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Box 51  
Comstock, NY 12821

RE: [REDACTED]

Inst. No.: [REDACTED]

NYSID: [REDACTED]

Ind No. [REDACTED]

Dear Parole Officer:

In reply to your recent request regarding the above-captioned defendant, the recommendation of this office is as follows:

In the late 1980's the crack plague was raging in Queens County, New York. The events which lead to this horrendous and cold-blooded murder began in 1988, when a resident of Queens County complained to the police about brazen and open crack cocaine sales outside his home by a 20-member drug gang which was run by [REDACTED] and his underling [REDACTED]. On February 24, 1988, [REDACTED] was arrested for selling drugs from his jail cell and ordered his gang to murder a cop, any cop to send a message.

On February 26, 1988 [REDACTED] Queens County, New York, in the early morning hours, a rookie police officer, [REDACTED] a recent graduate of the New York City Police Academy now assigned to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct was working the midnight tour. [REDACTED] just four days past his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, sat alone in his patrol car guarding the home of the witness who had his home firebombed as well as his life threatened for reporting these drug dealings. Blocking the police officer's view of the rear of the street was a "canine cage" inside of the patrol car. [REDACTED] could not see the beat up Dodge in his rearview mirror roll up toward the end of Inwood Street, with his assassins inside.

Defendant, [REDACTED] along with co-defendants [REDACTED], four low-level drug players who were members of the " [REDACTED] " a violent crew, were hired by [REDACTED] for drug kingpin [REDACTED] to carry out the hit and send the message. As [REDACTED] sat in his patrol car, one defendant approached from the passenger side window in order to distract him while another defendant approached the driver's side window and held a nickel-plated revolver roughly eight inches from his head. Five shots tore through [REDACTED]'s head, killing him instantly. He was never able to remove his gun from his holster. The execution which was ordered by the imprisoned drug lord, [REDACTED] was completed with [REDACTED] death.

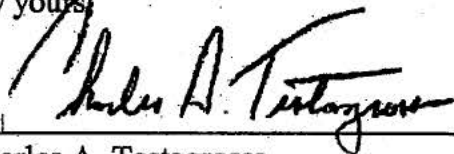
The defendant, [REDACTED] and co-defendants [REDACTED] were apprehended on March 4, 1988, six days after the execution of [REDACTED]. On March 8, 1988 a Grand Jury returned an indictment charging the defendant and co-defendants with Murder 2° and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2°.

On March 29, 1989, the defendant and co-defendants [REDACTED] were found guilty of Murder 2° and other related charges for the execution death of [REDACTED]. On May 16, 1989, the defendant was sentenced to a maximum term of 25 years to life. In addition, on June 6, 1989, during a separate trial from his co-defendants, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Murder 2° and other related charges and sentenced to 25 years to life. [REDACTED] who ordered the execution, was found guilty by a Federal jury, of the murder of [REDACTED]. Moreover, [REDACTED]'s multi-million dollar crack ring was dismantled.

In light of the sentence imposed for this vicious and cold-blooded execution style murder of [REDACTED] the District Attorney strenuously opposes any consideration for the release of this defendant on parole. The defendant should serve the maximum portion of the sentence which was imposed, life.

Very truly yours,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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