless, I sit here fighting back tears knowing that the parole board has it in your power to make Linda serve even more years of her already excessive sentence. A 35 year sentence for buying legal handguns and ammunition with false identification is significantly longer than that routinely given to non-political defendants for the same offenses. It appears to this simple country lawyer that she was sentenced more for her political beliefs than for the unlawful conduct of which she was convicted.

As a lawyer, I am well aware of the nature of all of the criminal offenses for which Linda was convicted and is now serving time. It is crucial to consider that whatever she has done has been against property, not human beings. Many killers and rapists today receive much lighter sentences than the sentence Linda is serving.

I have seen first hand the course of Linda's life over the past 40 years. Linda has dedicated her life to community service, to working for ideals to which most people only pay lip service. As the United States drowns in drugs, violence, homelessness and moral collapse reaching to the highest levels, we need people like Linda in our communities. Her social work with prisoners in Texas before she was incarcerated, and her work on AIDS issues in prison, both stand as excellent examples of positive things she can accomplish.

Finally, and perhaps most important of all, Linda Evans is a woman of her word. If she promises you she will engage only in peaceful, legal activities if released on parole, you can count on her to do just that. What more can be asked of any paroled prisoner than that she will live out her life peacefully and legally?

Very truly yours,

Michael Pill

MP/csh/L1.b.letters

TO THE PAROLE BOARD

May 1, 1996

Dear Members of the Parole Board,

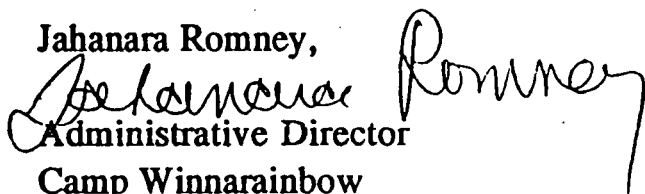
I am writing to you re: Ms. Linda Evans, currently in prison in Dublin California. I am the Director of a children's camp in Northern California. Our winter office is in Berkeley California where I have lived for over 20 years with my family. I have learned about Linda Evans from friends who know her. From what I have learned of the way she has spent her time while incarcerated, I believe that she would make an excellent candidate for parole.

I want to offer my assistance to her should she be released from prison. I am active in my community, and as a business person I would be able to assist Linda in finding employment opportunities and housing. I would be happy to consider her for any job openings in our office that are available at the time she is paroled.

Linda has served a large portion of her sentence, and I believe her release at this time will offer no risk to society. On the contrary, I expect she will benefit the community. I hope that you will grant her request for parole.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I am happy to be contacted for further information. Thank you.

Jahanara Romney,
Administrative Director
Camp Winnarainbow



Lisa L. Rudman & Diane Livia Nelson
6443 Colby St.
Oakland, CA 94618

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

April 19, 1996


Dear Mr Simpson:

We are writing to you regarding Linda Evans # 19973-054, and we urge the Parole Commission to grant her parole. There are many reasons we believe Linda meets the criteria for release. Mainly, Linda Evans' sentence was and is greatly disproportionate compared to the average for the offense of "making false statements to buy four legal firearms." In addition, Linda is an exceptional woman who has made unselfish contributions to the lives of other inmates, and has educated and developed herself while incarcerated.


We first met Linda in person in 1989 while we were producing a documentary on activists from the 1960s who have been imprisoned for extremely long sentences in the US. We became familiar with the motivations for Linda's actions in the past, and more importantly, heard her current reflections on those activities. Linda has never hurt nor injured anyone. She has demonstrated her rehabilitation in prison as a leader working for HIV/AIDS peer education, and as a correspondence student, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree.

While imprisoned, Linda has channelled her intellect and passion towards the enrichment and health of others. We believe it is time for her to make as strong and positive contribution to the community on the outside as she has the community on the inside. We would be pleased to have her released to the bay area. Certainly we need energetic, talented, reflective people such as Linda to make our communities better places.

Sincerely,


Lisa Rudman

Video Producer, World Savings Bank


Diane Livia Nelson
Programming Director KCSM/TV

3663 20th Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

April 15, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

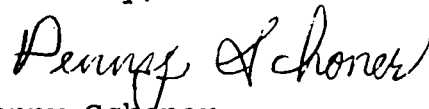
I recommend that Linda Evans be granted parole. She received a glaringly disproportionate sentence and should be released as soon as possible.

I know Linda, personally, and she is a warm and caring woman, who is capable of contributing greatly to society, as is evident from her work as an educator in P.L.A.C.E. She was also active in social service groups before she went to prison.

I believe her when she states that she will not participate in militant actions in the future.

Linda will be a great benefit to society upon her release. I urge the Board to parole her in California, where she will have a job and a place to live.

Sincerely,



Penny Schoner,
Paralegal, Retired

May 3, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

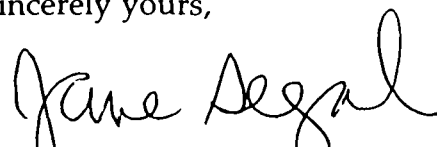
My name is Jane Segal. I have two sons , Zachary, 14, and Jesse, 18. We have lived in San Francisco since 1982. I own our home. For six of those years I taught in the San Francisco Unified School District. Currently I am a student preparing for a career in Art Education.

I have known Linda Evans since 1979. We met through mutual friends in New York City. I began visiting Linda in 1991 when she moved to FCI, Dublin. Since her incarceration in Dublin, our friendship has deepened. Linda is a dear, close friend to me and my sons. They both speak with her on the phone regularly and Zachary has visited her on several occasions.

Linda's honesty, integrity, and strong values impress me. I respect Linda's commitment to organizing activities at FCI, Dublin which educate and concretely benefit the women prisoners. We want her to be a part of our family when she is paroled. This is not a decision I take lightly. I have great trust in Linda and her ability to transition smoothly into our family and into the community of San Francisco. I am confident, based on my numerous conversations with her over the years, that she will not engage in any illegal activity upon her release. Linda plans to dedicate herself to working on behalf of people with HIV/AIDS. I am certain she will be a valuable member of our family and a positive role model for my children. I welcome her into our home.

We urge you to offer Linda parole, so she can join her San Francisco family. I am certain she will be an invaluable participant in our home, the greater community of San Francisco and society at large as well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Segal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jane Segal".

JAN 24 1996

January 17, 1996

John Simpson, Commissioner,
U.S. Parole Commission,

Dear Mr. Simpson,

Linda Evans has been our friend for many years and we are writing to you in connection with her up-coming parole hearing.

During our years of friendship with Ms Evans, we learned to know her as a caring and compassionate person. She devoted most of her adult life to seeking solutions for the problems of the less fortunate than she. Even when her solution may have been a poor one, she did not pursue it for malicious or vindictive reasons, but rather from a sense of justice.

We have continued to discuss these matter with Ms Evans during the years of her confinement, both during prison visits and by correspondence. We are convinced that if she were paroled, she would pursue activities which would be of great assistance to our nation in trying to solve the problems that plague our communities, such as drug use, AIDS and criminal behavior.

We urge you and the Parole Board to give serious consideration to granting Linda Evans' request for parole.

Sincerely yours,



Bertram Stiller,
Physicist, retired,
Formerly at the U.S. Naval Research Lab.



Maria E. Stiller.
Professor of Italian, retired,
Formerly at Johns Hopkins University

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

J

Divider Title: _____

LAW OFFICES
BERNABEI & KATZ
1773 T STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

(202) 745-1942

TELECOPIER (202) 745-2627



LYNNE BERNABEI
DEBRA S. KATZ
MICHAEL C. SUBIT
DANA L. SULLIVAN
MARIA MOROCCO - LITIGATION FELLOW

April 29, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: Parole Application of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054, who will come before the Parole Commission in July, 1996. At the time Linda appears before you, she will have served over eleven years in prison.

I first met Linda in 1988, after she was transferred to the D.C. Jail to face conspiracy and malicious damage to property charges. My partner Debra Katz and I assisted in the representation of Ms. Evans and her co-defendants in the case and through this representation grew to know Ms. Evans quite well. I saw her on the average of once a week over a two year period. Since her transfer to FCI-Dublin, I have remained in contact with her through telephone calls and periodic correspondence.

Although the criminal actions for which Ms. Evans was convicted are serious ones, I would urge you to look behind those actions to see the political convictions and humanity which motivated her. As many other students in the United States during the 1960s, Ms. Evans was irrevocably changed and influenced by the Civil Rights and anti-Vietnam War movements in this country. She dedicated herself to working to improve society, and worked as a community organizer regarding a whole host of social justice issues. However, by the early 1980s, Ms. Evans became increasingly convinced that the United States would invade Nicaragua and inflict the same type of devastation in Central America she had witnessed first-hand in Vietnam. She also became increasingly discouraged with the slow pace of change she saw and disillusioned that peaceful, legal protest action could prevent the harms she saw materializing.

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
April 29, 1996
Page 2

Ms. Evans concluded by the early 1980s, that it was her moral responsibility to take additional steps beyond peaceful protests to prevent U.S. incursions in Central America. Unfortunately, her zeal led her into serious errors of judgment that she now regrets.

Linda and I have discussed her actions on numerous occasions over the past eight years. She completely understands that the use of force and violence to achieve political goals is completely unacceptable and inappropriate. She recognizes how dangerous her actions were, and deeply regrets having ever put anyone at risk as a result.

Linda is a woman of the highest ethics and integrity. I trust her implicitly when she says that she will never engage in illegal activities in the future. I know that she will always dedicate herself completely to the betterment of those around her who are less fortunate. Her commitment to social service is deeply ingrained. I also know that upon her release Linda will choose to make her contributions to society by engaging in civic-minded, societally sanctioned activities.

Linda is a wonderful woman who made serious mistakes for which she has paid dearly. No further purpose would be served by her continued incarceration.

I urge you to grant her request for parole now.

Sincerely,



Lynne Bernabei

/sp

FEB 16 1996

ROBERT BLOOM

2326 Webster
Berkeley, CA 94705
(510) 841-7777

ATTORNEY AT LAW
351 Broadway
New York, NY 10013
(212) 431-4600

February 15, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans, #19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I write in support of federal prisoner Linda Evans' (#19973-054) parole petition.

I am an attorney who has come to know Ms. Evans during her incarceration at FCI Dublin. I believe most sincerely that Ms. Evans is one of the kindest and most caring people I have ever known. I find it difficult to believe that a person with her concern for the well-being of others remains incarcerated.

I am aware of the offenses for which she was imprisoned, and I do not minimize them. But, given the amount of time she has served, the manner in which she has conducted herself during her incarceration, and her prospects and plans for the future, I am convinced that she should be paroled immediately.

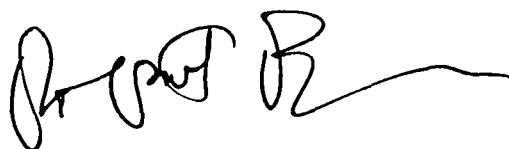
She is not, and has never been, a person who is a "criminal" who preys on others in any way, and she is absolutely not a danger to anyone. On the contrary, she is a selfless person to whom the meaning of life is helping others. Even as she has been incarcerated, she has done all she can to assist people in need as an HIV/AIDS educator. As a resident of Berkeley, California, I enthusiastically support her release to the Bay Area.

As an attorney with some familiarity with federal sentencing, and based upon what I understand to be the range and average of sentencing of others who have been convicted of the same offenses, I am appalled at the 40-year sentence that was imposed upon Ms. Evans. It is simply unfair and, in my opinion, it must have been based upon considerations which ignored or distorted the issues of Ms. Evans' character and motivations.

I sincerely hope that the Parole Commission acts favorably on the petition of Ms. Evans, a truly fine human being.

Truly yours,

RB/r



ROBERT J. BOYLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
350 BROADWAY
SUITE 308
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013
(212) 431-0229

May 1, 1996

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD. 20815-054

Re: Linda Evans
#19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I have known Linda Evans for ten years and acted as her legal advisor during her 1987 trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. I respectfully urge that the Commission grant her parole at the earliest possible date.

There are numerous objective factors which warrant immediate parole. Ms. Evans has served over eleven years in prison. The punishment she has received is more than sufficient to serve any legitimate penological objectives. During her incarceration she has been a model prisoner, working tirelessly and selflessly to educate her fellow prisoners and the general public concerning the AIDS epidemic. Moreover, she has shown that upon release she will be a self-sufficient, law-abiding and productive member of society.

During the time I have known her, Ms. Evans has demonstrated a sincerity that is unique in these jaded times. This sincerity was directly observed by the late Vincent L. Broderick, who presided over Ms. Evans' trials in New York. Due in part to the unexpected illness of her original counsel, Ms. Evans acted as her own attorney. I was thereafter appointed as her legal advisor. At all times during the proceedings she acted with courtesy and respect to all around her - a fact noted on the record on more than one occasion by Judge Broderick. My work with her at that trial and my communications with her since that time convince me that it is in the interest of all in our society that Ms. Evans be released.

Sincerely,



ROBERT J. BOYLE

C. V. CULLUM, CHERYL A. SENA

45 POLK STREET, 11TH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102PHONE 415 863 5300
FAX 415 863 5336

April 26, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815 7286

RE: EVANS, LINDA
Reg No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing to urge your positive consideration of Ms. Evans appeal for parole when she appears before you this spring. Ms. Evans, is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California.

During her ten year incarceration, Ms. Evans has clearly shown that she has been rehabilitated, that she has the capacity to live outside the prison system and will make a constructive contribution to the community at large. She has worked closely with PLACE, the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education Organization, promoting understanding within the correctional institution. In addition, she has completed her Bachelor of Arts degree during her confinement. Her commitment and activities demonstrate that it is time for her to return to society.

Additionally, Ms. Evans received a sentence for the charge of making false statements to buy legal firearms that is 30 times in excess of the current guidelines for punishment for such a crime. There was no violence involved in connection with her charge. She received a sentence thirty times longer than that for the average firearms violation. The total time of sentences for her other charges was ten years--so she has served them entirely. With credit for "good time," this total would have been lower - 5 ½ years. Therefore, by her parole hearing, she will have served over five years on the false statements charge alone, a number far in excess even of the average pre-guideline sentence of 37/6 months.

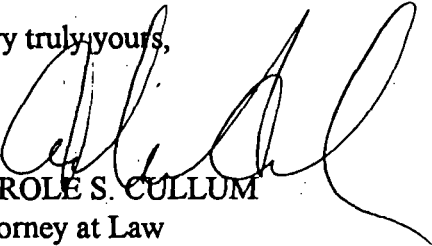
Finally, I would hope that you and the Parole Board would consider the humanitarian aspects of returning Ms. Evans to the community. Her father has died while she has been in prison. Now her mother, who is 72 years old, would like to have her daughter home with her for her few remaining years. She has received offers of employment and a place to live. These are important characteristics that will help her transition from prison to living a useful life in society.

Mr. John R. SIMPSON
April 26, 1996
Page 2

This will provide a guarantee to the community that she has the support to complete this transition.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge you to grant and approve Ms. Evan's request for Parole at this upcoming hearing. I believe that the system has, in fact, been successful in rehabilitating Linda Evans. She has served more than her share of time and both she and the community at large will benefit from her release. I thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



CAROLE S. CULLUM

Attorney at Law

- * Certified Family Law Specialist
- * Commissioner, Board of Permit Appeals
City and County of San Francisco

CSC:sf

copy: Ms. Linda Evans



Carole S. Cullum
COMMISSIONER

BOARD OF PERMIT APPEALS
CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

875 STEVENSON ST.
ROOM 440
SAN FRANCISCO 941
554-6720

HARMON, CURRAN, GALLAGHER & SPIELBERG

2001 S STREET, N.W.
SUITE 430
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009-1125

TELEPHONE
(202) 328-3500
FAX
(202) 328-6918

April 25, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans, No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my strong support for Linda Evans' petition for parole.

I became acquainted with Ms. Evans while she was incarcerated in the D.C. Jail while awaiting trial (she later entered a plea) in the late 1980's. At that time I was the Director of Legal Services for the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. As you may know, Whitman-Walker Clinic provides community-based medical, social and legal services to persons with HIV disease and AIDS in the Washington, D.C. area. Ms. Evans, who was very well educated about HIV, was one of the first people to identify and call attention to the fact that an AIDS emergency existed among the female population in the D.C. Jail. In addition to the crisis of fear, stigma and prejudice, a crisis of services also existed. Although a very large proportion of the women were (and are) HIV-infected, the jail at the time had no education programs to teach the infected women how to prevent the spread of the disease or the uninfected women how to stay that way. There was also no psychological support system available, and medical and legal services were nonexistent.

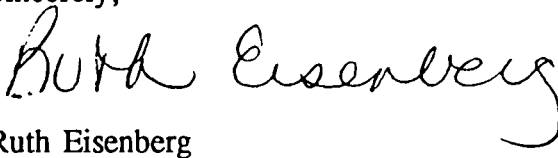
At the time Ms. Evans contacted me, I had never visited the D.C. Jail. She persuaded me to come and visit her there, and witness the conditions first-hand. As a result of Ms. Evans' intervention, Whitman-Walker Clinic began a very successful AIDS peer-counseling and education program at the jail. During the same period of time Ms. Evans also worked with the D.C. Prisoners Legal Services Program to make much-needed improvement in the jail's medical and legal support systems for HIV-infected women. Ms. Evans continued to contact me periodically on behalf of individual HIV-infected women (both incarcerated and released) who required legal services. We were able to help a number of them.

HARMON, CURRAN, GALLAGHER & SPIELBERG

During the period of time while Ms. Evans was incarcerated in D.C., I visited her a number of times. I was very impressed with her intelligence, compassion and humanity. I am not at all surprised to hear that at FCI-Dublin, despite her own circumstances which are clearly difficult, she has continued to try to be of service to those less fortunate than herself. I hope that the same compassion can be offered to Ms. Evans, who has already paid a very large debt to society in serving a 11 years of her sentence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Eisenberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Ruth Eisenberg

L A W O F F I C E S
O F M A R C S . J A N O W I T Z

May 15, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans, Reg No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing to you on behalf of Linda Evans, currently an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, CA. The purpose of this letter is to request that the Commission give serious consideration to granting parole to Linda Evans. I make this request for two reasons.

The first reason is that as a citizen of the San Francisco Bay Area I believe that her current work with PLACE, the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education organization is indicative of her commitment to public service as it relates to public health. This commitment will be of significant benefit to our bay area communities. Her particular knowledge of, and experience with, those individuals who have been incarcerated will be invaluable given that there are a number of former inmates who reside in our communities who may need this type of education and counseling.

The second reason that I support Linda Evans in her request for parole is that I believe that the record is clear that justice has been served and that Linda Evans has been successfully rehabilitated. Not only has she served far more time than she would serve under current Federal sentencing guidelines; but she has used this time well. She has shown a commitment to education and to public service, both of which represent the best of "rehabilitation".

For all of the above reasons, I respectfully urge you to grant Linda Evans parole in the San Francisco bay area.

Vox 415 771 6174

819 Eddy Street San Francisco, California 94109

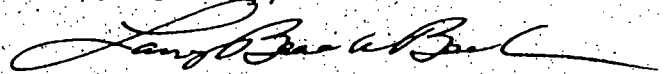
Facsimile 415 474 3748



Letter to John R. Simpson
May 15, 1996
Page 2.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter in support
of Linda Evans.

Sincerely,



Larry Beach Becker
Attorney at Law*

*President, San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and
Arbitration Board, City and County of San Francisco



LAW OFFICES OF MARC JANOWITZ
819 EDDY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
TEL: (415) 771-6174
FAX: (415) 474-3748

LARRY BEACH BECKER
COMMISSIONER

SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTIAL
RENT STABILIZATION
AND ARBITRATION BOARD

25 VAN NESS AVENUE, SUITE 320
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-6033

LAW OFFICES
BERNABEI & KATZ
1773 T STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009

(202) 745-1942

TELECOPIER (202) 745-2627



LYNNE BERNABEI
DEBRA S. KATZ
MICHAEL C. SUBIT
DANA L. SULLIVAN
MARIA MOROCCO - LITIGATION FELLOW

April 29, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: Parole Application of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing on behalf of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054, who will come before the Parole Commission in July, 1996, after having served eleven years in prison. I write to provide information about Linda that I hope will persuade you that she is an ideal candidate for parole and that no further purpose would be served by her continued incarceration.

I first met Linda in 1988, after she was transferred to the D.C. Jail to face conspiracy and malicious damage to property charges. Specifically, she was charged, along with five others, with conspiring "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various international and domestic matters through the use of violent and illegal means." Linda learned that I had previously represented a number of defendants who had engaged in politically motivated protest actions and had relied on international law principles to provide justification for their violations of law. Under well-established international law principles, which emerged after the Nuremberg trials, all citizens have a responsibility to prevent the genocidal actions of their government.

I have to admit, it was with some trepidation that I first agreed to go visit Linda and her co-defendants. The clients I had previously represented had engaged in pacifist, non-violent actions. And, while, as a public interest lawyer and civil libertarian, I shared many of Linda's humanitarian and political aspirations of equality and social justice for all, I was extremely concerned about the militancy of the group's actions. After speaking with Linda at length then about her background, motivation and self-evaluation of her conduct, my fears about her

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
April 29, 1996
Page 2

extremism and potential dangerousness were completely allayed. Linda expressed a deep and abiding respect for the sanctity of human life and a realization about the wrongfulness of her actions.

I came to understand how much of Linda's actions were guided by the most sincere of desires to help bring about social change and to uphold the principles of the Nuremberg Convention, even though, by that time, she had come to understand how misguided and harmful her actions were. I recount some of what I learned from Linda during our numerous discussions then and over the past eight years, because I believe it shows that she was, in a very real sense, a product of the tumultuous times, and that the choices she made, while completely wrong, were at least comprehensible from that perspective.

In 1969, Linda traveled to Vietnam as part of a peace delegation, to receive U.S. POWs. She witnessed first hand the devastation of war and the atrocities committed by the United States government, and returned with a belief that she was responsible for dedicating her life to stopping further devastation of peoples in Vietnam, and, later, in other parts of the world, such as Central America and South Africa. Initially, Linda, like hundreds of thousands of students across the United States, joined in the anti-war movement and devoted her efforts to engaging in lawful education and protest actions to attempt to influence government policy.

Linda became frustrated with the slow pace of change she saw and, unfortunately, concluded by the early 1980s, that it was her moral responsibility to take all steps necessary, including the use of force, to prevent U.S. incursions in Central America. She joined with others to become part of an organization that engaged in political bombings to focus attention on government policies they believed were unjust and to attempt to stir public protest against those policies. All the crimes which Linda engaged in relate to her participation in that organization.

Since her arrest and throughout her 11 years in prison, Linda has reflected on her conduct and has shared her conclusions about the wrongfulness of her actions with many people, including myself. She acknowledges fully that force and violence are not acceptable means to achieve even the most laudatory of political goals, and that the actions she engaged in previously were dangerous, inappropriate, and ultimately disserving of the positive changes that she sought to bring about. Linda has assured me, and I know her word to be as good as gold, that she

Withdrawal/Redaction Marker

Clinton Library

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
001. letter	Debra Katz to John Sipmson; RE: Linda Sue Evans [partial] (1 page)	04/29/1996	b(6)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
Counsel Office
Meredith Cabe
OA/Box Number: 24942

FOLDER TITLE:

Linda Sue Evans [2]

2006-1704-F
db3623

RESTRICTION CODES**Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]**

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

Mr. John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
April 29, 1996
Page 3

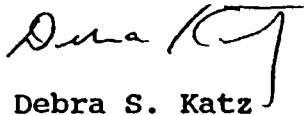
no longer believes that "armed struggle" is an appropriate way to bring about social change in this country and that she will not engage in any illegal conduct upon her release.

I am sure that you have received many letters from institutional staff and others attesting to the numerous contributions Linda has made at FCI Dublin in her work with inmates with HIV/AIDS, and to her compassion, intelligence, and dedication to improving the lives of others. This is all true. Linda has much to contribute to our society. I will offer whatever assistance she needs to ensure that she is able to reintegrate to society, though I understand she already has several job offers and a place to live. She is a remarkable woman who deserves a second chance.

On a final note, I have had the opportunity to spend time with Linda's mother Rachel, who is 74 years old. Mrs. Evans has (b)(6) has lost her husband of over 50 years last April, and has lived with the constant loss of having her beloved daughter "Lindy" be incarcerated these past eleven years. She remains remarkably spirited and optimistic that this July she will receive the news that she has longed to hear -- that Linda will be released from prison. This sentiment is shared by many of us. [001]

I urge you to grant her parole now.

Sincerely,


Debra S. Katz

/sp

DANIEL MEYERS

Attorney at Law

TELEPHONE: (212) 226-4106

350 BROADWAY • SUITE 308
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013-3911

FAX: (212) 431-0107



May 1, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Re: Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to strongly urge that Linda Evans be granted parole release.

In my opinion Ms. Evans should be released on parole for four fundamental reasons:

1. She has served more than eleven years in prison which under all the circumstances is a sufficient term of imprisonment;
2. She has been a model prisoner;
3. Upon release she will have a suitable residence and gainful employment;
4. She is not a risk but an asset to the greater society.

I have known Linda Evans for twenty-eight years. I first met her in my law office when she was 18 years old. She was working with my then law partner as a paralegal. I have a vivid recollection of her enthusiastic love of life and for people, especially for those who were victimized by racism and discrimination. I remember her as a person dedicated to advancement of civil and human rights in the U.S. and abroad. She worked for racial justice and to bring an end to the war in Vietnam.

I was again reacquainted with Linda Evans about eight years ago when she was being held in the Washington, D.C. jail. She was an accused and I was the lawyer for her codefendant. For over a year I would see her on a regular basis at codefendant meetings. And as I had remembered her twenty years before she was a person whose uplifting demeanor and superior intellect lifted the spirits of those with whom she interacted.

Since the resolution of the D.C. case I have not seen Ms. Evans but we have remained in touch through correspondence. I am aware that she has applied her enormous skills and talents and love of humanity to aid, comfort and help educate fellow imprisoned women. I have learned from BOP staff and health care providers that Linda Evans has helped to organize and to lead a prisoners organization at FCI Dublin known as Pl.A.C.E.

In fact through Linda's encouragement, I, my family and friends have been supporters of Pl.A.C.E. The purpose of the organization is to deal with the realities of the impact of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, Hepatitis and other health issues, particularly as they affect women in prison and their children. It is an education and prevention program which has become a model throughout the federal prison system and indeed, through its outreach efforts known from coast to coast. I know that the success of this program in large measure was due to the creative work of Linda Evans.

Through her work with Pl.A.C.E. Ms. Evans has developed contacts and connections with people and organizations on the outside who are doing similar work, particularly in the Bay Area. The people she has been interacting with on the outside will be the people that she will work and reside with. Therefore, Ms. Evans transition from prison to the community will be immediate and supported.

I have no doubt that upon release Ms. Evans will make a substantial contribution in the field of women's health and will lead an exemplary life.

Very truly yours,


Daniel Meyers

DM/d

cc:

Linda Evans

Laura Nelsen, Esq.
100 Saint Marks Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11217
(718) 857-0761

May 6, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

RE: LINDA EVANS
Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I write on behalf of Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California. Ms. Evans will appear before the Parole Commission this spring, and I write to urge the Commission to parole Ms. Evans and allow her to return to the community.

My support of Ms. Evans' parole is based on two principles: the disproportionality of her sentence; and her demonstrated ability to contribute positively to society upon her release from prison.

Disproportionate sentence: I first met Ms. Evans in 1990, when I was in law school, assisting the law firm of Bernabei & Katz in researching Ms. Evans' case. As an idealistic law student, I was dismayed to learn that Ms. Evans received a prison sentence 30 times longer than the average sentence for firearms charges. In fact, Ms. Evans has already been incarcerated longer than many individuals convicted of murder and other violent crimes. Six years after my first meeting with Ms. Evans, I am still dismayed by the severity of her sentence, particularly in light of the fact that no violence was done as a result of her actions. On this basis alone, I would urge the Commission to parole Ms. Evans.

Potential for positive contribution to society: I know Ms. Evans personally, and have always found her to be a warm, compassionate, humane individual. I have spent my legal career advocating on behalf of low-income individuals, particularly those infected with HIV. Ms. Evans has acted as an inspiration to me in her tireless dedication to people with AIDS, and encouraged me to pursue my legal career as an advocate for people with AIDS. In my most recent position as a Senior Staff Attorney in the HIV Law Unit of South Brooklyn Legal Services, I worked with many peer educators from the community, including women who were previously incarcerated. These women were able to take the experience and education they developed while in prison and provide a valuable service to others upon their release. I have no doubt that Linda Evans can, and will, do the same. Ms. Evans has been extraordinarily productive during her years in custody, earning a college degree and dedicating countless hours to community activities. I know that Ms. Evans intends to continue this commitment to the community upon her release from custody.

I respectfully request that the Commission weigh Ms. Evans' disproportionate sentence, her valuable contributions to society while incarcerated, and her demonstrated intention to continue positively contributing to society after her release. Given these factors, I believe the Commission will agree that it is time to release Linda Evans to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Laura Nelsen



THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

CAPITAL DEFENSE UNIT

175 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 (718) 237-2000

*Executive Director and
Attorney-in-Chief
Daniel L. Greenberg*

*Russell T. Neufeld
Director*

April 29, 1996

John R. Simpson
U.S. Parole Commissioner
5550 Friendship Blvd. - Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I am writing to urge the Commission to grant parole to Linda Evans. During the 1960's we worked together in Students for a Democratic Society, opposing the Vietnam war and supporting the Black freedom movement. Linda was always a person of great spirit, principle and commitment. She was always a voice of compassion who never lost her humanity even under the greatest of pressures. My understanding is that these same qualities have continued to be displayed by Linda through her work counseling and educating about AIDS while in Prison.

It seems to me a great waste that someone of Linda Evans' ability to contribute to society, someone who has already served a long prison term and is eligible for parole, should be incarcerated for an even longer period. I hope the Parole Commission will grant Ms. Evans parole.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL NEUFELD

RN/dh-b



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Gary Peller
Professor of Law

May 6, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard,
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RE: Parole Application of Linda Evans, Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am a law professor at Georgetown University Law Center and teach both constitutional and criminal law. I have reviewed the materials associated with Linda Evans' cases and application for parole. I am writing to urge that the Parole Commission grant Ms. Evans' parole when she appears before the Parole Commission in July, 1996.

When Ms. Evans makes her first appearance before a Parole Commission Hearing Examiner, she will have served eleven years and two months (134 months) of a forty year sentence. This is more than two and a half times the minimum 52 month sentence of her guideline range, and 54 months over her maximum 80 month guideline range. Accordingly, Ms. Evans has served well in excess of her guidelines and has been punished fully for the crimes she committed. As a matter of equity and uniform application of current sentencing law, Ms. Evans should be paroled at this time.

As the Commission is aware, Ms. Evans was arrested in May of 1985, and was charged in a series of three cases for militant protest actions she participated in as a part of group. The largest part of her sentence is for purchasing four legal guns using false identification documents and not disclosing that more than 10 years earlier she had been convicted for anti-war activities, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 922(h)(1), (a)(6), and

Mr. John R. Simpson
May 6, 1996
Page 2

924(a). A Louisiana federal court judge sentenced her to thirty years for this offense, even though the guns were never used in any crime or violent act, because he perceived Ms. Evans' politics to be too radical and therefore dangerous.

Records from the Administrative Office of the United States District Courts demonstrate that Ms. Evans' sentence is the longest sentence for illegally purchasing guns in United States history. Half of all persons convicted for this offense received probation, and the national average sentence for the other half who received prison sentences was thirty-seven months. Most significantly, the maximum sentence Ms. Evans could have received for this offense had she been sentenced under the national sentencing guidelines is two years. By all objective measures, Ms. Evans' sentence for this offense is greatly disproportionate to the crimes she committed.

In 1990, Ms. Evans plead guilty to being part of a conspiracy that set off an incendiary device in the coat room of the U.S. Senate to protest U.S. policies in Central America. No one was hurt in this incident and property damage was minimal. Her role in the conspiracy was minimal, and she had no role whatsoever in bombing. Federal District Judge Harold Greene recognized this and sentenced her to five years for her role in this offense.

Ms. Evans has already served 11 years in prison -- a term which greatly exceeds the national average for gun purchasing offenses and which fully satisfies the five year sentence imposed for the incendiary device explosion at the U.S. Capitol. Ms. Evans' sentence is greatly disproportionate to the crimes she has committed. Had the Louisiana court not considered her political views, she would have been out of prison long ago. Ms. Evans was younger then, and was, in a very real sense, a product of the tumultuous times. Even though she was motivated by a sincere desire to help promote social justice, she made some bad decisions about how to try to bring about change.

Ms. Evans has used her time in prison to reflect on her actions, and has come to the sound conclusion that she made serious mistakes and will not engage in any illegal activities upon her release from prison. She has been a productive member of each of the institutions in which she has served time. She established an AIDS education and counseling program at FCI Dublin, where she is currently incarcerated, which has provided invaluable assistance to persons with HIV infection. She has served as an advocate for many of other prisoners, and has recently completed her Bachelors degree. She has much to contribute to our society and will dedicate herself fully to good

Mr. John R. Simpson
May 6, 1996
Page 3

works upon her release. She deserves a second chance.

Sincerely,


Gary Peller

Enc.
/sp

THE LAW OFFICES OF
JOHN R. WILLIAMS

51 ELM STREET, SUITE 409
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510

(203) 562-9931
FACSIMILE (203) 776-9494

JOHN R. WILLIAMS
DIANE POLAN
KATRENA ENGSTROM
NORMAN A. PATTIS
WILLIAM S. PALMIERI

MARY ANN POTONIEC
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

LESLIE ARTHUR
OFFICE MANAGER

MAGDA CARDONA-FOXX
PARALEGAL

April 26, 1996

Hon. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Md. 20815-7286

RE: LINDA EVANS, REG. NO. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing in support of Linda Evans' parole application, which is currently pending before the Parole Commission. My understanding is that a hearing will be held this summer, probably in August. Ms. Evans is currently incarcerated at FCI Pleasanton in Dublin, California.

I met Ms. Evans since 1985, when she was arrested in Connecticut. I served as her attorney in connection with a federal criminal prosecution in the District of Connecticut in 1985. That case, in which she was charged with harboring a fugitive, was ultimately dismissed. I also have assisted Ms. Evans in defending a number of other prosecutions, including those in the Southern District of New York (harboring a fugitive) and in the Eastern District of Louisiana (false statements in connection with purchase of firearms). I also handled the appeal of her conviction in Louisiana to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have continued to advise Ms. Evans on a number of legal matters since her federal criminal cases were concluded.

During the time I have known Ms. Evans, I have been struck by her genuine concern for people, her commitment to justice, her enormous intelligence, her compassion for those who have been denied opportunities and subjected to discrimination, and her love of family and friends. The fact that Ms. Evans has been able to maintain these attitudes is somewhat surprising, in light of the fact that she has been continuously incarcerated during the eleven years I have known her.

Moreover, notwithstanding the fact that she has been living with an effective life sentence (her release date is in 2007, when she will be almost 60 years old), Linda has been able to focus her energy and her intellect on constructive and life-affirming activities, such as organizing the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (PLACE) project, finishing her B.A. degree, and maintaining employment at the prison.

April 26, 1996

Page Two

In so doing, she has demonstrated that she is an asset to the Pleasanton prison community. There is no doubt in my mind that she will be a constructive, productive member of the outside community if she is released on parole.

In the course of my legal work on Ms. Evans' behalf, I have also become aware of the disproportionate nature of the sentence she is serving. She received a 30-year sentence in the Eastern District of Louisiana for making false statements to purchase several weapons, despite the fact that those weapons were never used in any criminal or violent activity. (In fact, the original sentence was 40 years; it was reduced to 30 years as a result of the appeal.)

Had Ms. Evans been sentenced under the Sentencing Guidelines, (which were not applicable to her sentence because the crimes occurred before the effective date of the Guidelines) she most likely would have received a sentence of less than six months, although it is possible she would have been sentenced within the 12-18 months range.

Not only is her sentence grotesquely disproportionate to the Guidelines sentence for the crime of conviction, but it is similarly disproportionate to the average pre-Guidelines sentence for the same offense, which was 37 months.

All of these factors argue strongly in favor of granting Ms. Evans parole immediately. She has already served eleven years, far longer than many federal inmates serve for violent crimes, including rape and murder. With one exception (the U.S. Capitol bombing case), all of Ms. Evans' convictions have been for non-violent crimes, e.g. harboring a fugitive; false statements, etc. Her behavior while incarcerated has demonstrated both true rehabilitation and that she will be an asset to the community in which she resides. No legitimate penal purpose can be served by further incarceration.

I urge you to act favorably on Ms. Evans' parole application.

Sincerely,

Diane Polan

cc: Linda Evans

SUSAN V. TIPOGRAPH
Attorney-at-Law
351 Broadway
New York, NY 10013
(212) 431-5360
FAX (212) 941-0980

April 27, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Re: Linda Evans; FCI - Dublin; Reg. No.: 19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

It is my understanding that Ms. Evans will shortly be going before the Parole Commission, seeking release on parole. I am writing to urge the U.S. Parole Commission to grant her the earliest possible release date. I have known Ms. Evans for almost 20 years. In addition to have some knowledge of the facts and circumstances of her convictions, I knew her before she was prosecuted on the charges which resulted in her incarceration.

Ms. Evans has always been someone with a commitment to the ideals of social justice. She always led her life in a manner consistent with those ideals. Ms. Evans was always known as both a hard-worker and a person with a good sense of humor and a sense of fun. She was well-liked by anybody who she came into contact with. Those qualities have continued to be evident during the 12 years she has been in prison. She has worked tirelessly to continue to make a contribution to her community. I am sure that you have received submissions from those who have witnessed her work in jail.

It is not my intention to attempt to excuse or explain the conduct which resulted in Ms. Evans' incarceration. I am certain that she will be able to, both thoughtfully and responsibly. I am, however, able to express my grave concerns about the excessive nature of the sentence(s) imposed upon her, particularly for her conviction in Louisiana. Having had an opportunity to review the sentencing charts which she has provided, it is troubling that she has already served more time than those convicted of murder, rape or other similar crimes. Surely, her sentence is grossly disproportionate to others convicted of offenses similar to hers.

John R. Simpson, Commissioner

April 27, 1996

page 2

The Parole Commission has the opportunity, in part, to rectify this injustice. What should make your decision simpler is that Ms. Evans is an appropriate candidate for release. I have always known her as a person of principle. She intends to live in San Francisco and work in a job consistent with her commitment to serve the community. She has taken steps while incarcerated to improve her employment and educational skills. She is committed to abiding by the rules and regulations of release on parole; I am certain that she will be a responsible and productive member of the community.

It is safe and expedient these days to have the position that prisoners should do harder and longer time, and that protecting the community only means locking more people up for longer. While I am a criminal defense attorney, I recognize that our society has a legitimate right to imprison those who break the law and who present a danger to the community. Believing those things does not mean, however, that we no longer believe in justice and change.

Whatever one thinks of the actions for which Linda Evans was convicted, she has already served a very long time. She has used her time productively, which will help to assure this body that she is an appropriate candidate for release on parole. I urge you to grant her that release. I am quite certain that you will never be caused to regret that decision.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Susan V. Tipograph

cc: Doron Weinberg, Esq.

urvashi vaid

P.O. Box 1721 • Provincetown MA 01957 • Voice Mail 262-980-0001

April 26, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

Re: Parole for Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

This letter is submitted to you and the Parole Commission in strongest support for the parole petition of Linda Evans. I appreciate your consideration of this letter.

I am an attorney, a writer and a national civil rights organizer. As a former staff attorney with the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), I appreciate the hard work that this Commission does and I understand the many factors the Commission must consider in making its decisions. With that knowledge in mind, I urge the Commission to find that Ms. Evans clearly qualifies for parole under the Commission's own guidelines for such consideration.

The record reveals that Ms. Evans has already served an extraordinarily long sentence for the charges brought against her. Indeed, she has served a prison sentence far longer and harsher than others convicted of far more heinous crimes. Ms. Evans has served the maximum possible sentence on three of the four major sets of charges brought against her. She has served a far longer sentence on Federal firearms charges than the average person convicted of such charges serves. If the purpose of criminal sentences is to make someone compensate society for violating the law, after more than 11 years in federal prisons, Ms. Evans has clearly paid her debt to society.

Second, throughout her incarceration Ms. Evans has, by all accounts, been an exemplary prisoner. She has worked within the institution to organize, to educate and support women in prison dealing with HIV/AIDS. She has completed her own education. And she has never harmed or injured anyone in more than 11 years of serving in prison. That is an unusual record, and one that I sincerely hope the Parole Commission will weigh heavily. It indicates a mature, dedicated and compassionate individual, who has grown and continued to care about others, even under the tense and tough environment of prison.

Third, Ms. Evans has strong family and community ties which will give her the support so necessary should the Commission decide to grant her parole. The ties to her elderly mother, her brother and his children are an essential part of a stable re-entry into society for any parolee. As you know, such support is invaluable to successful reintegration.

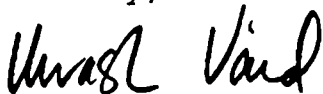
I have no doubt that Ms. Evans would make an enormous and positive contribution to the community upon release and I am aware that she has employment offers awaiting her should she be released. There can be no question that she would meet any conditions of parole the commission were to set.

Finally, I urge the Commission to be compassionate in its decision making, and to look at the equities presented by this case. Please consider the extraordinary length of this sentence on the life of a talented, intelligent and decent woman. Please see from the record that Ms. Evans has served a lengthy and sufficient amount of time for all of the charges on which she was convicted. It offends the integrity of the Federal sentencing system to require that this woman -- who has already served a long amount of time, been a model prisoner, who has the capacity and support to succeed in society -- remain imprisoned for many more years.

I urge this Commission to use its authority and to apply the criteria for parole to this case. And I pray that with your fair and honorable consideration of all the facts, you will conclude that Ms. Evans' Petition for Parole should be granted.

Thank you once again for your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Urvashi Vaid". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Urvashi Vaid, Esq.

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

K

Divider Title: _____



AMERICAN FRIENDS
SERVICE COMMITTEE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM
972 Broad Street, 6th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
201/643-3079 FAX 201/643-8924

Wray Bailey, Director Bonnie Kerness, Associate Director

March 4, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear John R. Simpson:

I am writing in support of the parole petition of prisoner Linda Evans. It is my understanding that Linda is due for a hearing before the U.S. Parole Commission shortly.

It is my deep belief that Linda would make an excellent candidate for parole. Her consistent concern for the welfare of others while imprisoned has been impressive to many of us who work with State and Federal prisoners. Linda has never harmed or injured anyone and has already served the sentence longer than that of many convicted murderers. It is difficult to perceive that further incarceration would serve any rehabilitative purpose either for society or for Linda herself.

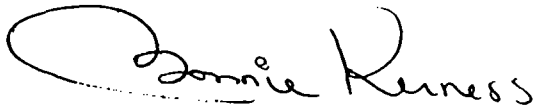
While in prison, Linda's commitment and creativity has shown itself in varied ways, including being the founding member of an AIDS counseling and Education group called PLACE. She also organized an AIDS walkathon, and contributed to gift-making for children with AIDS. Each of these activities speaks to Linda's willingness to extend herself on behalf of others.

Linda currently serves as a translator and advocate on behalf of her fellow prisoners, including work assisting people with legal problems. She is also completing a BA in Humanities from the New College of California. Each of the above activities lends to the conclusion that Linda would be an excellent candidate for Parole, particularly since she has a home waiting for her in San Francisco plus a number of offers for employment. There is no questions in my mind that the outside community would benefit from Linda's release, just as the inside community has benefitted.

I have been working with prisoners and ex-prisoners for over 20 years now, and it is rare that I feel completely comfortable in recommending for a person's parole. It is without hesitation that I do so now with Linda Evans. It is my firm belief that society would be best served by her release.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me. thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Kerness". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Bonnie Kerness, MSW, CSW

BAY AREA HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

1600 HOLLOWAY AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94132
(415) 338-1938

May 5, 1996

copy

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7286

RE: Parole of Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

Prison sentencing has several values, the primary one is removing dangerous offenders from public life and punishing criminal behavior.

In 1987 Linda Evans broke the law and it had potentially dangerous consequences. For this she has served ten years in Federal prison.

During the past ten years she has learned and demonstrated her understanding of her actions—purchasing four guns illegally. By all reports she has been an exemplary prisoner. She has learned skills to be a fully functioning and competent working person and tax contributor rather than a tax burden on our society.

Based on current law for her crime she has more than paid her dues on the inside and has used her time well to prepare herself to be a healthy functioning person on the outside.

In summary she has more than paid the price of punishment and she has demonstrated that she is no longer the person who would purchase guns illegally. She is not a dangerous person.

Please honor the responsibility you have been given by the tax payers of our country to honestly and objectively judge Linda Evans' case. Please seriously consider her parole and free her to participate in our society as a rehabilitated person.

Sincerely yours,



Roma Guy
Director Bay Area Homelessness Program
Health Commissioner, City and County of San Francisco

A Consortium of Colleges and Universities Working Together to Prevent Homelessness and Develop Student Leaders

•California State University, Hayward •San Francisco State University •San Jose State University •Sonoma State University
•City College of San Francisco •Hastings College of the Law •Merritt College •Santa Clara University
•Stanford University •UC Berkeley •UC San Francisco •University of San Francisco

Berkeley Community Law Center

Board of Directors

Chair

Peter McAweeney, Esq.
Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe

Treasurer

Margot Rosenberg, Esq.
Leonard Carder, et. al.

Carolyn Patty Blum
*Lecturer in Residence
Boalt Hall School of Law,
University of California, Berkeley*

M. Elizabeth Deane, Esq.
Munger, Tolles & Olson

Henry S. Hewitt, Esq.
Erickson, Beasley, Hewitt & Wilson

Anthony Iton, M.D., J.D.

Margaretta Lin, Esq.
*Southwest Center for
Educational Equity*

Michael Loeb, Esq.
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

Renee Maria Saucedo, Esq.
La Raza Centro Legal

Kathryn Seligman, Esq.
First District Appellate Project

Andrew Shagrin, Esq.
Goldfarb & Lipman

Laura Stein, Esq.
The Clorox Company

Stephen Sugarman
*Professor of Law
Boalt Hall School of Law,
University of California, Berkeley*

Hon. Claudia Wilken
*U.S. District Court,
Northern District of California*

3130 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94705
(510) 548-4040
(510) 548-2566 fax

February 8, 1996

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson,

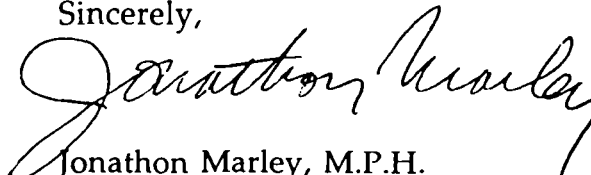
I am writing you in support of the parole petition of Linda Evans, who is currently incarcerated as a federal prisoner in Dublin, California. Ms. Evans will be eligible for parole in May, 1996, and I urge you to release her and return her to productive life in the community.

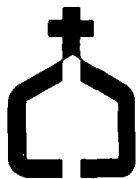
I have been closely following Ms. Evans' case since 1988. As I am sure you are aware, she was given a grossly disproportionate sentence under the outdated federal sentencing guidelines. Given that she has now served 11 years in prison — nine years longer than she would have under current guidelines — I hope you will agree that Ms. Evans has more than adequately met the standards for parole.

In addition, I would like to call your attention to the valuable health work that Ms. Evans has carried out during her incarceration. As a staff person in an agency which serves people with HIV infection — some of whom have been recently released from incarceration — I can attest to the importance of the kind of AIDS education that Ms. Evans has initiated with prisoners.

In closing, I would like to say that, as a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, the location to which Linda Evans would be released, I would be happy to have her as a member of this community.

Sincerely,


Jonathon Marley, M.P.H.
Development Director



Catholic Charities of the East Bay Immigration Project

1232 33rd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601 510/261-1538 Fax 510/532-3837

April 12, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

We are writing on behalf of Linda Evans, who is incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Dublin, California.

We write to urge a favorable exercise of discretion for Ms. Evans when she appears before you to be considered for parole. During the period of time Linda has been incarcerated, she has demonstrated her rehabilitation and a continued effort to make society better inside the institution and outside.

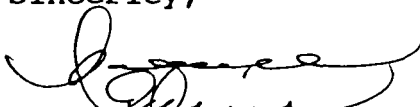
She has demonstrated her willingness and capability to make a good life for herself and others after her release. She counts with an extensive support network that will enable her to begin a fruitful life of service.

She received a very long sentence - more than anyone has received for a similar offense. She has already served a very long time, an important part of her life and her youth has been served inside the federal institution.

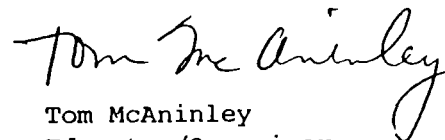
She has so much to give and we ask that she be given an opportunity to prove herself. We ask that the Commission look inside their hearts and grant Linda Evans parole.

Thank you for your consideration.

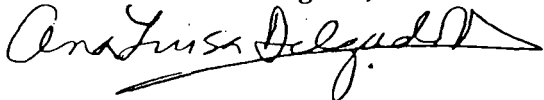
Sincerley,


Raquel Aguirre
Atty. at Law


R. Lemus
Human Rights Advocate


Tom McAninley
Educator/Organizer

Ana Luisa Delgado, Counsellor





April 26, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing in support of Linda Evans in her bid for parole. Ms. Evans has served more than ten years in prison, far more than she would have had to serve had she been sentenced under the current sentencing guidelines. The length of her sentence was totally disproportionate to the offense she committed and she has more than paid her debt to society.

Linda Evans has led an exemplary life while incarcerated. She has worked to help others through her work as an HIV/AIDS peer educator inside the prison. She helped to organize a Christmas gift-making project for children with AIDS who are patients at Oakland Children's Hospital. Her work with AIDS and HIV has helped improve the lives of those who suffer from the disease and helped those who live and work with affected inmates to be better informed and more understanding. She is dedicated to continuing this important work in the outside community.

Although Ms. Evans has never hurt or injured anyone, she has already spent more time in prison than most convicted murderers. Ms. Evans has a home waiting for her in San Francisco and has had several job offers. She poses no threat to the community but instead will surely become a responsible, tax-paying citizen making positive contributions at every level. We urge you to give a favorable response to her request for parole at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Archibald". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Joanne Archibald
Advocacy Project Director

HKH FOUNDATION
521 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 1612
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10175-1699

February 16, 1995

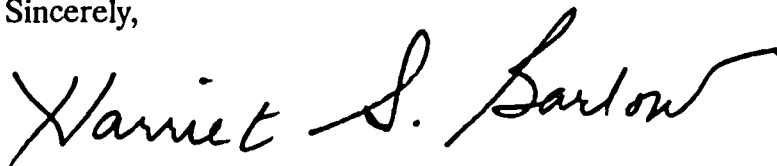
John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

It is my understanding that Linda Evans (#19973-054) is eligible for parole this spring. I am writing to you in my capacity as the Executive Director of a private foundation which supports activities that investigate and protect civil liberties. Obviously we are attentive to issues pertaining to variable and disproportionate sentencing. Linda Evan's case is one which strikes our attorneys and Trustees as particularly egregious. Having followed Ms. Evan's situation, I am also familiar with her exemplary history as an inmate which I am confident will influence your decision. Obviously I do not have to illuminate you re: the civic dangers and simple injustice of disproportionate sentencing. I am certain that you struggle with great integrity with each case that comes before your Commission. It is my hope that Linda Evan's case is one in which the evident interest of society and the criminal justice systems are best served by the granting of parole.

Thank you for your attention to our interest and concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet S. Barlow". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Harriet S. Barlow, Executive Director
The HKH (for the donor, Harold K. Hochschild) Foundation

March 18, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd. Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans release

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

The members of Mustardseed Affinity Group urge you to parole Linda Evans.

Linda Evans was convicted of four charges, including the bombing of a restroom in the U.S. Capitol Building. That act was motivated by her distress over the U.S. invasion of Grenada. Another charge was the purchase of four handguns while making false statements. The usual sentence for this charge was two years or less, which is now designated in the Federal sentencing guidelines; Linda Evans was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for this offense.

It is contrary to any concept of justice that a person's sentence be determined by their political views and diverge widely from the treatment accorded to most other people. Linda Evans has served more than the usual time in prison for her convictions. If our justice system is to have any integrity, it must now release her.

While in prison, Linda Evans has been a model prisoner. She has earned good time. She has completed her college education. She has organized an AIDS/HIV education program for the benefit of her fellow inmates. She more than meets the parole standards regarding behavior in prison.

Many people in the San Francisco Bay area are already prepared to help Ms. Evans find a home and work. Her experience in AIDS education would be very valuable to a number of programs. We of Mustardseed Affinity Group would be happy to help her make her place in our community.

Once again, we urge you to parole Linda Evans at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Scott
for Mustardseed Affinity Group

*Legal Services for
Prisoners with Children*

100 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
415/255-7036, Ext. 311
FAX: 415/552-3150
e-mail: lspec@igc.apc.org



Celebrating 17 years of Service

May 7, 1996

Staff

*Ellen M. Barry
Director
River Ginchild
Staff Attorney
Dorsey Nunn
Intake Coordinator
Karen Shain
Office Manager*

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
US Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

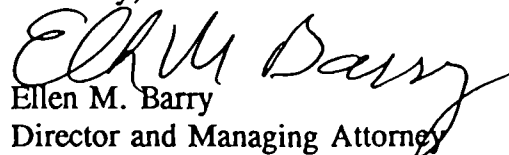
Dear Mr. Simpson,

I am writing this letter in support of Linda Evans' petition for parole. My office has had the opportunity to meet Ms. Evans at FCI Dublin while doing workshops about the legal rights of prisoners, their children and their families. I am also aware of Ms. Evans' history in terms of the events leading to her incarceration and her activities while in prison.

I am shocked by the length of Ms. Evans' sentence which is completely out of line with the federal guidelines for punishment for her crime, making false statements to buy firearms. If it were not because of the political nature of Ms. Evans' activities and beliefs (which, by the way, are not illegal) she would be out of prison today, being a productive member of society rather than being a dependent of the federal government.

Linda Evans has paid for whatever crime she may have committed and deserves to spend the rest of her life with her family and friends in a productive environment. Please give her the chance she deserves.

Sincerely,


Ellen M. Barry
Director and Managing Attorney

Board of Directors

*Millard Murphy
Chair
G.G. Greenhouse
Vice-Chair
Harriette Davis
Secretary
Bonita Butler
Treasurer

Ellen M. Barry
Robert Borton
Charles Freiberg
Gabriel Hernandez
Naneen Karraker
Benjamin Major
Doris Mitchell
Dorsey Nunn
Karen Rudolph
Imara Safiya
Laurie Shigekuni
James Simmons*

NCARL

NATIONAL COMMITTEE AGAINST REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION

Founded in 1960 as the National Committee to Abolish HUAC
(House Un-American Activities Committee)

Founders

James Imbrie
Alexander Meiklejohn
Harvey O'Connor
Clarence Pickett
Aubrey W. Williams

Advisors on Constitutional Law

Emeriti

Professor Thomas I. Emerson
Professor Vern Countryman

Professor Carole Goldberg-Ambrose
Paul Hoffman, Esq.
Douglas E. Mirell, Esq.

Co-Chairpersons

Ruth Calvin Emerson
Professor Michael Honey

Secretary

Professor David Randall Luce

Treasurer

Professor Blase A. Bonpane

Vice-Chairpersons

Dr. Donna Allen, *District of Columbia*
Professor Timuel D. Black, *Illinois*
Julian Bond, *District of Columbia*
Anne Braden, *Kentucky*
Bert Corona, *California*
Sylvia E. Crane, *New Jersey*
Phillip J. Hirschkop, Esq., *Virginia*
Professor Joan Howarth, *California*
Hon. John Lewis, *Georgia*
Lyle Mercer, *Washington*
Martin Michaelson, Esq., *District of Columbia*
John Shattuck, Esq., *Massachusetts*
Professor Steve M. Slaby, *New Jersey*
Professor Walter S. Vincent, *Massachusetts*
Reverend C.T. Vivian, *Georgia*
Gina Wilson, *New Jersey*

Legislative Advisor

Esther Herst

Student Advisors

Deborah Crawford
Christine Kelly
Ami Chen Mills

Advisors on Intelligence Agencies

Verne Lyon
David MacMichael

NATIONAL OFFICES

Frank Wilkinson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Madonna Harrison
CONSULTANT FOR
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nancy Paweski
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

1313 West 8th Street, Suite 313
Los Angeles, California 90017
Phone: (213) 484-6661
FAX: (213) 484-0266

Coordinating Committee

Rachel Rosen DeGolia, Chair
Richard Criley
Kit Gage
Frank Wilkinson

Kit Gage

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

3321 12th St. NE, 3rd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20017
Phone: (202) 529-4225
FAX: (202) 526-4611

February 27, 1996

Mr. John R. Simpson
Commissioner, U. S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-054

RE: Evans, Linda Reg. No. 19973-054

Dear Mr. Simpson,

I am writing to request that Linda Evans be granted parole when she appears before your Commission later this spring.

I would suggest the following reasons for the Commission to give positive consideration for her release at this time:

REHABILITATION: Unfortunately in recent years our penal system has moved away from viewing imprisonment as an opportunity for rehabilitation, preparing the imprisoned to return and play a positive role in our society. I think this trend has been a mistake. Without rehabilitation, the prison experience can be negative, almost inviting recidivism.

In reviewing the record you have before you, we find that Linda Evans has achieved a most remarkable development in her own advanced education, as well as setting a role model for others incarcerated with her.

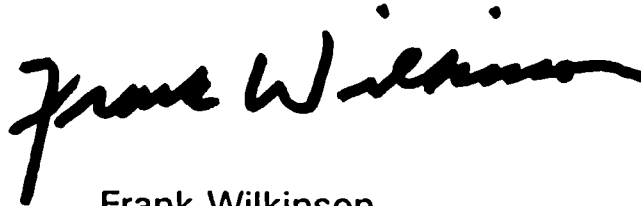
JOHN R. SIMPSON
U. S. PAROLE COMMISSION

EQUALITY OF SENTENCE: Beginning in the mid-sixties, the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our government have striven to improve our system of justice: first, in revising Title XVIII of the Criminal Code, including the elimination of disparities in the sentencing structure. While the final legislative enactment did not please many, especially in its tendency to deny judicial discretion, at least it was an attempt to stop the wide discrepancies across the nation in meting out punishments for similar offenses.

In the case of Linda Evans, we see the worst possible example of unequal justice which recent reforms attempted to stop. Due to circumstances beyond the control of your Commission, her original sentence on the firearms charge is many times longer than current guidelines (some have calculated it as 30 times longer).

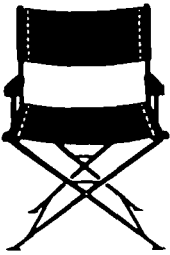
Therefore, to correct this injustice in her original sentencing, and, to acknowledge the remarkable self-rehabilitation reflected in her record, I would urge the Commission to grant her parole at this time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "F".

Frank Wilkinson
Executive Director Emeritus

cc: Ms. Linda Evans
c/o Doron Weinberg, Esq.
Counsel for Linda Evans



Women in the Director's Chair

3435 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE NO 3 · CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60657 · 312.281.4988

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

4/24/96

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

I am writing on behalf of the board of Women in the Director's Chair (WIDC) (see attached list) to urge you to release Linda Evans (#19973-054) at her upcoming parole hearing.

WIDC is a non-profit media arts organization based in Chicago which produces the oldest and largest women's film and video festival in the country. In addition to the festival, we also offer outreach programs throughout the year that bring independent media to populations who are traditionally left out of mainstream distribution channels. It is through one such outreach program, the Prison Project (now in its sixth year), that we have had the great fortune of working with Linda Evans.

Linda contacted us the first time several years ago to obtain videos for PLACE (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education) about women and HIV. We had been providing these sorts of tapes to peer-run programs and were happy that another such program was operating so successfully in a federal prison. We learned, over time, that Linda played a critical role in the founding and maintenance of that important group.

Later, Linda suggested that we work with the Black cultural organization at the prison to put on a Black History Month video screening series. Linda was a major organizer of the video series and served as an important link between WIDC and the women in the prison. That was the first time WIDC had embarked on a month-long program with a prison and it was truly due to Linda's vision and determination that we were able to pull off such a successful series. Subsequently, we have worked with other prisons around the country to provide similar programming.

Linda Evans has not only been an exceptional collaborator and organizer, she has been an inspiration. She patiently taught us to see that even under the most difficult conditions - the inconvenience of communicating with prisoners; the dense prison bureaucracy; the frustration of depending on the postal system - it is important that we create solid links between those of us doing cultural work on the "outside" and those who are looking to continue to expand their worlds despite their incarceration.

We are familiar with the facts of Linda's case and her sentencing. It is clear that her sentence is excessive when compared to others who have been charged with similar crimes. Linda has more than served her time and we urge you to see her release as essential. We know that she will make a valuable contribution to the community that she will be released to and we look forward to continuing to work with her wherever she is.

We would be happy to answer any further questions you might have us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Salome Chasnoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Salome Chasnoff
Board President



Women in the Director's Chair

3435 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE NO 3 · CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60657 · 312 281 4988

Board of Directors 1995-96

Salome Chasnoff, President
1629 Asbury
Evanston, 60201

Independent Videomaker
Ph.D. Performance Studies
Northwestern University

Beth Berolzheimer, Vice President
1261 W. Early, 60660

Independent Contractor
Video Editor/Artist

Dalida Maria Benfield, Secretary
2456 N. Fairfield, 60647

Independent Videomaker
Faculty, University of Illinois

Terry Hall, Treasurer
1626 Hickory St., Waukegan, 60085

Certified Public Accountant

Tamara Crowe, Fundraising
1328 W. Arthur, 60626

Development Office
Columbia College

Ranjana Bhargava
6730 S. Euclid, 60649

South Asian Women's Community Activist

Sabrina Craig
1310 N. Milwaukee, 60626

Peace & Justice Radio Project
American Friends Service Committee

Jan Derrick
631 Brummel, Evanston

Filmmaker, Ph.D Candidate
Northwestern University

Veronica Drake
1625 W. Rascher, 60640

Community Media Workshop

Susanne Fairfax
2038 W. Churchill, 60647

Independent Filmmaker
Co-Director, Post Modern Sisters

Cheryl Miller
4525 N. Paulina Unit G, 60640

Writer/Performance Artist

Christine Minor
6838 S. Oglesby, 60649

Independent Videomaker

Ines Ramos
5318 N. California, 60640

Community Activist

Jacqueline Stewart
1423 E. 53rd, 60615

Filmmaker
Graduate Student, U of C

Katie Wrobel
2314 W. Superior, Apt. 3E, 60612

Video Editor, Optimus
Independent Videomaker

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

L

Divider Title: _____

RAMSEY CLARK
LAWRENCE W. SCHILLING

LAW OFFICES
36 EAST 12TH STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003
(212) 475-3232
FAX (212) 979-1583

February 6, 1996

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans
#19973-054

Dear Commissioner Simpson,

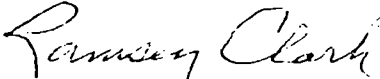
I have followed the Linda Evans case for many years and urge her parole at the earliest possible date.

Ms. Evans is the victim of extreme disproportionate sentencing. It is difficult to understand how a Court imposed such a unprecedented and unwarranted prison term. It is important to observe that in all of Ms. Evans' political activities which are the basis for her convictions, she has opposed war, racism, sexism, repression, and environmental pollution. While she has spoken, written and acted on her beliefs, she has not been convicted of violent conduct, or linked by direct evidence to any act of violence. She has a life long history of acting positively and constructively to address her concerns without violence.

During her years in prison, Linda Evans' affirmative attitude toward life and her desire to help others has been consistent. I am particularly impressed with her concerns and work while in prison for those who suffer from AIDS, an issue too many of us avoid like the plague. The only explanation I can offer for these efforts is her love for others.

I urge the Commission to parole Linda Evans now.

Sincerely,


Ramsey Clark

Community

BANK OF THE BAY

IN ORGANIZATION

March 31, 1996

John R. Simpson
Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I write to urge you to grant parole to Ms. Linda Evans.

Ms. Evans has consistently demonstrated throughout her entire adult life her commitment to helping persecuted or disadvantaged people. I knew her personally and worked with her during the late 1960's and have been aware of her circumstances since that time. Her motivations at the time I worked with her were not those of greed or self interest or self aggrandizement. When she saw something that was wrong, she worked as hard as she could to combat it. By every indication, that has been true of her all during her life.

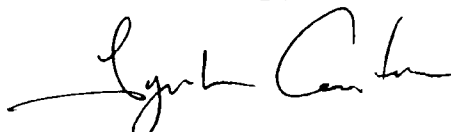
Her prison record evidences her consistent efforts to help other people, particularly disadvantaged persons.

To my knowledge, Ms. Evans has never been accused of harming another person, and has denied ever having done so. Nor has she ever been accused of taking another person's property.

Ms. Evans was convicted of violating several federal laws. So be it, but she has already served a heavy penalty for having done so, a virtually unprecedented penalty relative to the gravity of her violations.

No useful purpose is being served by spending the taxpayers' money to continue confining Linda Evans in prison. She does not belong there. She is not a threat to the citizenry. Please release her to our community in the Bay Area, where she will be a contributing member of society.

Sincerely,



Lyndon Comstock
Chairman

January 23, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

This letter is in regard to the parole petition for Linda Evans, an inmate serving time in the federal women's prison in Dublin, California.

Linda Evans is an unusual, remarkable woman who one cannot help but wonder how she happened to be given a 40-year sentence when her whole life has been one of service to the less fortunate or marginalized; or to organizing students in progressive activities; or working with youth in cultural arts; or participating in peace movements; or fighting against racism; or giving encouragement and sustenance to people with serious illnesses like HIV and AIDS; or engaging in any number of worthy causes for the betterment of society. Why would a woman with such a brilliant track record of manifesting love for humanity become the object of criminalizing.

It seems, the intensity and direction of her desire to challenge injustices in this society, made her a target to observe and restrict and contravene. The extraordinary lengthy sentence is certainly a way of inflicting punishment. The sentence seems far beyond a just decision.

Linda has already served 11 years. Her sentence is 30 times longer than the usual firearms charges. She has spent more years in prison than most convicted murderers, rapists, and thieves. She has never hurt or injured anyone. Her prison years have been filled with helping fellow inmates. She has also completed a BA in Humanities from New College in California.

How much we need someone of her organizing skills, her inclination of serving humanity, her years of experience in a multitude of situations with people of all ages and background. She is exactly the kind of leader and teacher that communities need. How much we can learn from her.

I feel it is an honor to even write these few lines in support of such a remarkable, unpretentious, inspiring woman. She is certainly a role model for anywhere at any time. What she has already accomplished behind-the-walls with no recognition is impressive and significant. She must be paroled. She will be an asset to any community.

Sincerely,

Yuri Kochiyama

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Blvd, Ste 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286


March 28, 1996

Dear Commissioner Simpson --

I would like to add my voice to the many being raised on behalf of Linda Evans, whose sentence was disproportionate to her offense right from the start and becomes more punitive, indeed grotesque, with every passing year. Whatever one's political opinion of the actions she took, those actions were never "criminal" or pathological or even anti-social, but always directed toward against activities she perceived as destructive to mankind, from war to the pollution of the environment. In all her years in prison, she has acted from the same loving beliefs, doing everything she could find to do that was of benefit to her fellow human beings. How many righteous citizens outside the prisons could say the same?

Please grant parole to Linda Evans at the first opportunity and put an end to a travesty which can only bring shame to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,


Peter Matthiessen
Box 392, Sagaponack, NY 11962



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AT AMHERST

Office of the Dean

School of Management
Amherst, MA 01003
TEL: (413) 545-5580
FAX: (413) 545-3858

March 26, 1996

**John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286**

Dear Commissioner Simpson:

I write in support of the petition of Linda Evans. Linda's case was brought to my attention by a friend who asked me for advice and referral to others with particular expertise in such legal matters. I was struck by the apparent disproportion of Ms. Evans sentence. Those I consulted agreed that the sentence was extraordinary and advised that a thorough analysis would probably demonstrate that Ms. Evans had been treated quite differently and much more harshly than others convicted of similar crimes.

I have since been in correspondence with Ms. Evans and have become convinced that it is not in the nation's best interest that she remain in prison. She is a remarkable woman who has great compassion for those afflicted by AIDS and a vocation for serving people in need.

Even if I were not enthusiastic about Linda as a person I would be quite concerned that anyone would be imprisoned for so long when current guidelines would result in a much shorter sentence. Her behavior has been exemplary. Her references from those who have worked with her are glowing. Her personal qualities seem quite admirable. Yet she remains in prison. Surely it is difficult to argue that such a result is consistent with current views of justice and equal treatment under the law.

I ask that you consider her petition quite carefully and that she be released from further time in prison.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Thomas O'Brien
Dean**

FEB 23 1996

JERRY PACT
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT (RETIRED)
910 GRETNA GREEN WAY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90049
(213) 207-1692

19 February 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans

Dear Commissioner:

"EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW" is carved in stone over the door to the U.S. Supreme Court building. This is a beacon to our judicial system and a foundation for American jurisprudence. Where it is violated or ignored we are all diminished.

I do not know Linda Evans. I realize she was convicted of a number of crimes.

What prompts this letter from me -- a judge for 31 years -- is the shockingly severe and patently disproportionate sentence meted out to her for firearms violations.

As is pointed out by her advocates, murderers, robbers and rapists are given sentences far shorter than Ms. Evans' 30 years. I urge you to consider favorably Ms. Evans' request for parole. In my belief, our system and our country will benefit by a return to "EQUAL JUSTICE" in her case.

With respect, I remain

Very sincerely,



JERRY PACT *et*

JP:et

1935 Stuart Street
Berkeley, CA 94703
March 14, 1996

John R. Simpson, Commissioner
U.S. Parole Commission
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7286

Re: Linda Evans
#19973-054

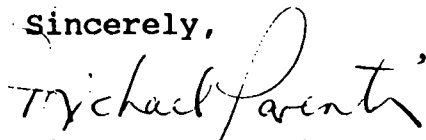
Dear Commissioner Simpson:

Linda Evans has an exemplary record as a prisoner. Her work on behalf of fellow inmates with AIDS has been truly outstanding. I know that your record contains testimonials from prison personnel as to her dedication, unselfishness and compassion. This alone would be enough to warrant the Commission's granting parole, but, legally, there is an even more compelling argument: she is a victim of extremely disproportionate sentencing. For making false statements to buy legal firearms, with no attendant violence, she was given a sentence *thirty times longer than the average for this violation.*

Ms. Evans, who has never hurt or injured anyone, has already served over eleven years, more time than most convicted murderers. Throughout that time, she has shown by her work that that she is capable of being a responsible citizen in the outside world. She is currently completing a BA degree. She has a home and several job offers waiting for her in the Bay Area, where her family resides. As a Berkeley resident, I fully support her release to the Bay Area.

I urge the Commission to consider favorably Linda Evans' request for parole. Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the many others you have received on Ms. Evans' behalf.

Sincerely,


Michael Parenti, Ph.D.

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a tabbed divider. Given our digitization capabilities, we are sometimes unable to adequately scan such dividers. The title from the original document is indicated below.

M

Divider Title: _____

Working on project brought women together, helped with grief, they say

By DAVID HOLBROOK
Staff writer

DUBLIN — Inmate Linda Martin volunteered to work on an AIDS memorial quilt at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin to help other women deal with the pain of losing loved ones to AIDS.

The quilt was dedicated to those its AIDS victims Saturday at a prison ceremony, and there was a name on the quilt that Martin didn't know would be there when she started the project: the name of her fiance.

"I didn't get involved in this for myself; just to help out the other women," Martin said. "And to find out someone close to me had AIDS really changed things for me."

Martin learned three weeks ago that her fiance had been diagnosed with AIDS. She didn't know he was HIV-positive.

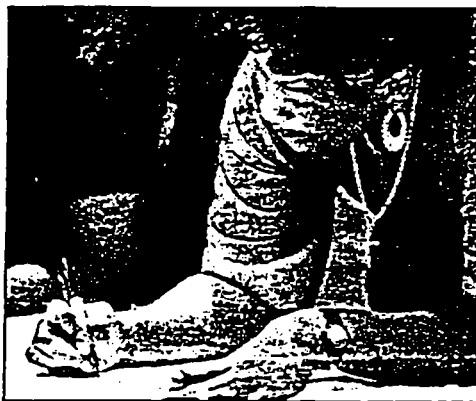
"I've learned a lot of things working on the quilt," she said. "People still need love. You don't have to be afraid of them because they're HIV-positive."

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was started in 1987 by San Francisco AIDS activists. The quilt panels made by the inmates will join about 24,000 others that travel in separate groups throughout the world as a memorial to AIDS victims.

Each panel is 3 feet wide and 6 feet long, representing the dimensions of a burial plot. There are too many panels to display them all in one place.

Each panel contains pictures, designs and memorabilia to give it the unique character of the person it honors. The inmates also made quilts to honor children who died of the same disease — AIDS — that killed their parents, and female prisoners who have died of AIDS. More than 50 friends and relatives of women in the prison are listed on the panels.

Inmates say designing the quilt to reflect the character of a friend or relative transforms



JUANITA BOWDAM, an inmate, writes a message on one of the quilt squares.

grief into warm remembrances of that person.

"At the funeral I just cried, but this brought back lots and lots of good memories," said inmate Valerie Dorn, who lost a family friend to AIDS.

This is the first quilt project in a women's prison, and organizers hope it provides an emotional outlet for inmates while raising a touchy prison subject for discussion.

"There are lots of rumors that get around in prisons," said Linda Evans, an inmate who heads a prison AIDS-education group, Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education. "This is a way to get rid of the stigmas and spread the information these women need."

Many of the women in prison have abused drugs and engaged in high-risk sexual activity, both of which raise their risk of contracting HIV, prison officials say. The quilt puts the threat of AIDS in tangible form.

"It provides AIDS with a face, with emotions and feelings," said Dr. German Maisonet, a prison physician. "And it makes it OK to talk about."

'I've learned a lot of things working on the quilt. People still need love. You don't have to be afraid of them because they're HIV-positive.'

— Inmate Linda Martin

The quilt project was designed to be a group activity, where inmates could share their frustrations and relate the real-life horror of AIDS to others. By working together, the inmates found the support that allowed them to grieve.

"It was a little difficult for me at first," said Earnestine Basey, whose son, Andre, died of AIDS last year. "But my daughter just kept persisting, and somehow we went on through with it."

Basey's daughter, Sherron Ballard, is also an inmate at the prison. She said the quilt is a tribute to her brother, a Special Olympics athlete who was able to get a job and earn his driver's license despite his mental impairment.

"He's looking down on us now and smiling," she said. "And he was laughing at us when we were struggling with each other to get this thing done."

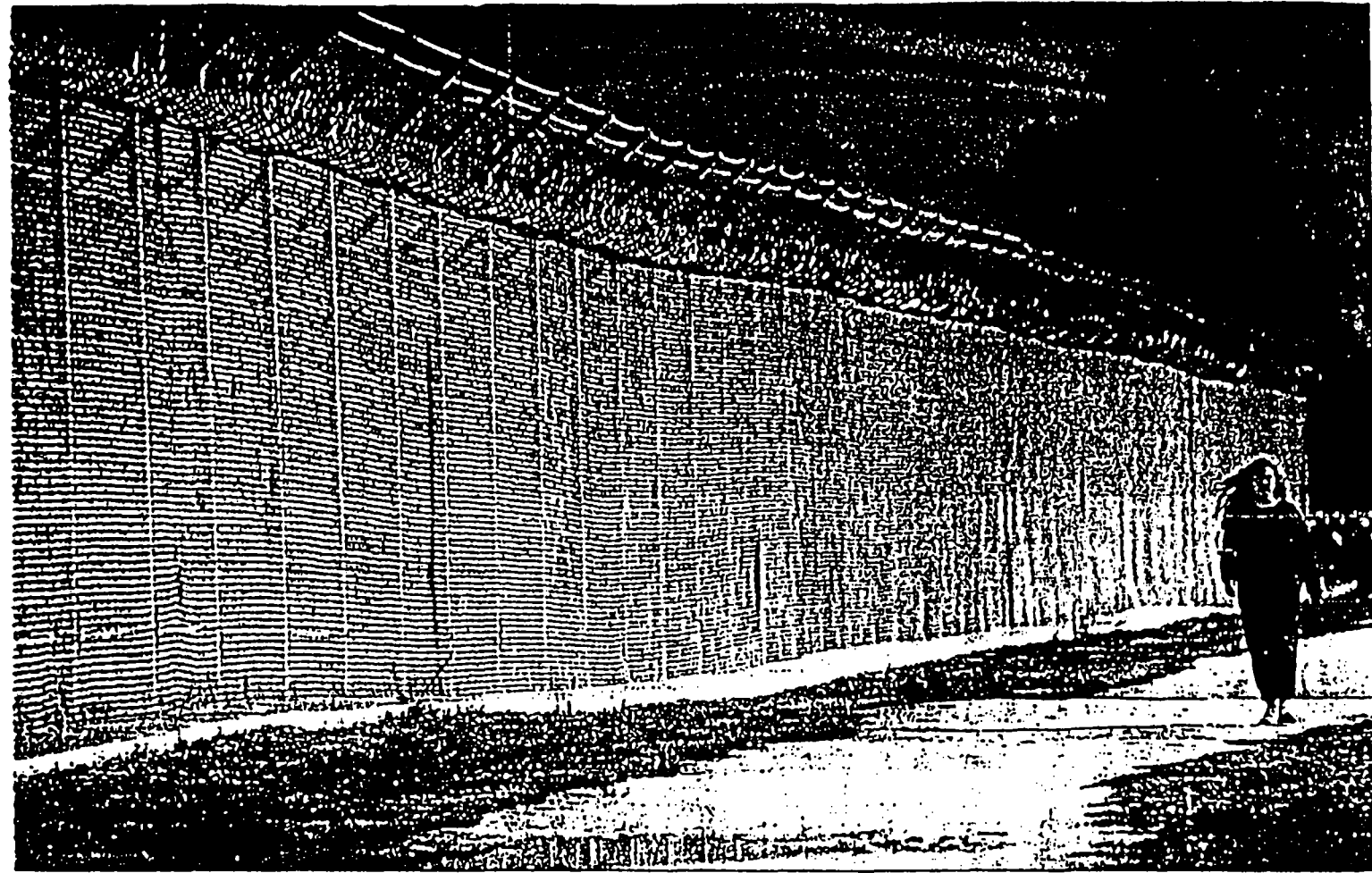
Inmates found making the panels was a way to rediscover their relationship with a friend or relative who had died of AIDS.

Mirella Pacheco made a panel for her brother, Edwin, who contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion during surgery. He died of AIDS in 1980, one year after the surgery.

"Me and my brother weren't raised together. This brought me to think of how it would have been," she said.

Valley Times p. 3A

August 29, 1993



JIM KETSDEVER/Times

MARIA VARGAS walks around the track at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin on Friday to raise funds for Ambassador House, a residential hotel for people with AIDS.

Women in prison walk to help AIDS patients

By JOHN VANLANDINGHAM
Staff writer

DUBLIN — Through rain, night, cold and sunshine, inmates of the Federal Correctional Institution have logged more than 3,000 miles in an effort to raise money for AIDS research.

The more-than-400 volunteers started Nov. 5, gathering pledges for the distance they walk. But since they're confined to a jail facility, their walks are limited — around and around a dirt track. Every five laps is one mile.

Volunteer Linda Evans said the incarcerated women have pledged about \$1,100 themselves. Another \$1,300 has been raised in pledges by outsiders contacted through volunteers from St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

The money will be given to the Ambassador hotel in San Francisco, a residential hotel providing care and services for many HIV-positive and AIDS patients, said Carol Ghilardi, a volunteer from St. Augustine's AIDS ministry.

The program is an outgrowth of the prison's

efforts to teach female inmates about AIDS, said Correctional Officer Mark Lewellyn.

Lewellyn's job at the prison is overseeing women working in the laundry, but his volunteer job is sponsoring Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (PLACE), which is open to all the women at FCI.

During its nearly four-year existence, PLACE has adopted Children's Hospital Oakland, collecting scraps of material to make dolls and stuffed animals and designing cards for the children there. It also has evolved as a source for support and information about AIDS, Lewellyn said.

"Nearly every woman here knows someone who has AIDS or knows someone who has died from it. We also have some HIV-positive people in the group," he said.

Another staff member suggested a benefit for the Ambassador Hotel after seeing a television news report about it. Out of that came a project of making necklace-type keychains for the hotel's residents, because so many of them

kept losing their keys, said Ghilardi. Then the idea of the AIDS walk developed.

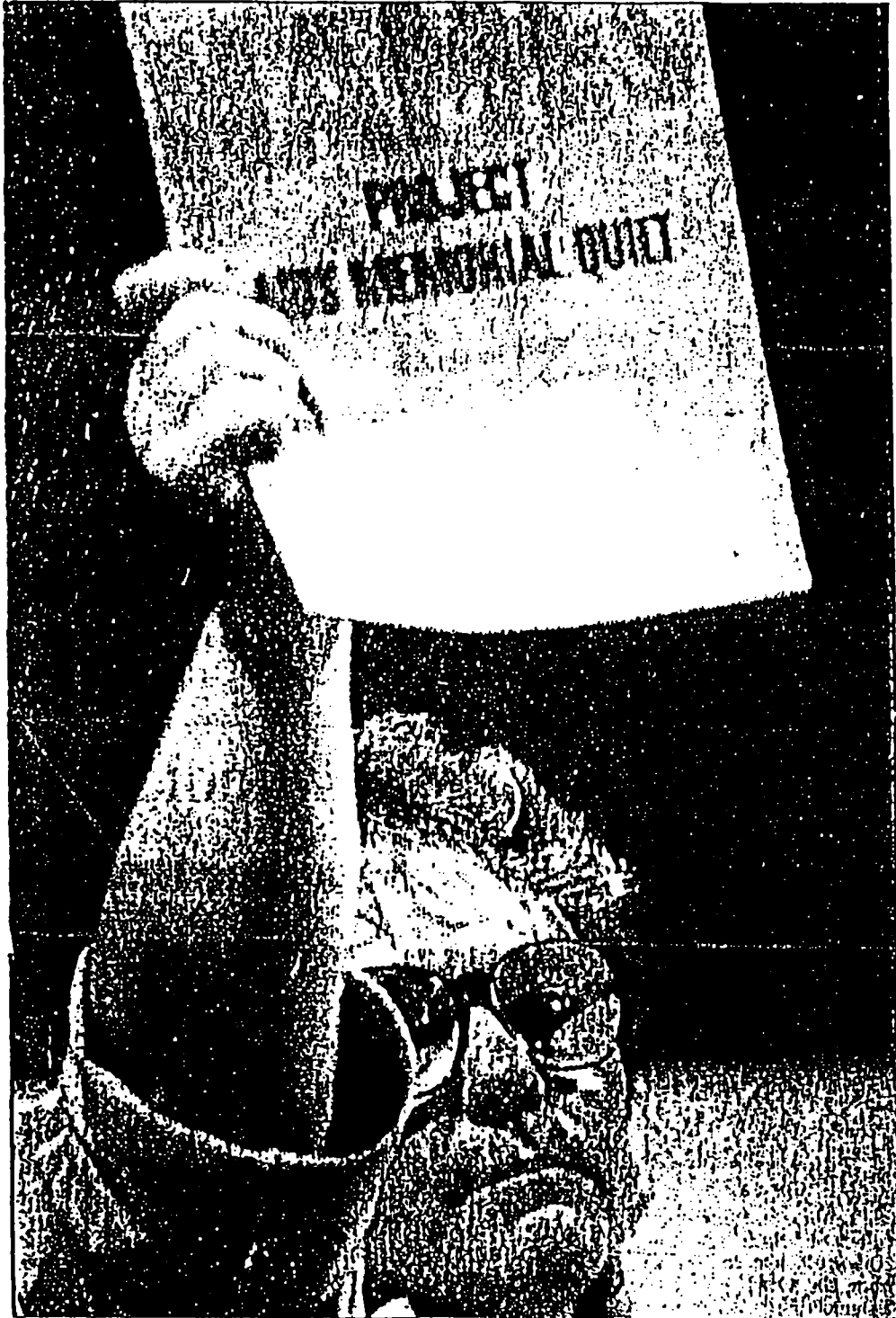
More than half the prison's 800 or so women responded, Lewellyn said (FCI is the women's prison. Men are housed at the adjoining Federal Detention Facility.)

Unlike similar AIDS walks in other prisons, the women in Dublin receive no incentives to participate. Yet they have walked through unpleasant conditions and some have even donated their entire monthly salary — about \$5, Lewellyn said.

Evans knows why the women walk on.

"We're criminals, yes. We broke the law, but we're still humans who care about others. This is a way to express that concern," she said. "We live in crowded conditions, three women to a very small room. You get very alienated. What the walk has done is break through that in an extremely positive manner." Another inmate, Lucero Rivas, coined the project's slogan: "No more indifference. Your support can help many to live."

AIDS. Inmates organize to ease ignorance



Times/Larry Strong

LINDA EVANS, president of PLACE, holds up a pamphlet about the AIDS project memorial quilt for interested FCI inmates. This month PLACE began its first six-session class on AIDS. "We can speak best to each other," Evans said. "We have the same experience, the same language, the same risks. We speak with more authority."

By Catherine Hedgecock
Staff writer

DUBLIN — June Jackson is in prison, but she knows more about AIDS than her niece in Michigan. "I spent an hour and a half on the phone with her," said Jackson, an inmate at the all-women Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin. "She didn't know anything."

Debra Garza was in prison when she learned her brother had AIDS. Her brother's wife and baby died of the disease before Garza knew what it was. At FCI, she educated herself and now warns her two children about it. "We don't want to lose the next generation," Garza said.

Jackson and Garza are two of the nearly 50 inmates at FCI who have banded together to erase ignorance about AIDS and HIV. They are members of Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education, or PLACE, a group formed and run by inmates.

AIDS education is rare at most prisons, said Crystal Mason, client advocate for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, who receives letters every month from female inmates seeking AIDS information.

"In most prisons there is so little education," Mason said. "Can you imagine having a life-threatening disease and knowing nothing about it, and no information in your library? Women are desperate."

The close quarters of prison intensify the need for AIDS and HIV education, Mason said. Ignorance about how AIDS is and is not spread is rampant.

AIDS is spread through the exchange of body fluids like blood, semen or vaginal fluid, usually through sharing needles for drug use or having sex without using a condom. AIDS is not spread through casual contact, like kissing, hugging or touching. Lack of such knowledge, Mason said, spreads fear and prejudice.

"PLACE gives women a place to go and talk about AIDS safely and get the information they need," Mason said.

PLACE has grown over the last two years from a handful of inmates to an organized group with weekly meetings and a slate of educational activities. Members have put on an inmate-written play, prepared brochures, procured educational video-

tapes and counseled inmates upon entering and leaving.

This month they began their first six-session class on AIDS, taught by PLACE members. They have reached about half of the prison's 800 female inmates with their programs, said PLACE President Linda Evans.

"We can speak best to each other," Evans said. "We have the same experience, the same language, the same risks. We speak with more authority."

PLACE members say they hunger for information about AIDS because it has invaded their lives. About 1 percent of the women at the prison have AIDS or HIV, staff physician Tracy Thompson said. This is a relatively low number for a prison population, she said, but inmates are only tested if they request it.

Far more have put themselves at risk through intravenous drug use or having sex without using a condom. Others have family members or friends who have died from AIDS or who are HIV-infected.

In addition, ignorance about AIDS breeds rumors, which can make life unbearable in the prison environment.

Prisoners thought to have HIV or AIDS have been ostracized by many, said inmate Diana Haggard. Some women have refused to share cells, cigarettes or eat in the dining hall with someone they suspected of having AIDS.

"People are cold-hearted," Haggard said. "They treat them (suspected HIV-positive inmates) like lepers."

To combat the misinformation, a grass-roots group of inmates began forming in 1990 to provide information and peer counseling about AIDS and HIV, Evans said.

The inmates made up an AIDS questionnaire and educational cartoons showing how AIDS is transmitted sexually or by sharing needles. They began providing AIDS information at inmate orientations and prerelease meetings.

In February, inmates performed a play titled "What If," written by inmate LaVerne Simms, about three women being told they are HIV-positive.

About 250-300 women attended the play, said PLACE member Carolyn Bell. "People were crying in the audience," she said.

The performers began to be sought out by other inmates for information on HIV and AIDS. The group attending PLACE's weekly meetings grew to 50. In April, PLACE was officially recognized by the prison, drew up a constitution and bylaws and got a staff sponsor laundry foreman Mark Lewellyn.

On Father's Day, members of PLACE talked about AIDS with inmates and their children, who were visiting that day. Now they are conducting the six-week class, which covers HIV transmission, symptoms shown by women, misconceptions about AIDS and other topics.

Inmates and staff say the AIDS education has a range of benefits. High-risk activities, having sex and using drugs, are prohibited by prison rules, and inmates are not allowed conjugal visits.

However, Mason said, sex between inmates or inmates and staff members and use of needles to shoot drugs or create tattoos occur at prisons nationwide. "It goes on all the time, although they (administrators) like to deny it," Mason said. "This lack of education is going to kill people."

In addition, a majority of FCI prisoners have children and are determined to pass along vital information about AIDS.

Education also improves inmates' attitudes and self-esteem, which in turn improve their health, said Thompson. "As a health provider, I can see the effects," Thompson said.

Thompson said more women have requested HIV tests since PLACE started, and many come in with questions ready about symptoms and treatments. "I know the message is getting across."

PLACE members know that they have a long way to go. Many inmates are afraid to talk about AIDS, Evans said. And many staff members, Lewellyn admits, remain ignorant about it.

Lewellyn said he's invited other prison staff to PLACE meetings, but none have attended yet. He hopes to create a similar education group for staff members and for male inmates at the neighboring Federal Prison Work Camp.

Taking education into their own hands is the key to a successful program, PLACE members agreed. "We need to be aware of how you can catch it," said Bell, "and take care of ourselves so we can educate other people."



LAVERNE SIMMS talks with other women at FCI about AIDS and HIV during a PLACE meeting. Listening is president Linda Evans.

Times-Larry



VALLEY TODAY

Women inmates step up fight against AIDS

By PATRICIA JACOBUS

Staff writer

DUBLIN — Hundreds of women serving time at the Federal Correctional Institution will wake up early today and start walking around the track as part of a fund-raising effort to help AIDS organizations.

The walkathon is scheduled to last through the three-day Memorial Day weekend. The women hope to log 2,000 miles and raise at least \$10,000.

In addition, many of the prisoners have donated \$1 from their \$5-a-month salary they earn working prison jobs.

Money raised will go to Camp

Sunburst, a summer camp for HIV-positive children, and the Ambassador Hotel, a support program in San Francisco for HIV-positive residents.

This is the second time FCI inmates have participated in the walkathon.

"It's about loving somebody besides yourself," said 49-year-old Linda Evans, one of the founding members of Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education, or PLACE. "It's something positive we can do. It was pretty magical."

PLACE was organized in 1991 by a group of women prisoners coping with friends, family members and lovers dying of AIDS.

Since then the group has grown to several dozen members who organize health fairs to educate others about the deadly disease. They also raise money for organizations that help people with AIDS.

"I couldn't stand just sitting in here feeling helpless," said Laura Whitehorn, 51. "I've been locked up during the burgeoning of AIDS and now I want to do something about it."

For Shante Miller, 35, joining the group was a way to educate herself about the disease ravaging her older brother's body.

She knew little about AIDS and said her mother knew less. But since Miller was in prison, her mother was

left with the task of caring for the sick man.

"She was scared at first, telling me on the phone that she bought a lot of bottles of bleach to disinfect his belongings," said Miller in a recent interview. "I had to educate her from here and now she is dealing with it much better."

The women are seeking sponsors for every mile they walk. Carol Ghilardi, a volunteer from St. Augustine's AIDS Ministry, is handling the cash and organizing the sponsors.

For a registration form, contact Ghilardi at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, 94566.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Women inmates walk for AIDS

Prison event raises money for hotel, camp

by Cynthia Laird

The second "Prisoners Fight AIDS" Walk-A-Thon took place Memorial Day weekend at the Federal Correctional Institution for Women in Dublin, as inmates walked to raise over \$4,000 for the Ambassador Hotel and Camp Sunburst.

The event was organized by the Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education (PLACE) program, a prisoner-initiated HIV peer education group. Over 90 percent of the 800 women inmates took part in the event, a feat made possible by holding the event over four days.

During last year's in-prison Walk-A-Thon, women prisoners walked more than 4,000 miles and raised over \$4,000 for the Ambassador Hotel.

Judy Greenspan of Catholic Charities of the East Bay HIV/AIDS in Prison Project noted that the event is an unusual occurrence in today's prisons.

"The women pledged \$1,500 themselves," Greenspan told the *B.A.R.*, referring to this year's event.

The prisoners also received

pledges of support from many organizations and individual sponsors who donated money, she said.

The "Prisoners Fight AIDS" Walk-A-Thon was sponsored by AIDS service organizations, AIDS ministries, and women's groups in the Pleasanton-Dublin area.

co's Tenderloin District.

Camp Sunburst provides a healthy and supportive summer camp for HIV-positive children and their families in California. [See story, this page.]

PLACE was organized by women inmates in 1991 to fight the AIDS epidemic. The group sponsored the first major display

"The women pledged \$1,500 themselves."

—Judy Greenspan, Catholic Charities of the East Bay HIV/AIDS in Prison Project

Preliminary totals on Monday showed the women had already raised over \$4,000, Greenspan told the *Bay Area Reporter*. That means when the final total comes in, it should be more than was raised in last year's event. The proceeds will be split equally between the Ambassador and Camp Sunburst.

The Ambassador is a residential hotel for homeless people with AIDS, many of whom are former prisoners, in San Francis-

co's Tenderloin District. of the International AIDS Memorial Quilt at a women's prison, and members constructed two large quilt panels. One of the panels is in memory of women prisoners who have died of AIDS, and the other panel is dedicated to AIDS orphans.

Greenspan said that PLACE has also informally adopted HIV-positive children at Children's Hospital Oakland and have donated toys, blankets, and clothing made by women prisoners. ▼

Sunburst brightens families living with HIV

by Hakeem Oseni II

The Sunburst Project is a unique organization serving children and families with HIV/AIDS throughout Sonoma County.

One of the services offered by Sunburst is respite child care, which provides families with a volunteer to help care for children so the families can attend medical appointments, support groups, or any other emergency that may arise.

Another unique program the Sunburst Project offers is a free summer camp for children with HIV and their families. Last year Sunburst hosted over 35 families from all over Northern California.

"It's a week-long free residen-

tial summer camp program for children with AIDS and their families," according to Geri Brooks, founding director of the Sunburst Project. The first session will be held the first week of July along the Russian River, and the second is planned for the first week of August in the foothills of the Sierras.

"It's a place that creates a safe community for people living with HIV or AIDS, and who don't necessarily have an opportunity to share with others their life situation," Brooks told the *Bay Area Reporter*, adding the camp provides a place for the kids to be kids and for parents to watch their kids being kids. "They don't have to worry about caring for them, because there is round-the-clock medical attention for the kids," Brooks said. "It provides rest for the parents.

"Eighty percent of our clients are from a minority background," she said, "and sometimes the whole family may be living with the virus.

Oftentimes you have a grandparent who is caring for the children after the parents have died, thus making the camp multi-generational."

Activities include arts, crafts, swimming, hiking, and other typical summer activities. "We have a special day that we call the Sunburst Olympics, and the kids do all types of relay-type games. We also have a very exciting carnival night with face painting," Brooks said.

She acknowledged the San Francisco Bay Area Imperial Court System and the San Jose Court System, the SF Eagle, and the Silver Fox in San Jose for helping raise funds for the Sunburst Project. "Right now they are doing all this beer bust and stuff in the cities, that helps us a lot." ▼

For information on becoming a much-needed volunteer, or for more information about the Sunburst Summer Camp, call Joann at (707) 769-0169.

AIDS & PRISONS THE FACTS



FOR INMATES AND OFFICERS

NPP AIDS INFORMATION ORDER FORM

Bulk orders available for:

- 100 copies, \$25
- 500 copies, \$100
- 1,000 copies, \$150

Also available:

AIDS IN PRISON BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Lists resources on AIDS in prison available

from the National Prison Project and other sources. 41 pages. \$5 prepaid.

NPP Journal. Regular column on AIDS and prison issues in the National Prison Project Journal, which features stories on corrections and criminal justice issues; Case Law Report. \$30 prepaid/\$2 for prisoners.

Fill out and send with check payable to National Prison Project to: AIDS Booklet, The National Prison Project, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 410, Washington D.C. 20009; or call 202/234-4830.

NOTE: The National Prison Project produced this booklet to help teach people about AIDS and how to avoid getting infected. We want it to be distributed as widely as possible. You should know that just because your institution's officials agreed to pass out this booklet does not mean that they support your violating institutional policy or the law. If you are caught in illegal sex or drug use, you will be dealt with in the usual manner of your institution.

We would like to thank Linda Evans, principal author, Alison Bechdel, the illustrator, and Darnel Lewis, graphic artist, for their valuable contributions to this booklet.

48 NPP AIDS INFORMATION ORDER FORM