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July 9, 1974

Personal + Confidential

The Honorable William Saxbe U. S. Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Atty. General Saxbe:

I am writing concerning Mr. Henry Wynn, an Atlanta businessman, recently convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced by Judge Richard Freeman to four years imprisonment.

The community is very upset over this because Mr. Wynn has been an outstanding businessman, who single-handed operated four or five businesses.

At the trial the prosecuting attorneys permitted the striking of all Negroes from the jury and appeals to racial prejudice were made to the jury by alleging that Wynn "wore \$150.00 suits and rode around in a cadillac."

It was claimed also that he was connected with lottery and dope, but I have known Mr. Wynn for over 20 years and do not know of his being connected with these crimes. He has never been convicted before to my knowledge.

The judge in a recent final decision ruled that Wynn is eligible for immediate parole. I am asking your intervention to see if Wynn can be probated and permitted to pay a fine.

If he has to go to prison I fear his businesses will fail and the economy of Auburn Avenue will be adversely affected. Many leaders in the black community have written to Judge Freeman in behalf of the defendant.

Our paper has been a strong supporter of President Nixon and his law and order program with justice. In fact, I have supported the President since 1952 and praise the splendid record you are making.

I ask your personal intervention in this case because the ends of justice will be met if Wynn is probated and permitted to pay a fine.

Thanks for your consideration, I am

Respectfully yours,

C. A. Scott

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Re: Henry Wynn

Wynn is incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Lexington, Kentucky, under a four (4) year prison sentence for tax violations.

The sentence is subject to 18 U.S.C. § 4208(a)(2), the so-called immediate parole provisions, i.e., he is eligible for parole at such time as the board of parole may determine.

Regulations relating to parole are set forth in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.

Henry's prison number is 00083-123.

His case worker is Mrs. Hine. Telephone number, (606) 255-6812 ext. 2334. On the 20th of November, Mrs. Hine informed me Henry was making a fine adjustment; your're right Mr. McNelis, he is a <u>gentleman</u>; I'll go through all of his letters of recommendation that he has on his person and cull out those I think should be part of his file; yes, his presentence report is part of the prison file and will be available to the parole examiners as will the letters that I'll put in the file.

Henry, with my concurrence, waived a parole hearing which could have been had in December. After talking to his case worker, talking to me and my review of parole guidelines, Henry concluded, and I fully agreed, that he did not have enough of a track record at the penitentiary to go before the examiners in December. As a judgment call, we decided to wait until February which is the next time around.

It is hoped Henry may get home a day or two for Christmas.

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CABLE ADDRESS

December 3, 1974

John R. Lusk, Esq. Assis. United States Attorney 300 Las Vegas Boulevard, South P. O. Box 16030 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Re: Henry Nelson Wynn, #00083-123 Federal Correctional Institution Lexington, Kentucky

Dear John:

Henry Wynn has retained me to assist him in matters relating to parole. Henry entered the Federal prison system on September 30, 1974, to serve a four (4) year prison term. The sentence is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. §4208(a)(2), the so-called immediate parole provisions.

It is my understanding that Henry's initial hearing for parole, pursuant to 28 CFR §2.13, now is scheduled for February of 1975. It is also my understanding that you were chief trial counsel in the case which resulted in Henry's conviction.

You are aware, I am sure, that 28 CFR §2.21 provides, among other things, that reports "by the prosecution officers" are considered in deciding whether a parole shall be granted or denied. That same section of the Regulations goes on to state that: "The Board (of Parole) encourages the submission of such information...!" The office of the Board's Legal Counsel informed me today that the Board, as a routine matter, solicits the views of the office of the United States Attorney responsible for the trial of a case.



John R. Lusk, Esq. - 2

December 3, 1974

I'm sure you'll understand why I write to you when I say that in my fifteen years of prosecuting cases for the Tax Division, apparently in the same capacity that you acted in the Wynn case, I have no recollection of any such solicitation from the Board coming to my attention. I beseech you, therefore, on behalf of Henry, to take the initiative and submit a report to the Board concerning your views as to a grant of early parole for him.

The Parole Board informs me that you may address your report as follows:

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United States Parole Board Southeast Region 3500 Greenbriar Parkway Building 300 Atlanta, Georgia 30331

Kindest regards.

bcc: Mrs. Hines, Case Worker Mr. Stan Scott Louis Regenstein, Esq.

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January 6, 1975

Mr. Jessie Hill, Jr. Atlanta Life Insurance Co. P. O. Box 897 Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Re: Henry Wynn

Dear Mr. Hill:

It was good to talk with you last December 27th.

As I informed you, Henry has retained me to assist him in matters relating to his parole proceedings. In that connection and in response to your request, Henry's four year prison term is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 4203(a)(2), the so-called "immediate parole" provision of the law. Section 4208(a)(2) provides that:

> "The court may fix the maximum sentence of imprisonment to be served in which event the court may specify that the prisoner may become eligible for parole at which time as the board of parole may determine."

Theoretically, the board of parole could have paroled Henry the minute he entered prison. As a practical matter, the parole board has adopted considerations and guidelines for parole release consideration. These considerations and guidelines are set forth in Sections 2.19 and 2.20 of the Code of Federal Regulations. I have enclosed a copy of these two sections for your information.

You will note that one of the factors which the Board, in its discretion, may consider is a recommendation of the sentencing judge and of the prosecuting attorney. Incidentally, I have written to the attorney who prosecuted Henry's case and have every reason to believe he will respond favorably to my letter.

Mr. Jessie Hill, Jr. - 2

A favorable recommendation from the judge who imposed sentence on Henry would, I believe, be most helpful in Henry's parole hearing. That hearing is now scheduled for sometime in February of 1975. Henry did receive a stiff sentence, i.e., four years. That length of time given militates against an early release date. However, a favorable recommendation from the court opting for parole at the earliest practical date would, I believe, offset the length of the sentence imposed and would carry much weight with the hearing examiner when they decide, at Henry's hearing in February, the date in the future on which Henry is to be released.

Henry and I deeply appreciate and and all action taken by you for the purpose of expediting Henry's release from prison. I shall call you later in the week.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. McNelis

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