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Thank you for listening.

Melinda, Parker

4125 Tiffin Rd. Fremont, Ohio April 5, 1984

The Honorable Judge McMillian:

I am very happy to be able to share my feelings and relationship with you in regards to Billy Moore.

Let me begin by giving a little background information on myself. My husband, myself and our 2 children live on a farm in rural Ohio. Since my graduation from Ohio State University in 1973, I have worked in a variety of social work positions including many areas of mental health counseling and child abuse a neglect investigation. I have also done intensive investigating for probate juvenile and the court of common pleas. My investigations center around analyzing character, making recommendations as to future planning and predicting future court involvement of accused offenders. My latest position, was that of Sociology instructor for our local community college. Terra Technical College in Fremont.

I first learned of Billy's incarceration over one year ago, through the national Christian magazine, Christian Life. I initially began corresponding with Billy with the intention of evangelism and Christian fellowship. It did not, however, take long to realize that Billy would be my source of real spiritual strength and counsel and not the other way around. This was not accomplished with the casual, slick relaying of Bible verses that causes one to wonder about real conviction when conflicting or compromising principles are later revealed, but through the dogmatic revelation of truely understood and regarded Christian principles! Billy is truely a man of God and his only aim is to

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Very sincerely,

Terry Murray
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2014 Peach Orchard Drive #33 Falls Church, Virginia 22034 April 5, 1984

Dear Judge McMillan,

This letter concerns William "Billy" Moore, #D-103403, currently on death row in the prison in Jackson, Georgia.

I have become acquainted with Billy through Prison Fellowship, a prison ministry based in the Washington, D. C. area. I am a staff member at Prison Fellowship, but my contact with Billy has been as a volunteer. He had signed up to be matched up with a penpal, one of the services of our ministry, and at that time we had more inmates requesting penpals than volunteers. Consequently, I volunteered to write to an inmate, and was given Billy's name.

I have worked with inmates through a seminar program that I coordinate for six years. Even in that limited time I have seen many men and women who profess to have had their lives changed because of a new relathipship to God. Some of them are playing games to try to beat the system. Some of them have good motives, but under pressure their commitment falters. Some of them truly have repented and now trust their lives, both here on earth and in eternity, to Jesus Christ. They are, as scripture puts it, "new creatures", and their lives over time reflect that fact.

I believe that Billy falls into this last category. His letters to me are filled not with bitterness or indignation, as is common with many inmates, but with encouragement and support, when it is I that should be encouraging him! He seldom writes about his case at all, and as I type this, I cannot think off hand of one instance when he has complained. He seems to have a steady faith that is growing and is sustaining him through this time of uncertainly. In a rare instance when he spoke about the possitility of his execution, while of course expressing the desire to live, he wrote, "Lisa, if this is the cup in which I drink, know that Jesus has not let me down; these years have been good .. " These are not the words of a game-player or a man of shallow convictions.

I ask that you will reconsider the sentence of the death penalty. believe that Billy has a lot of good to offer people, just as he has been an inspiration to me and to others he has touched. I pray, also, that God grants you wisdom, not only in this decision, but in others you must make. Your job cannot be an easy one.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Whitney

4/4/84

To Whom It May Concern,

In regards to William Moore:

My husband Jim and I are owners of a Christian Bookstore in Baden Pennsylvania and Jim is studing to be a minister. I first came into contact with Billy through an ad which he placed in "Christian Life Magazine" under the heading of prisoners requesting pen pals. We had decided to write to prisoners as a type of Christian Outreach and Billy was one of three prisoners which I choose to write to.

I am not familiar with the nature of Billy's crime, nor his sentence or the circumstances thereof — it didn't seem germane to our particular situation. I will say however that I have corresponded with Billy for over a year on a regular basis and those exchanges have been encouraging and uplifting. There have been many days when my mornings have been depressing only to be cheered by a letter that afternoon from Billy. I spend most of my time talking to Christians of various denominations and degrees of spiritual growth and Billy has impressed me as being among the most constant. His letters always reflect great sincerity, searching and love.

We have sent Billy countless numbers of Bibles, books, and pamphlets, he has always been very appreciative of our gifts and has never asked for anything although I've told him often to feel free too.

In my letters I've often mentioned different religious doctrines I felt he should pay particular attention to in his studies, in his return letters he always discusses the aforementioned topic and displays a good grasp of important Christian mentioned topic and displays a good grasp of important Christian themes. It is evident that he love's God's word and is trying within his limited atmosphere to be conformed to the image of Christ.

I'd like to mention that at Christmas I wrote and asked him if there was anything special he would like - books - a watch - even money. He wrote back and said he had enough to get by on and asked if I would send his son something instead. While Billy has never asked me for anything except a picture of my husband and myself, he sent me a knitted vest he made for me; he had guessed my size from the picture.

While I am neither judge nor jury, it is my opinion that given the diverse circumstances of Billy's present and probably past life as well - he has made great strides to live the rest of his life as he knows God would have him. I don't know if Billy will ever be released from Prison, but I believe that he will have a positive influence on other prisoners while he is there.

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In Christ,

Beverly A. Robb

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eln Christ, Berury a. Rabb April 2, 1984

Mr. Dennis McCrery RR#1 Box 224 Monmouth, Ill 61462

Dear Judge:

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It has been close to one year since God has brought Billy into our family. Please let me explain. It was sometime in June 1983 when my Carol asked me what my feelings were about writing a prisoner who desired a pen-pal. I thought, sure, why not? Maybe that is what Jesus meant when He said "When in prison you visited Me." I told Carol "Sure! We will pray about it and pick out a name and send our blessings on some poor lost soul in some distant prison." We never had attempted anything like this. Little did I know that God had something special planned. About 5 days after our letter was mailed here comes Billy's first reply. Right from the start it was clear that Billy was not what we had expected. His love for God and his unselfish giving of himself, not only to us but to all who know him, is so very sincere.

I've had the opportunity to help with our county jail Chaplancy this past year. Billy's prayers and advice on witnessing to these men and women have proved to be crucial aids in turning lives around.

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Billy's influence on our three children has meant more than words can express. As he writes to each one differently in his own personal way, he shares what a life that is Christ centered can be.

Your Honor, it is my most urgent prayer that you can look at Billy and see what we see, a life truly influenced by God. Please -- let God direct you to change his death sentence.

Most Sincerely,

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April 2, 1984

Mrs. Dennis (Carol) McCrery Route #1 Box 224 Monmouth, Ill 61462

Dear Judge McMillan,

Close to one year ago my family started to correspond with Mr. William Moore who is now on death row in Georgia. I realize that very soon 'Billy' will be standing before you for reconsideration of his case. There are several items of information that I would like to share with you before that date.

One day while browsing through a Christian Magazine. I came across a section that was entitlted "Prisoners who Request Pen-Pals." After doing alot of thinking and praying about writing to a prisoner we decided to do so. Immediately we received a letter from Billy. He started his letter with "Praise the Lord! May Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God Bless you all".

My husband and I were skeptical even as Christians we throught that this was quite unusual. But it wasn't long before we realized what a great blessing Billy Moore is. We have a tremendous amount of respect and deep love for Billy. Our children are completely devoted to him. Billy's letters to our children (ages 13, 12 and five) are full of praise for God, encouragement to make God-directed decisions and a hope that they can continually see God's blessings surround them. He has drawn on his own experiences both before his acceptance of Christ and after his coming to Christ. He has given not only our children, but Denny and me an insight into what it means to be a real Christian that we had never before been aware of.

Not only has Billy touched our family but many that we have come in contact with. On one occassion there was a yong man in our county jail that has been repeatedly in trouble. We told Billy about "Ivan' in a letter. Later, when we talked with Ivan he could hardly believe that someone cared as much as Billy did about him — Billy had written to Ivan, not to cater to him, but to let him know that God is real and that by following him he could turn his life around. What an impact this made on Ivan! This is just one example of his ministry — there are many more.

My husband, Denny, and I made a trip to Georgia in December to see Billy after knowing him for six months. We spent one day with him; getting to know him better and sharing our beliefs with him. There is no phoniness about him — his belief in God is real and his first priority is sharing God with others.

Billy has not asked our family to write to you -- it is at our request that we received Billy's attorneys name and address.

I urge you. I plead with you, and I pray that you will revoke Billy's death penalty. We have taught our children all of their lives that prison is to rehabilitate people. We have 100% faith in the change in Billy; we have no reservations concerning him at all! He is a man that we are proud to call a brother-in-christ and friend. Again, Judge McMillan. I beg of you to give Billy another chance.

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Dennis (Carol) McCrery

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Dear Judge McMillan,

I am writing to you a second letter concerning William [Billy] Moore. I would never have dreamed that all of the happenings that have occurred in this past week were possible but indeed they have happened!

Enclosed is a letter (one of 250 of the same) that were distributed in this area concerning Billy Moore. Yesterday was April 8, the day we (my family) set aside to pray and fast for Billy. I cannot begin to describe the response we have received of those who also joined in this effort. In this past week many people have called, stopped my husband and me on the streets, or written notes stating that they too are in prayer for Billy. Many also fasted yesterday in support of his plight! In a local school where I teach parttime, other teachers have pledged their prayers on Billy's behalf. There is a wonderful wave of love and concern crossing this area — not only for Billy but for you. Many prayers thanking God in advance for the decision that you will make are being said.

Please be aware that you are in our prayers and that we have great faith that God will direct you to resentence Billy Moore with a lighter sentence. He has been a truly sincere Christian friend and brother to so many -- Thank you!

Most Sincerely,

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April 2, 1984

Dear Judge McMillan,

I am writing about a good friend and brother in Jesus. This man is William Moore. Known to my family as Billy.

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Billy is a different man, spiritually than the man you sentenced ten years ago.

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God bless you,

Lantz McCrery, age 13 1/2

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sincerely,

Heidi McCrery-age 12

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Thursday April 5, 1984 Monmouth, Ill. 61462

Judge Walter C. McMillan

Dear Sir

I am writing this letter because of our concern for Billy Moore. We do not know him but our son and his wife do.

Our son Dennis McCrery and his lovely wife Carol met through a Christian magazone and started corresponding. One day Dennis came in and told us that he and Carol felt that they were called to go see Billy and would we keep the children.

Denny and Carol are involved in our church. He was ordained a elder at age 27 and was a Commissioner at the Presbytery General Assembly at Hartford, Conneticut two years ago and is also a Gideon. Carol is a deacon and they both teach Sunday Schood; but we had a few misgivings about this mission.

Needless to say they went to visit Billy last December. They phoned home after their visit very excited. I said, "Carol how would you rate your visit." I will never forget her reply. "Uh 100%. No I have to give it 200%. We came down to help him, but he had so much to give us."

Since that time so many letters and pictures have gone back and forth. Billy has made a big impression on our grandchildren Lantz 14, Heidi 12 and Molly 5 with his knowledge of th4 Bible and his faith. He writes to each one and I'm sure they will always remember him.

Denny and Carol were asked to tell their story of Billy at a pre-Easter Service last Friday morning at our Senior Citizen Center. There were 128 in attendance. Since then they presented it at our church and have been asked to give it at the Catholic Mother and daughter banquet. Hundreds of prayers are being said for Billy. The children said as they walked with Billy in prison the other prisoners greeted them by praising the Lord.

Our prayer is that you will not raise your hand or voice to execute one of Gods disciples.

Billy says he committed a sin and has to pay the price and he knows his Lord will be with him.

We will be praying for you and know whatever you sentence Billy to, our Lord has been with you and helped make your decision.

Bless you.

Neil and Dorothy McCrery
319 North Sunny Lane Park House
Monmouth, Ill. 61462

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April 7, 1984

To: Judge McMillen

Re: Wm. (Billy) Moore

Dear Sir,

Our daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Dennis McCrery, have corresponded with Billy for almost a year and visited him in prison in December. Through them we have come to know Billy.

Billy has suffered sorrow and remorse for the crime that he committed. He has asked for and received forgiveness from the family of his victim. Through the love of our Aunt and a caring pastor, he received Christ. Because Christ died for our sins, Billy knows God has forgiven him, too. With such forgiveness wouldn't justice be served, in the eyes of God and the world for Billy's sentence to be commuted to life? Billy has dedicated himself to bringing the light of Christ into the lives of others: therein lies the only salvation for all of usinside and outside prison walls—this we believe.

May God guide you to a just decision. Sincerely,

Oscar and Eva Neal

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We are convinced, having heard the life-history of Billy Moore, that this born-again Christian should have an opportunity to continue his remarkable Christian ministry. It has reached into the lives of many, both within prison walls and beyond.

The undersigned join with many others who are praying that the sentence of Billy Moore to death will be commuted to life imprisonment.

Respectfully, yours sincerely,
Ben T. Shawrer
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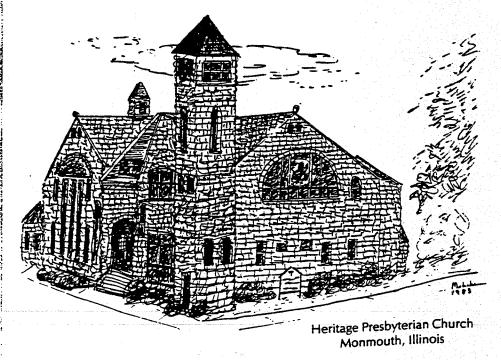
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1224 Lawnway Drive

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Would you please give Billy merciful consideration when he comes before you at the hearing on April 20, 1984 Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Gale L. Parrish

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Yours truly,

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April 9, 1984

Attorney Robert S. Reeves, P.O. Box 1347 Swainboro, Ga 30401

Dear Mr. Reeves,

I desire to offer an appeal in behalf of Wm. Moore, D103453
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Jackson, Ga 30233

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Thanking you for further consideration of this case, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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S.M. Phelps, Monmouth, Ill R.R. 1 61462

### 3/5/84

Dear Judge McMillan,

Along with others in our local church here in Aledo, Illinois, I have become aware of a gentleman & brother in the Lord by the name of Billy Moore.

Our body of believers here at Victory Christian Center are interceeding to God our Father concerning Billy, and the plans a purposes God is fullfilling through Billy's life a ministry to others, as he shares the gospel of peace to those around him.

I desire to express to you my heartfelt appreciation for Billy & this important & needful outreach of hope & encouragement.

Without a doubt Billy's commitment to our Lord, and unselfish giving of himself to others bears wittness to the love & life changing power of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

I join in spirit to others whose desire it is to see this good work & ministry continue to abound & proposer & be a blessing to many.

In His Love,

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We, as a Church, have discussed Billy's Christian ministry and have prayed that he will be able to continue helping others.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you our hope that Billy Moore will be able to continue to share Christ's love with others.

#### Sincerely,

Jaye Metz

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J.R GLASGOW
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It is very possible that Billy Moore may never become a useful part of society in the sense that most people view our usefulness, but on the other hand, it is possible that he may have a very useful purpose in the spiritual realm of our existence.

It is for this reason that I am writing to you.

I am not asking that my judgement be a deciding factor

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in your decision, to allow the death penalty or life imprisonment, for Billy, but rather, I would like to ask to remind you of something that I am sure you are already aware of and I am certain that you already practice, and that is to approach your decision very prayerfully and seek God's guidance, while keeping in mind that there is a useful purpose for each of us, on the side of life that so often seems to be forgotten, even by myself. Please try to seek out God's will in your decision.

Respectfully,
J.R. Glasgow

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We are especially impressed that the McCrerys' began their friendship with Billy as a way to minister to someone in prison, and it has become a relationship where Billy has ministered love and caring to them. He has been an encouragement to them with every letter -- most recently when they suffered a major financial loss on their farm.

I know you must hear dozens of stories from various individuals who claim to have been changed by God, to be "born again." My husband's experience in visiting at the local jail has taught him that sometimes the change is real and many times no. We strongly feel that based on the evidence of Billy's letters, which the McCrerys have shared, that Billy Moore is truly a changed person; one who has dedicated his life to the work of the Lord.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. pray God's wisdom will direct you. God bless you.

Carol Clendenin

J. V. Clendenin

Dear Judge McMillan;

I am writing to you on behalf of Billy Moore, a prisoner in Jackson, Georgia. Although I have been aware of Billy and his prison ministry for some time, it was just a week ago that I heard about his case coming up for review, by you, in the near future.

My family and I have been greatly moved - inspired - by what this man has done with his life in the past ten years. What a positive, life-giving force he has been to those in prison with him! He is truly a new creation in Christ Jesus, and we are praising God for him.

Your Honor, until we hear of the outcome of his review, my family and I will be praying every day that Billy's powerful ministry will be allowed to continue for many years.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Jane South
Aledo, Illinois

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Judge Walter G. McMillan Jefferson County Courthouse Louisville, Georgia

Dear Judge McMillan,

It has come to my attention that Billy Moore will be appearing soon before you. I also understand that you will have the decision upon whether Billy's sentence can be changed from death to life in prison.

I realize the enormous burden placed upon you and pray for guidance in your decision.

I truly hope Billy's ministry to others will be able to continue. To do this, he must receive a life sentence.

In my life I have not committed a crime such as Billy's, but I have sinned and through great pain come to realize my own need for Jesus Christ.

Because of the nature of Billy's crime he may be able to help those who are headed down the same path he once was headed. We seem to best be able to help others when we can relate and understand their need. I pray Billy can continue to help rehabilitate other prisoners in this world. I realize this does not, in the eyes of the law, make up for the crime Billy committed. Hopefully his message of salvation and a new beginning in Christ will be able to continue, for the sake of others.

I pray for spiritual guidance for your decision, which is an enomous burden to carry.

Thank you,

Julie Glasgow

(Monmouth, Ill.)

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Thank you Judge McMillan for listening to this short message.

Mrs. Patty Hay 109 SW 13th St. Aledo, Illinois 61231

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April 3, 1984

Dear Sir,

Billy Moore is my son-in-law. I could never describe what he has meant to my life but if a letter can tell you anything of how special he is, I'd write from now until eternity. As God is my sacred judge, if someone said "Evelyn, your life for Billy's," I'd swap places in a minute. I can't say that about anybody else, not even my own kids. Billy is that special.

I've known Billy since he was five years old, living a block down from me. I loved him more like my own child. He really had no parents, what with his mother so sick and his father being sent away.

I've raised eleven children and I can say Billy was an unusual child. He wasn't like the other kids, most of who were lazy and harder to handle. Billy was so incredibly caring. A lot of his goodness came from loving his mother who has multiple sclerosis. He did all the cooking, cleaning and shopping she couldn't. I think because he saw himself as the man of the house he always had a job to earn money for his mother. Even when he was young, Billy was constantly doing odd jobs while other kids were playing — cutting grass, washing cars and the like. When he was older he'd work long hours after school. He had paper route at one time too.

Billy's mother wasn't the only one depending on him. From eleven on up he often baby sat for his sister. I've seen him take care of his nephews like they were his own. He was a delight to have in the house and I wanted his influence around my kids as much as possible -- a good student, loving and so responsible. All little boys get into mischief, but Billy was extra special in all the important things I've described.

When he married my daughter, the only thing I made him promise was to make her finish school. And he did. My girl got a gem of a husband. He spoiled her so bad. My daughter never had to even get up to fix a bottle -- Billy cleaned, shopped and kept house for her too. I lived with them for a time when they were stationed in Germany, and you've never seen a father more like a mother. He did everything for that baby.

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It saddened me no end to see Francine getting itchy even when they were in Germany. She had never dated anyone else but Billy and they were so young when they married. I one else but Billy and they were she married that boy and warned her to sew her wild oats before she married that boy and told Billy to pull the reigns in on her. He was too good to her.

A short time thereafter they began to have serious problems. Francine refused to go to Fort Gordon with him. Billy problems. Francine refused to go to Fort Gordon with him. Billy problems. Francine refused took the baby down without her knowing was heart broken and at first took the baby down without her knowing to try to persuade her that they should be together. Francine went down but came right back with the baby. He still sent her almost down but came right back with the baby. He still sent her almost all of his money, but that girl just proceeded to put him through hell. He must have seen or heard about the bad characters she fell hell. He must have seen or heard about the bad characters she fell in with -- men who told her she was too pretty to be a mother and that she should model, and so on.

Francine was bored and it didn't take much to turn her. Before I knew it she was strung out on drugs bad and the baby was all but abandoned during the Fall and winter of '73. The poor little thing was dropped off everywhere to be cared for by people I didn't even know. They would call me saying "we can't keep him I didn't even know. They would call me saying "we can't keep him anymore," and I had had no idea where he'd been. No one took good care of him — he'd even had a broken arm for days that no one attended to. He looked like a war torn, starved urchin by the time it was over. All of this was killing Billy. He was in a body cast and in the Fort Gordon hospital at the time, but when he heard what kept happening to his baby he finally got up out of his bed to come get him. I know this disrupted his military career and created financial havoc for him. His heart was broken, his baby hurt and he was almost penniless with a child to care for.

Francine still pressured him for all kinds of money — he was still sending her most of his allotment, leaving him with too little to take care of Billy Jr.

All of this was going on right before the killing happened. When I went through the trailer after his arrest and saw empty envelopes addressed to Francine, I sat down and cried. To this day I believe Billy was sending her the money, thinking that if he sent her enough she'd come back to him and the baby.

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And he's still a good father, even on death row. I keep his little boy, Billy Junior, and that child lives for his father's calls and letters. I can't tell you what it did to him to read in the paper his daddy had been re-sentenced to him to read in the paper his daddy had been to death. I can tell you that Billy Jr. needs his daddy and needs to believe he'll live.

Billy is so special. Even his military sargeants thought he was head and shoulders above the rest -- they told me they could trust Billy with things they'd never give any one else. They couldn't believe what had happened.

When he got put on death row I worked 26 hours a day to forget about it. I didn't care if I destroyed myself; I just couldn't take the fact he was going to be killed. But as God is my witness Billy turned me around to Christ instead. His letters would just make me sit down and cry. That boy changed my life.

A crime is a crime and no life is a minor thing to take. But I've seen real killers and they're out now walking free, doing nothing good. Billy could be a jewel to the world. I could speak only as a mother. But I am also speaking as one who knows his gift in Christ. And the infinite good he is capable of. I only pray.

He must be spared. I'm not a judge, but someone must be made to see Billy Moore just can't be killed like this. The whole thing is in God's hands now. I and so many others pray for Billy and for those who decide his fate. God be with you.

Moun Sister in Christ Selyn S. Edwards This document is housed in the capital Punishment Clemency Petitions (APAP-214) collection in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY.

## N. J. GRIPPER REALTY



P. O. BOX 1266 CAMDEN, S. C. 29020 (803) 432-1220

April 13, 1994

Dear Sir:

First I would like to say The Moore and Jackson Families have always and still are respectable people.

Both grandmothers were school teachers, grandfather Moore had a general store in North Carolina and grandfather Jackson work on the raliroad for 40 years.

Instilled in us as children by both parents was to work hard and achieve in life.
Billy was on the Honor Roll in school and received awards for his drawings, and awards in the Army.

Billy situation when he came home from Germany was a wife who wouldn't go to Fort Gordan with him, she left Ohio with a pimp before he had to report to Fort Gordan so Billy had to leave his son with me.

Francine was gone for two weeks and when she came back she called Billy said she was sorry and took the child with her. Billy brough the car back to Ohio for her so she could get around town with the baby, Billy had an allotment made out for her, she was suppose to be living with her mother and going back to school to finish.

During this time Billy is in special training at Fort Gordan for his new job. In playing basket ball he hurt his knee which calls for an operation and some months in the hospital. Francine is on dope and her mother puts her out of her house and the baby is placed with an alcoholic babysitter. Our family knew we couldnot let this remain like this so we got the child and decided that Regina would take him because she only has two children where I have five.

We told Billy that when he got well to come and get his son, because it would be better for the child to be with a parent.

This little boy at age 3 could talk german and english, count to 50ty, plus his A.B.C.'s and spell his name these were things he learned from his father.

When Billy came to get the child Francine told him she didnot want the child only the car. When Billy got back to Georgia she call and tell him she was sorry and she needed some money and she would come to Georgia so they could be a family. Keeping a family together was important to Billy.

The person that night had my brothers body but not his true heart, alcohol and drugs deprives a person mind from following one's heart and true feeling .

Atthough Billy is in jail he has not forgotten the teaching from home To achieve.

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Billy has held some Sunday services in the Wren county jail when the minister couldnot come, he has been feeding the people there and the other two places the word of the Lord.

Billy made a change in 1975 he didn't stop with that he continued his studies and has several certificates as a minister.

I use to send Billy bengay for his knee and Preperation H for his hemorrhoids, the prison doctor said he needed an operation for hemorrhoids. Billy prayed for a healing and the Lord heal him. his hemorrhoids. Billy prayed for a healing and the Lord heal him. Thank You for reading my letter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly

Norma Jean Gripper (Billy Moore sister)

Dear Sir:

I would like to write you about my brother William Neal Moore. I would like to explain something in his life that might help him. Billy is the youngest of five childern At the age of five my father was put in prison which changed our life. This meant now we were all on welfare. In growing up Billy would do some housework moping, sweeping, washing dishes, making sure his bed was made and any work that had to be done. He helped a lot with my mother by holding her up while she tryed to walk because she was ill and could barly walk, now my mother is now bed ridden. I can remember when he was in middle school and worked all summer at the school doing janitor work. He gave the money to my mother to help out with bills and food. When Billy was twelve years old he babysit my two children while I took college courses at night. Billy would take a lot of time with them on there school work explain things to them and show them how to do things like putting puzzles together and toy cars. Billy was young but very reliable and responsable Billy made good grades in school and got special awards in wood and art. He even made mama a cocktail table for the living room because we didn't have one. Sometimes when school started he wouldn't have new clothes like the other children. Billy always was a caring person about people. He would sit for hours at the doctors office with mama. He would run around and pay bills for me because I had the children and had no transportation. When I would pay Billy for babysitting he would take and by the childern something, like ice cream or candy.

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William Neal Moores Sister

Dear Sir,

My name is TERRY Moore William Neal brother.

I am writing in hope that I can give you an better inside look of William.

Billy and I was around each other more than my sisters or brother. We didn't have to much, when we were coming up we thought that we didn't even have an Father, at First. He was in Prison.

Everyone says that we came out allright considering the hardship we went through.

My mother said I need you'll guys and keep the hell out of trouble and we did our best that we new. Billy he had an Paper Route and kept that for about 1½ yr. while going to school untill my mother started geting worst in her walking then we had to stay more closer around the house to try to help out. Later on about when he was 14 yr he got an job as construction worker helper and then became an Dirt Load and then an Pail Load Operator and still was going to school. The load got to hevely so he stop school in the 11th grade. I was in the service at that time 1967 till 1969.

Dear Sir William Neal Moore is an good person always have been and always will be and now even better if he should die I know for sure God will forgive Him. Please don't "kill" an good man

Terry Moore

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May Grace, Mercy, And Peace Be Yours, from God Our Holy Father And Savior Jesus Christ; Forever In Love.

Honorable Judge Walter C. McMillan Jr. Superior Court of Jefferson County Louisville, Georgia 30434

Dearest Beloved of God :

Your Honor, Sir, its my pleasure to have this opportunity to come before you and give Praise and Glory to my Savior Jesus Christ. By his grace and mercy do I remain in this body to this very day.

As Jesus Christ is the truth, and I represent my Lord; I can only relate the same as its in my heart, therefore this is not to impress you, but to reveal the Glory of God in a wasted life . . . my desire is that you know; that I Love you and pray for you daily. Most people that know about the case feel that I should hate you for giving me the death sentence. Once I do explain to them what God has showed me, then, they begin to understand my reason. My Saviour knew that I was so tied up in myself, that I really LOVED ME! Nothing else really mattered to me, yet God allowed you to take from me the only thing that I valued; ME! So even in the face of what appeared to be the proper case for Mercy, there was no mercy; Only the harsh reality of a Death Sentence: looking me in the face . . . Your words still ring out loud and clear, "May God have Mercy on your Soul." Now they carry comfort, but then it was great fear and death.

At that time I needed that sentence, because it was the only way that God could get my attention and see beyond myself (if I would have received a life sentence in 1974 it would not have changed me, or effect me one bit; more than likely I would have been sent to Reidsville, and been killed because of the fool and selfish person I was at twenty-two years old.) After the sentence of death, the light of God's word, that there is a higher authority than William Moore. The may God have mercy on your soul really led me to seek his Mercy.

My cousin Peggy in Columbus, Ohio told her Pastor who in turn called Minister Guthrie and Wife, who drove from Rome without my knowing they were coming — they just overcame me with the Love of Jesus Christ and because of the Gospel call on my life I received baptism right there on the spot in the bath-tub of the County Jail; also on September 6th, God in his mercy demanded justice, the execution that you order was perfectly carried out; I had truly died that very day, and its Jesus Christ who now lives in this body both to will and do God's work here on earth.

The Lord takes that which is wasted and molds it for his own uses, and I can only Praise the Lord, for these ten years of life in Jesus Christ has been absolutely beautiful and altogether lovely! All those before are nothing! a complete loss because they were apart from God. God shows his greatness in using the people of no-count and failures of society to put forth his Love and Grace; this is just what he has done in this life; who would ever believe that a man appointed to death would be used by God to teach of life?

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The life that I live in Christ has brought me to the committment of not being moved by the circumstances of a death sentence; because its not my life, Jesus bought me with his own death on the cross and for me to die is only a gain, I shall be at home with the Lord God Almighty; to stay is for the Lord to continue his work in this body. Therefore, both ways I am more than Victorious ! God's will shall be accomplished, that's the desire of my heart; in prison or out.

My Saviour has gone before me and he is working in your heart . . . everyone don't understand your reason for allowing this hearing, to even consider a lesser sentence; But I know that its the Divine power of God. What influences man in the areas of good? (You know to me it really doesn't matter what is filed before you in my behalf, or against me, if God doesn't touch your heart then nothing will appeal to you. [The federal Courts had set aside the the sentence in the District Court, then it was agreed to by the Appeals Court, but just thirty days later they reverse themselves and reinstate the Death Sentence; Everyone was surprised -- What's happening? This is strange . . . I can only Praise the Lord for his wisdom and grace in this case. Each ruling has brought me to a stronger and deeper committment in the ability of God's control over my life.] to consider a lesser sentence; Our Savior is letting you know that he has executed your order of execution, therefore the case is before you again, but this time with the proven work of God in a new man).

Page 4.

Your Honor, I wish to know if you are saved, a born again Spirit filled Christian? If not then please allow me to introduce you to the Love of Jesus Christ which surpasses all human knowledge or understanding. This is the only hope in this wicked world in which we live; Our goals are in the same direction — to stop crime! to stop sin; you use the Laws and God uses Jesus Christ in my life to share his Love and change the man so that his thoughts and actions will be checked by the Holy Spirit and the person will never have to hear . . . May God have Mercy on Your Soul; because he will already have done so by the Grace of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Jesus Christ

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William N. Moore

Life Row.

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## WILLIAM NEAL MOORE Appendices C-F

(Appendix C, Affidavit of William Neal Moore Appendix D, Juvenile Record Report Appendix E, Army Dismissal Hearing Appendix F, Addenda to Letters)

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STATE OF GEORGIA) COUNTY OF BUTTS

AFFIDAVIT

WILLIAM NEAL MOORE, being duly sworn, states:

1. I am a citizen of the State of Georgia, presently under a sentence of death. I was indicted in the Superior Court of Jefferson County for murder and armed robbery; after pleading guilty to the indictment, I was convicted on June 4, 1974. I was represented at the time of my plea and sentencing by Hinton R. Pierce.

### My Interview With The Probation Officer

- 2. During the period of time from the date of my arrest to the date of my sentencing I was incarcerated in the Jefferson County jail.
- 3. On one occasion following my conviction but before my sentence had been imposed, a man who said he was from the Probation Office came to see me. He told me he was conducting an investigation for the judge in my case. He did not tell me that the interview with me would be used to gather evidence necessary to determine whether I should be sentenced to death.
- 4. The investigator asked me many questions about my background, my juvenile record, and the circumstances of the crime. At no point in the interview did he tell me that I had a right to remain silent or let me know that what I was saying would be used against me. He did not tell me that I had a right to an attorney or that I could stop at any point and demand to see my attorney. He did not ask me whether I waived any of my lights.
- 5. At no time did the investigator inform me that I had a right to have counsel present during the interview or to consult with counsel prior to the interview. He did not ask me whether

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I would agree to waive my right to counsel or to consult with counsel.

6. Two years later, while I was incarcerated at the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville, I first saw the presentence report that had been prepared by the probation officer based in part on the interview with me. I discovered then that the report was incomplete in many ways. Much of the information in it is inaccurate. It also does not include many facts which I did share with the investigator.

#### My Childhood Background

7. I am from Columbus, Ohio and I am the youngest of five children. When I was growing up, my brothers and sisters had left home or were gone most of the time. My mother had multiple sclerosis and my father was in prison from the time I was five until I was eighteen, serving a senfence imposed on him forcas incestuous relationship with my sister when she was young.

Because we had no regular income, we lived on welfare much of the time. I worked a full shift at a steel mill and at other jobs after school while I was a teenager to ease the financial strain. Though my goal at that time was to finish high school, the conflict between my school schedule and my work schedule became too great. Also, from the time I was very young I cooked and did the housework because my Mother was not well.

I was the only one in my family who visited my father while he was in prison because my mother got to be too sick and the others had moved away from home. I did try to get to know my father and as best I could kept a relationship open between him and my family.

#### My Arrest Record

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8. As a boy and very young man, I allowed myself to become involved in occasional petty stealing in the neighborhood. Few young people from my neighborhood avoided such encounters with

the law and I regret my inability then to distinguish myself. Apart from the offense for which I was sentenced to death, however, I have no record of arrests or convictions for violence against another human being.

9. I first saw the record of supposed "prior convictions" that was used in the presentence report when my lawyer was preparing my appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court. At that time I saw that the report listed ten separate juvenile offenses. In fact, I was brought before the juvenile court on only four occasions: September 8, 1964, July 25, 1966, July 10, 1967 and September 25, 1968. I had no other involvements with the law beyond occasions when I was picked up by the police and then released. The presentence report, for example, lists "mollesting" as one of my prior convictions. In that incident, I was picked up by the police after a grandmother heard me say an obscenity to another boy. No charges were brought and I was quickly released.

My entire juvenile record is contained in the State of Ohio Youth Commission file which I have attached to this affidavit (though I have no recollection of being put on probation on May 20, 1962). The reports in that file provide the facts of the offenses and of my life at the time of the offenses.

- 10. During the interview in 1974, I gave the investigator my best recollection of the times I had been picked up by the police as a juvenile. He did not ask me whether I had been charged and convicted for these various offenses.
- 11. I was not provided with a lawyer at any of my appearances in juvenile court. I was without funds to hire one on my own. I was not given a trial on any of the charges against me. I was not informed that I had the right to cross-examine witnesses who gave evidence against me. Nor was I informed that I had the right to remain silent when speaking with juvenile authorities. Finally, I never waived any of these rights. My Military Service and Marital Difficulties
- 12. My brother's return from Vietnam gave me incentive to join the Army. I did so in 1970 and I made a satisfactory

record in the three years I was entitled. I received a Promotion for Outstanding Soldiery during basic training in 1970 and I was promoted to E-4 status less than one year after I enlisted. In 1973, I received an Outstanding Service Award with a lifetime guarantee of a job in the mail service in West Germany. I also completed high school while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany in 1973.

13. I told the man who interviewed me in 1974 that I had severe marital problems and that I was in great financial difficulty immediately prior to the crime. Yet none of the following circumstances were included in the report.

My wife Francine and I were childhood sweethearts, and we married when I was nineteen and Francine sixteen. At that time Francine was the greatest love in my life, a relationship rivaled only by the birth of my son in the spring of 1971. Billy Jr., became the center of my life and, because Francine was very young and unused to such work, I tended to the child's needs. At that time I had been assigned to a post in Frankfurt, Germany where I was finishing my high school credits and acting as a Brigade mail clerk for two companies.

14. When my wife and I returned to this country from my assignment in Germany, we stopped at Columbus on our way to Fort Gordon, Georgia, where I was to report for my next assignment. Two days before we were scheduled to leave for Georgia, my wife announced to us that she would never leave Columbus. I could not convince her to come with me, nor could I postpone reporting to my post and beginning further studies. I reported to Fort Gordon and decided to entrust Billy Jr., to Francine's care. In July, 1973, I lived on the base and arranged to send Francine and my son all of my pay allotment, except for \$50.00 per month. Later I arranged for Francine to keep the car, and I visited by plane every weekend I could.

15. During the fall and winter of 1973 and early 1974, Francine fell in with people who were involved in drugs. At first there were only faint signs of this. Francine would promise me she would straighten up, only to fall back again. Then, when I was in the hospital at Fort Gordon for a knee injury, I began to get phone calls from my sisters and my motherin-law informing me that Francine was with another man who was rumored to be involved in prostitution, drugs and stealing. I was told she was not caring for our child. This was a blow greater than I can state. In late February, 1974, after a knee operation, I received the news that made me go to Columbus to bring Billy, Jr., back to Georgia with me: my child, who was two at the time, had been found wandering outside on the street in the cold; he had on another occasion been rescued from a fire in the house of a babysitter who was often drunk. I arranged leave from the hospital, borrowed \$250 from the Red Cross, rented a truck, and brought Billy, Jr., to live with me.

- 16. Because I moved off base to housing fit for my son, I lost my position as a platoon leader and was set back in my training. But what worried me most was Billy's caring for and our financial situation. When I asked the Army to send my allotment to me rather than to Francine, they informed me that such a change would take at least three months. I had \$50.00 to tend to the housing, transportation and food for my son and me. I applied for another \$250 Red Cross loan but that had not come through.
- 17. I gave the man who interviewed me many names of people at Fort Gordon to speak with about my record there. To the best of my knowledge he never did so. The military personnel quoted in the presentence report are not those who had personal knowledge of my performance, and their statements are not consistent with their testimony at my Army Dismissal Hearing on May 16, 1975.

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## The Circumstances of My Crime

18. I did not tell the man who interviewed me that, as stated in the report, George Curtis and I went over to Mr. Stapleton's house on a number of occasions but that "every time" Curtis got drunk. That statement, attributed to me, is not true. I met George Curtis in the hospital at Fort Gordon during the spring before the crime occurred. George, a former marine, was in the bed across from mine and he told me about a man he knew who always kept \$20,000 in his home. He did not tell me that that man was his uncle. The night of the crime, George Curtis had invited me to come to Wrens to his house for a party. George and I get very drunk. George took me over to Fredger Stapleton's house, went in the house with me and showed me where Stapleton slept. But we turned back and I had no intention of returning. We went back to George's and drank even more. Between 11:00 and 12:00 I left George's to go home, but I went to Fredger Stapleton's instead. I was so drunk I didn't care who saw me. I climbed in the front window and went to Stapleton's bedroom door. It was pitch black inside the house. I knocked twice but there was no answer. All of a sudden the door opened, the barrel of his shotgun hit me, then it fired. Out of panic and drunkenness, I fired back. I fired into the dark room where Mr. Stapleton must have been standing. Not until the next morning did I fully comprehend what I had done.

19. At my sentencing hearing, I was never shown a copy of the presentence report. To my knowledge my lawyer was never shown a copy of the report prior to my sentencing. I first saw the complete report two years after I was sentenced to death and I first saw the record of my prior convictions in the report while my lawyer was appealing my case. I do not state that the

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> assertions in this affidavit are all of the facts relevant to my case, but only that they include basic facts not mentioned or inaccurately presented in the report.

> > WILLIAM NEAL MOORE

Sworn to and Subscribed before me day of April, 1984.

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APPENDIX D

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# ORDER OF DISCHARGE

This is to	certify that MOCRE, William Neil
is hereby	discharged from further care and
custody l	by the Ohio Youth Commission on
	Movember 20, 1969

by reason of Satisfactory Completion of Placement Period

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Daniel W. Jahrson

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## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF REFEREE

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT, DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

JUVENILE BRANCH

In the matter of:

William Moore Alleged Delinquent Minor

1-57874

Case No. JUHIN ON (zj)

I, the undersigned, a duly appointed Referee of this Court, in accordance with the provisions of I, the undersigned, a day approximate of this court, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2151.16 of the Revised Code of Ohio, have heard the testimony of the witnesses and considered To the said Court: Dection 2131.10 of the Medical matter and certify the following findings and recommendation to the Court:

That the above matter is within the jurisdiction of the Court.

The parents, guardian or person having custody of the child have been cited to appear as required under Section 2151.28 of the Revised Code of Ohio, and the following persons were present:

> Nother: Mr. Blain: Officer:

Margaret Moore Pepsi Cola Company

CPD

William Moore, 17, is before this Court on a charge of tampering with a safety deposit box. The facts have been admitted.

This case came to the at ention of this Court through the filing of a Delinquency Affidavit #86171 filed by Probation Officer Johnson which states that on or about the first day of August, 1968, he did commit the offense of taup ring with a safety deposit box in the he did unlawfully offense of taup ring with a safety deposit box in the he did unlawfully offense of tampeting with a pick; said machine the attempt to pry open a vending machine with a pick; said machine the property of a cer wash company at 851 E, Jenkins treet, Columbus, Chio. property of a cer wash company at 851 E, Jenkins

The officer stated that on the 31st day of August at about 12:50 he was dispatched to a car wash south of Jenkins and wast of Champion on a dispatched to a car wash south of Jenkins and wast of Champion on a complaint that someone was breaking into a pop machine, the officer pulled count the lane and saw three keys by the pop machine; but they ran when they the officer. The officer got out of his cruiser and chased the boys, but was only able to apprehend two of them.

Mr. Blain of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company stated that the machine was on a lease to the car wash, and that the repairs amounted to about \$31.55.

The Probation Department reports that William has been on probation for some period of time. On the 10th day of July, 1967 he was before the Court and placed on a suspended commitment to the Youth Commission. His contacts with placed on a suspended commitment to the Youth Commission. His contacts withis Court include: 1962 B & E. February 1964, theft; July 1966 Fetit Large this Court include: 1962 B & E. February 1964, theft; July 1966 Fetit Large this Court include: 1962 B & E. February 1964, theft; July 1966 Fetit Large this Court include: 1967, B & E and Assault. When William was questioned as to this incident, he stated that he needed some money. There was an attempt to get this boy into some branch of the service, but these attempts failed. The John Corp and other Vocational programs were contacted also. William's John Corp and other Vocational programs were contacted also. William's brother would like to take the responsibility of having the boy live with

him and finding him a job.

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In view of the foregoing facis:

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I therefore recommend that the Court ENFORCY THE COURTS CROTE OF JULY 10, 1967

I hereby certify that the child and all ne	cessary parties have been duly informed of the foregoing
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CLAYTON W. ROSE, JUDGE JOHN W. HILL, JUDGE

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Name Moore, William Real

Case No. A-57874 Aff # 80673 Docket No.

Address 1:33 Kant Street

Race Negro

Officer Cahill - H F Scott

Age 15 Date of Birth 4-15-51 Place Columbus, Ohio

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Complaint Deliquency - Breaking and entering

Court Record 5-20-62 B & E - Probation 9-8-64 Purse theft - Probation
7-25-66 - Petit Larceny - Probation Detention Home - total of about three weeks

Other Persons Involved Robert Haynes - on parole to 0 Y C

I got off work and went home and then over to Curtis Turner's looking for Larry Jones. Robert Haynes, Curtis, and Larry were all there. We left and walked down Gears to Whittier. We saw this house while we were going up the alley toward Roosevelt and the people were outside. were going up the arrest to all the people determined in said, "Look at those people out there cutting grass, do you want to go in?" to Robert. He said, "I don't care." Larry said he would talk to the lady and attract her attention so we could get past her. We him to the lady and attract her attention so we could get past her. next to the garage until Larry got the Lady's attention and then we (Robert and I) went into the house.

Robert picked up a radio and then the man came in and ask what we were doing there. He held out his hand and Robert gave him the radio and then he grabbed Robert's arm. I ran out the door and down the street and then I saw Robert come out of the house with one shoe on and he had a cut on his lip. We went up to Livingston ave and then the police came and got us.

William is currently enrolled at Roosevelt Junior High where he will b in the 9th grade. This past school year he successfully completed all of his subjects. His attendance was exemplary considering his prior record - he was absent but 5½ days due to a virus infection and was not tardy. He had no discipline problems of which I was aware.

RELIGION Does not attend church regularly

HRALTH No apparent problems ...

LEISURE ACTIVITIES
Subject lives across the street from Kent School and quite naturally spends some time there as well as the playground at Fairwood Avenue school. These seem to be primarily a place where he meets his friends rather than a place where he engages in the activities offered. his document is housed in the Capital Punishment Clemency Petitions (APAP-214) collection in the M.E. Grenander artment of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY.

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Brother - James - Has been having a problem adjusting to an early marriage but is currently doing better. Has, on accasion, marriage but is currently doing better interest in his taken Billy fishing and evidenced other interest in his

Sister - Regina Mullins - lives out of town and I have never met her. LINGSOUPAGE AFT. 3645

I have had Billy on probation since November of 1965. In May of 1966 he was released from probation as it was considered that he had made a good adjustment. He had made the Honor Roll in school, had pre-In May of 1966 sented no problems in school or at home, and was associating with boys who were not pr disposed to deliquency. This release was a mistake because without the control he returned to his former compani and subsequently made an appearance in court and was again placed on probation. All was well until Robert Haynes(the youth with whom he was involved on the last and this occasion) returned to the community One of these boys obviously acts as the catalysta for the other and the end product is some type of deliquent act - usually theft.

Billy is an attractive, pleasant, and well mannered boy who is quite mallable. His intelligence is average or slightly above and he is an excellent worker when so inclined. He is quite fond of his mother although not overtly so. When I told him how broken up she was about this latest involvement he became quite emotionally upset and seamed to be more concerned about her than about what was going to happen to

Billy has been employed since May 15th by the NYC at Roosevelt Junior High. He has made a very good record on the job; not having missed to day and is touted by ir Kropfhauser (the Head Custodian) as being the hest Youth Corps worker that he has had. He spends his money

fullclously - buying food and clothes and helping his mother pay ine bills.

SOUTH AND RECOVERDATIONS SUCIDITIES of the fact that Billy has many attributes which are deem in spite of the fact that Billy has many attributes which are deem in spite of the fact that this is fourth time that desirable me cannot overlook the fact that this is fourth time that desirable me have this court. In addition he has refused the desirable we call to over the time that this is fourth time the cas been before this court. In addition he has admitted to one the tast that and has violated his probation by associating with other theft and has expressly adminished to avoid better with other there are expressly adminished to avoid Robert Haynes in Sec 7. - Special Regulations)

July 25, 1966, he was told by Referee Johnson that if he made another appearance befor the court he would be committed to the Ohio Youth Commission.

It is therefor recommended that William Feal Moore be committed to the Ohio Youth Commission but that this commitment be witheld on a the Ohio For the following reserve. day to day basis for the following reasons:

- 1. He is currently employed and helping his mother who's income is approximately 107.00 dollars per month.
- 2. Wr Frank Hammocks, a neighbor who is employed as a custodian at Roosevelt and with whom Billy works, has agreed to assist in Billys supervision.
- 3. He has become aware of his mother's dependence on him since he is the last child in the home.

H.F. SCOTT for JOHN CAHILL

APPROVED:

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### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AR 635-206 BOARD

Appointed pursuant to Letter Orders Number 168, Headquarters, US Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia, dated 10 March 1975, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

Convened at 1300 hours on 16 May 1975.

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order at Building #25710 on 16 May 1975.

### PERSONS PRESENT:

Lieutenant Colonel Vernon A. Hopper Captain Robert P. Martinack Captain Sidney B. Brody, Member
First Lieutenant Vincent M. Carcia, Recorder Captain Joseph A. Neuraute (Counsel for Respondent)

### PERSONS ABSENT:

· Lieutenant Colonel Leon A. Staskiewicz, 132-26-1086, Member Second Lieutenant Kenneth L. Kirstein, 542-50-0112, Alternate Recorder

Specialist 4 (E-4) William N. Moore appeared before the board with counsel. Captain Joseph A. Neurauter acted as counsel for the respondent.

The board was sworn by the recorder and the recorder was sworn by the president of the board.

The recorder explained that the general nature of the hearing was to determine whether SP4 Moore should be retained in the service or discharged under the pro--isions of AR 635-206.

the president them asked the respondent's counsel if he desired to challenge any mber of the board for cause. At this time, the defense counsel directed the Twing questions to the members of the board.

S: 2 May 1975

ATZHPA-A-PA Moore, William N. 7th Ind 275-48-2426 (12 Mar 75)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Administrative Elimination Action

Headquarters, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905 4 April 1975

- 1. The Recommendation for Administrative Elimination Action pertaining to the following individual is approved for Board Action under the provisions of AR 635-206.

SP4 William N. Moore, 275-48-2426, Company C, 2d Battalion, School Brigade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

- 2. Board procedure will be governed by AR 15-6 and AR 635-206. Your attention is invited to the fact that a quorum must be present at the meeting of this board. The counsel for the individual will be given fifteen (15) days notice in writing prior to the board meeting. A copy of this notice will also be sent to the individual. The fifteen (15) days advance notice may be waived in writing by the individual's counsel. It will be the counsel's prerogative to conduct any further correspondence he deems necessary with the respondent. The board hearing will be scheduled on the 16th day following receipt of notification of board action by individual's counsel or as soon thereafter as possible.
- 3. Within two days of receipt of this correspondence, recorder will notify individual and counsel of board action. A copy of this notification will be furnished this headquarters, ATTN: ATZHPA-A-PA.
- 4. In the event that the board cannot be convened on the scheduled date, any requests for delay by the board members, counsel, or recorder will be submitted to the President of the Board in writing for approval or disapproval. The President of the Board is authorized to approve requests for delays up to 30 days. Any delays beyond 30 days will be submitted in writing from the President of the Board through DPCA to Coffs. All extensions require written justification and will be attached to the completed case. This headquarters, ATTN: ATZHPA-A-PA; will also be notified immediately of any change in board date.

Stu Off Co, 5th Bn, Sch Bde, US Army Spal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, will act as Recorder for Board V.

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- 6. In five working days from the date of this correspondence and each-Wednesday of each week thereafter, recorder will notify this headquarters of status of case.
- 7. Report of proceedings of board of officers will include a brief summary of the proceedings in triplicate. Completed report will be returned to this headquarters, Todaquarters, ATTN: ATZHPA-A-PA.
- 8. CPT Joseph A. Neurauter, JAGC, HQ, USASC & FG, this station, will act as counsel for the respondent. -

FOR THE COMMANDER:

10 Incl RAY CARTER
Added 1 incl CW3, USA 10. LO #168, dtd 10 Mar 75 Asst Adj Gen 

The President of the Board stated he had once before.

Q: CPT Brody, have you ever served on a 206 board where the respondent has appeared in person?

CPT Brody stated he had not.

Q: CPT Brody, would you welcome the opportunity to be able to confront the respondent?

CPT Brody stated he would.

Q: CPT Martinack, have you ever served on a 206 board where the respondent has appeared in person?

CPT Martinack stated he had not.

Q: CPT Martinack, would you welcome the opportunity to be able to confront the respondent?

CPT Martinack stated he would.

Q: Are you all willing to wait until coming to any kind of decision or making up your minds about anything until we have presented all our evidence?

Members of the board answered positively.

There were no challenges for cause.

The recorder then asked if any member of the board desired to be advised as to the law, regulations, or orders concerned in the hearing. Readings were not desired.

Recorder had no opening statement.

recorder stated that the respondent was notified of this hearing on 9 April 1975 requested that the letter of written notification be attached to the proceedings The president stated that the letter of written notificauid be attached to the proceedings and marked as requested.

The president explained to the respondent that he had the right to cross-examine all witnesses brought before this hearing and that it was the board's desire to ascertain the truth of all matters, and that the board would be glad to help him question any witnesses when such questioning might shed a light on the facts of the case. The respondent stated that he understood his right of cross-examination.

The president advised the respondent that these proceedings are administrative and not judicial in nature. The board is not bound by the rules of evidence prescribed for trials by courts-martial or for court proceedings generally. Accordingly, there will be admitted in evidence, without regard to technical rules of admissibility, any oral or written matter, including hearsay, which in the minds of reasonable men is relevant and material. All evidence shall be accorded such weight as warranted under the circumstances.

The following documents were presented and attached as follows:

Exhibit A - Letter Orders #168, dtd 10 Mar 75;

Exhibit B - Notification to Appear Before a Board of Officers;

Exhibit C - Receipt for Certified Mail;

Exhibit D - Hand Receipt from Defense Counsel;

Exhibit E - Request for Delay;

Exhibit F - Request for Delay;

Exhibit G - Interim Change to Sections I and VI, AR 635-206;

Exhibit H - Recommendation for Administrative Elimination Action w/lst & 2d inds;

:::hibit I - Recommendation for Administrative Elimination Action (3d & 4th -);

bit J - Recommendation for Administrative Elimination Action (5th, 6th & 7th mds);

Exhibit K - Extract of Military Records of Previous Convictions;

Exhibit L - Statement of Non-Judicial Punishment;

Exhibit M- Statement pertaining to physical examination;

Exhibit N - Notification of Proposed Discharge;

Exhibit O - Letter from Respondent;

Exhibit P - Court Documents;

Exhibit Q - Statement from CPT Slesinger;

Exhibit R - Letter from Hinton R. Pierce, Attorney at Law;

Exhibit S - Decision of the Supreme Court of Georgia;

Exhibit T - Profile Sheet.

At this time, the defense counsel made the following statement. "Sir, we object to the admissibility of the Profile Sheet, dated 6 March 1975. Realizing even though the board is not bound by the rules of evidence of a court, I would still contend that this document is a rather gross form of hearsay. In addition to that, we plan on calling CPT Robert Hatfield as a witness for the respondent and we feel that he can much better offer the information that needs to be noted about the service of this man than this document can. It is rather stale; on 6 March 1975, this man had not been in the Army for a year. We feel that this document was prepared solely for the purpose of this proceeding. We feel it should not be given any weight."

The President of the Board made the following statement. "Subject to any opposition by the members of the board, I deny this request for deleting the exhibit. I think that the information contained therein is not detrimental. ae only thing detrimental to the respondent is something that is contained in other caments elsewhere. The fact that the company commander will be here presently, were are any errors or anything in this, then it can be noted at that time. I : Seel that it will necessarily help or hinder the respondent."

The recorder stated that the profile sheet was a normal profile sheet and was added to the case to give the board a chronological list of what had gone on in the past two years or so.

The President of the Board stated the documents would be attached to the proceedings and marked as requested.

The recorder had no witnesses.

The defense counsel made the following opening statement.

"I would like to apologize in my own behalf for the delays in this proceeding; however, as I explained, I felt that they were justified. As it turned out, SFC Walden
will not have to testify in lieu of the fact that we were able to obtain the presence
of SP4 Moore himself. I hope that the inconvenience, if any, caused will not kinder
your decision today. One other thing I would like to say is that we do plan to present several witnesses. I would ask you to hold off on any opinion until after all
the evidence is in, as you said you would do."

The following witnesses called by the board were sworn by the recorder and testified in substance as follows:

FC Walter Raymond Bridges, Sampany E, 2d Battalion, School Figade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I do know the respondent; SP4 Moore. I met Moore in 1973. I knew him as squad ender. I knew him just a matter of months. I had contact with Moore every day.

I was an outstanding squad leader. He was always on the ball. He did everying that was supposed to be done. It reflected on me, because I had one of the platoons in the battalion. I depended on him quite a lot. His leadership inhilities were outstanding. We always got involved in conversations. I was maging my squad leaders to reenlist. I don't know when he reenlisted.

I can his past performance, I would like to have him under me again; but under casent circumstances, I would have to do a lot of thinking.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

foure about six or seven months. He was a squad leader in my platoon.

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I am not sure whether I relieved him from squad leader or not. I can't remember. He was replaced, but under what circumstances I don't know. I don't remember whether or not he was relieved. If I relieved him, I am not sure what I relieved him for. I am not sure what the circumstances were. On his past performance for me, I would want him under me again; but under the present circumstances, I have my doubts.

### BOARD EXAMINATION

I knew him off duty and on duty. I had my squad leaders to my house several times. I never had any difficulty with him at all. His behavior patterns were normal. I was quite surprised by his actions. I have been in the Army thirteen years. I don't feel that an individual who has been convicted of Murder and Armed Robbery should be allowed to remain in the Army. His past performance for me was outstanding, but under the circumstances, I don't know.

### RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

When a squad leader is on post and moves off post, he is put in an off-post platoon. We did have the off-post people in my platoon; we made some exceptions.

### RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

I did feel that Moore was easily influenced by other people. That is the reason I feel that he got into this trouble. The man has a lot of time to think now and I don't know whether he would continue to be influenced by others.

CPT Robert E. Hatfield, Student Officer Company, 5th Battalion, School Brigade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I do know the respondent; SP4 Moore. I have been on active duty now ten years. Thave had a lot of troop contact. I took over Company C, 2d Battalion in November 1973. At the time, Moore was in the hospital. He had been injured in a battalion whall game. I didn't have much contact with Moore since he was in the hospital time. When he came back to the unit, it was just a short time thereafter that incident took place. The first sergeant and myself had personal contact Moore. One incident that I remember very clearly was when Moore came

to the company to get paid and the first sergeant jumped him about getting a haircut. Moore went out and got his hair cut and went back and got paid. If I remember correctly, he was going on leave at that time. I would say he had a pretty good attitude. I remember as the first sergeant really came down on him real hard, a lot of people would kind of brace up against that but Moore accepted it and went on his way and came back. His appearance was always good. I never had any experience with him as far as a squad leader is concerned. I understand he was a squad leader prior to my coming to the company. I don't recall whether he was on a standing list for promotion to E-5. That would have to have the recommendation of the commander. I don't recall myself putting him in for promotion. He was in of the company quite some time before I took over, so it could have been my prethe company quite some time before I took over, so it could have been my predecessor. He was a student at the time he was in the company. He had to have been performing acceptably or I would have known about it. He was not brought to my attention for anything.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

He was in the hospital most of the time I was there. He was in the hospital about four or five months. He came back to go to school; to be reinstated.

### RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

I received no report from the hospital about Moore. I personally could work with I received no report from the hospital about Moore. But I wouldn't want him in a unit that I would be in. If it was a case of Moore and I doing something, I think that I could handle it.

SSG Larry Ray Jones, Company A, 5th Battalion, School Brigade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I do know the respondent; SP4 Moore. I have been in the service over six years. I am in the 35B MOS at the Signal School. I came to personally know SP4 Moore in the summer of 1973. I knew him approximately nine months. I knew him in two capacities. I was Student Platoon Sergeant and he was a squad leader, so I had daily contact with him. I was football coach and he was on the football team. He did an excellent job under me as squad leader. He assisted me in problems.

Lots of times we would have racial problems. He could work out some of the problems with the guys a lot more than I could. He could square them away. He

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seemed to iron out those problems. His attitude about the Army was excellent. He was always a sharp looking soldier; he took pride in his uniforms, his appearance, and his responsibilities. I was his football coach off duty. It was flag pearance, and his responsibilities and play games at night. During the football. We would practice in the evenings or at the games, his conduct was times that he was at practice in the evenings or at the games, his conduct was very good. I couldn't believe that SP4 Moore had committed the offense. I was very good. It was not something that I would expect from him. I would never have shocked. It was not something that I would expect from him. I was unable to expected it from Moore. I tried to contact him once or twice but I was never able to see him. He was a friend. I did want to talk with him, but I was never able to see him. This is the first time I have seen him since the incident.

## CROSS EXAMINATION

When he came in the summer and then when football season started, we used to run some in Barton Field. In the winter, I didn't see him much because he went into the hospital. Then I knew him until the time I left, which was April 4, right when he got arrested. I knew him about nine months. I would think he spent approximately two or three months as a squad leader, during the summer months. He was mately two or three months as a squad leader, during the summer months. He was relieved of his responsibility, to my knowledge, because he was in the hospital. I don't think he was relieved because of any disciplinary action. At one time he I don't think he was relieved because of a problem he had previously gotten into. was suspended from his duties because of a problem he had previously gotten into. It was a drug problem. During that particular time he was relieved, but it was only temporarily. I just assumed that he was relieved because he was in the hospital. I didn't see him socially. After the football games, I did not see him.

SP4 William R. Halvorsen, Personnel Control Facility, Headquarters Command, US Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I am the Investigative Aid for the Defense Division at the Staff Judge Advocate's Office here at Fort Gordon. During the course of my duties, I did have the opportunity to consult with members of SP4 Moore's family. I spoke with the respondent's mother and mother-in-law, on separate days. I talked to the mother-in-law, Mrs. Edwards, in Columbus, Ohio first. She was most complimentary law, Mrs. Edwards, in Columbus, Ohio first. She said she had been knowing him since indeed of her son-in-law, the respondent. She said she had been knowing him since early childhood. They were neighbors or something, they lived two or three houses early childhood. They were neighbors or something, they lived two or three houses early childhood. They were neighbors at all. He was a better-than-average neighborhood kid.

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Later on, of course, the respondent married Mrs. Edwards' daughter. She phrased him as being a good husband, a wonderful husband and a good father - better than any father that she had ever seen. She also talked about his exceptional devotion to his wife. She said he helped with the household chores, caring for the children, washing dishes, things that you would normally think would be done by the wife, or maybe asked or forced into but not the case this time, at least in the respondent's case. She termed him as being the very best son-in-law she had ever seen. She also felt that circumstances leading into the conviction and this action was the result of maybe the respondent's not getting a fair break with life. She also felt that maybe marital problems might have led into this; he had been married at an early age. She also expressed a great deal of shock and surprise. I also spoke with Mrs. Margaret Moore, his mother, who lives in Columbus, Ohio. Of course, being his mother she had things to say that every mother would have to say about her son. She did say he was a good son and created no problems at all as a child. He had an outstanding record at school. A very, very good father, a wonderful father. The mother is in a wheel chair; she has multiple sclerosis, I believe it was. She said that SP4 Moore had won several awards at school, one of which was an outstanding award. I believe it was for some type of art at Roosevelt High School. She also asked me, in her behalf, to ask for leniency on the part of her son. He did love the Army very, very much.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

I did personally speak to these people via telephone.

At this point, the recorder wished to point out that the testimony of this witness was all hearsay.

SP4 William N. Moore, 275-48-2426, Company C, 2d Training Battalion, School Brigade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I am the respondent in this case. I am from Columbus, Ohio. I was raised by my mother. My father left when I was five and he came back when I was 18. I have nothers and two sisters; all of them are older than me. I did not complete two brothers and two sisters; all of them are older than me. I did not complete which school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service. I worked high school at home; I completed high school after I joined the service.

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I talked to him and he wanted me to go into the Army. I just joined; I volunteered. I knew I could get an allotment to help my mother. I joined on 13 October 1970. I went to basic training at Fort Knox. I was promoted to E-l after basic training. I was squad leader in basic training. There were about ten people out of about 250 who were promoted. After basic I went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I was a heavy equipment operator. The recruitor told me that he was going to give me a guarantee to go into electronics; that's what I wanted to go into. But he didn't give it to me. I didn't know too much about it, I just joined the Army. After basic they said I was supposed to go to Fort Leonard Wood. When I got there they told me I had to be a heavy equipment operator. I went to Fort Benning, Georgia for Airborne Training and then home on leave for 30 days and then I went to Germany. When I got to Fort Dix, New Jersey, I signed up to work as an MP. When I got to Germany I worked in the stockade as a guard for the first two months and then the last 17 months I was a mail clerk. The mail clerk in the stockade was going home and I went to the CO and asked him if I could have the job so I could bring my wife over. I brought my wife and mother-in-law to Germany. I liked Germany real well. After that I went on leave for 30 days, then I came to Fort Gordon. I reenlisted in Germany to come to the electronics school, 35B Electronic Instrument Repair. The course is in two parts. One part is 35B20, which is 42 weeks long; then 35B30 is 17 weeks long. You have to take the 30 before the 20. I was in the last week in the 30 before I was incarcerated. I was playing football for C-2, SSG Jones, when I hurt my knee. I was in the hospital from 10 December 1973 to 28 February 1974. Doctor Bost, my military doctor, took the cartilage out of my right knee. I still have problems with my knee. I have a brace. My knee had a lot of calcium deposits. It still hurts sometimes. I have a prescription for it at the Jefferson County Jailhouse that they fill every now and then; it is Valium.

At this time, the defense counsel stated he had eight exhibits to enter into evidence and he wanted the respondent to identify some of the exhibits. The respondent identified the following exhibits:

Defense Exhibit B shows I passed the GED test in Germany. Defense Exhibit C is Defense Exhibit B shows I passed the GED test in Germany. Defense Exhibit D is the E-5 the orders where I was appointed battalion mail clerk. Defense Exhibit D is the E-5 standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion. I was promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promotion list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing list for promoted to E-4 on 29 October 1971; that was standing l

The defense counsel introduced into evidence the following documents:

Defense Exhibit A - DA Form 20;

Defense Exhibit B - Military Test Report;

Defense Exhibit C - Special Orders #66, dtd 24 Apr 73;

Defense Exhibit D - Battalion Recommended Standing List for Promotion to the Grade of E-5;

Defense Exhibit E - Enlistment Contract;

Defense Exhibit F - Updating of Scholastic Record;

Defense Exhibit G - Unit Order #52, dtd 5 Nov 71;

Defense Exhibit H - Letter from Frederick W. Bost, M.D., dtd 13 Nov 74.

The documents were attached and marked as requested.

The witness continued his testimony.

I met George Curtis in the hospital. He was a civilian. He had been hurt in Vietnam while he was in the service. He had an operation on his shoulder. He told me about his uncle having a lump sum of money. He talked about it and told me about how we could get it. After I got out of the hospital, we went out to his house one night. We had gotten drunk. I went out to his house one night and broke into his house and killed him and robbed him. Vifeel sick about it. Not just because I was convicted, but because of what I did. I know it was wrong; I never should have done it. I plead guilty. When they came to my house, I showed them where the pistol was and the money. What they gave me was what I deserved. I know I was wrong. I received the death sentence. I was sentenced to be electrocuted on 13 September 1974. It is being appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. don't know whether that accompanies another case. I like the Army. If I had cotten into this trouble, I would like to have made the Army a career. If it possible, I would like to stay in the Army. If it were possible I would like to e Army stockade, but it isn't possible.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

I did not finish Airborne Training because of flat feet. I was relieved as squad leader because I moved off post. I wasn't in daily contact with my squad. I used to sleep with them and when I moved off post I didn't sleep with them so he put me in an off-post platoon. That's how I lost my squad. Doctor Bost told me I could get a medical discharge, but I told him I didn't want to get out of the service, I wanted to stay in the service. When I went to Stapleton's house, Curtis wasn't with me, he went back home.

### BOARD EXAMINATION

I am married. I have one child. They are in Columbus, Ohio. My wife has started working for the telephone company. She is struggling right now to make the car payment and house payment. I needed the money when I committed the offense. Me and my wife had gotten into an argument at that time and I had my son down here with me. Thad a lot of bills to pay. I had fixed my allotment up when I got here so she would get all the money except \$50. That's all I needed when I was staying in the barracks. Then when I got my son down here, I didn't have enough money. If was drunk at the time of the offense. Me and Curtis had drank three fifths of Boone's Farm Wine and a whole keg of whiskey. The pistol was given to me by a friend, right before I went into the hospital. He asked me to keep it because he had gotten into some trouble on post or something and they were checking out his car or something, so I just took it and threw it in the car. Curtis went with me to the house the first time. The first time we went we broke into the house and we got stopped between one room and another room, we couldn't get by. So we went back to his house and drank some more. I just went out of my head and went back in a window. The individual was in the house both times. The man came out of his room. The room was dark, and he came out of the room and hit me in the leg with his shotgun. It went off and scared me and I shot him; other han that, I would not have shot him. The shotgun went off and scared me; I guess scared him, too. At the time of the offense I was not using drugs. The thing pout the drugs was when I was living at Chrystal Springs Trailor Park with SGT inson and Specialist McNair. Next to our house was a man who used to deal in rijuana. The police knew it, so they busted into our trailor and the trailor to us. They thought we were him; they didn't know what he looked like. They warrant for his arrest. They did find marijuana in the trailor. I was not a chat it was there. We were detained in the county jail that night and got out morning; we didn't have to go to court.

# RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

I met Curtis in the hospital. He told me about his uncle. When the incident occurred I was down at his house. He went with me the first time we went to the man's house; I was down at his house. He went with me the first time we went to the man's house; I was down at his house. He went with me head that night; I was insane. From after that, I went back myself. I was out of my head that night; I was insane. From after that, I went back myself. I shot, about one second elapsed - it was a the time his shotgun hit my leg and I shot, about one second elapsed - it was a reaction. I could not see anything. I could not see him when it happened.

# RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

The bullet did not hit me; the shotgun hit me. I guess he threw it out the door when he opened the door; it hit my leg and went off. I couldn't see him. I fired at what was in front of me. It was dark and I couldn't see.

SFC Charles E. Rimer, 536-26-1666, Company C, 2d Training Battalion, School Brigade, US Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I have been in the Army a little over 18 years. I have had a lot of troop contact. I do know Specialist Moore. I knew him several months. He did attend two courses; 35B20 and 35B30. I knew him as his platoon sergeant and as the operations sergeant for C-2. I had daily contact with him; he was one of my squad leaders. He was good; I had no problems with him. He was outstanding. I had talked with the was good; I had no problems with him. He was outstanding. I had talked with him and from what he said at that time, he intended to make a career out of the him and from what he said at that time, he intended to make a career out of the Army. The way I felt, the way he functioned for me, I would say he would have a good soldier. If you do good, they pick a certain percentage to go to the 35B30 course, so he must have been doing good or he wouldn't have gone into the 30 course. It is a more advanced portion of repair.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

was operations sergeant and first platoon sergeant of the Charlie company. I did not relieve him from squad leader. He worked under me. The only reason he did not relieve him from squad leader. He worked under me. The only reason he did not relieve him from squad leader. He worked under me is a different platoon. He work for me right on was when he moved off post he was in a different platoon.

SG Bridges was a platoon sergeant there also at that time. Moore worked for me have he was in the first platoon.

### BOARD EXAMINATION

Knowing what I know now, I would want him in a unit serving under me. When he was with me, he was sober. As far as I am concerned, yes, I would want him under me.

The recorder waived the opening argument.

The defense counsel made a closing argument. "LTC Hopper and members of the board, there is not a whole lot I can say in addition to what has already been said today by all the witnesses and by Specialist Moore himself. I would just like to highlight some of the testimony. SFC Bridges stated he would still be willing to work with Specialist Moore in spite of what happened. You could see some hesitancy on the part of some witnesses who made statements like that, but just the fact that somebody would go that far would have to say a lot for this man. It would have to say a lot for the service that he rendered to the military during the time that he was in. Just ask yourself and go by your own experience, how many persons convicted of the crime for which Specialist Moore has been convicted could present the testimony that was presented before you today? How many people could have done such an exceptional job while in the military as to warrant these witnesses coming in to say what they did say? SFC Rimer talked about him in nothing but good ways. CPT Hatfield talked about his good attitude, and he said he had quite a bit on the ball. He indicated that he felt he could work with Specialist Moore at least on a one-to-one basis, and this means a lot. He also indicated as company commander he didn't receive any derogatory reports from the hospital or from the school that Specialist Moore was attending. SSG Jones seemed to have more contact than anybody with Specialist Moore. He said he did an excellent job, he aided him with problems in the unit, such as racial problems and he indicates to us that he was a good leader also. I would first of all ask that you pay particular attention to the Form 20 of Specialist Moore; particularly his MOS, his conduct and efficiency ratings, and his duties while in the military. Also, we would like you to pay particular attention to what is marked Defense Exhibit H, the letter from Doctor Bost, indicating the good character of the respondent as he sees him. The other thing that we would like you to note in reference to his military career was his fast advancement to E-4, less than a year, and the fact that this man has great promise as a military soldier. Inevitably, we get to the noing where you consider the circumstances of the offense for which Specialist work has been convicted and he tried to explain this to you as best he could. We The you will consider this in a favorable light. One thing that is kind of hard

to approach is Specialist Moore stated he is presently awaiting electrocution in the State of Georgia, and yet he is willing to take the stand and he is willing to ask the Army to be retained. This man must think the Army is pretty important in his life, he must feel that the Army has done a lot for him or why would he do this. Another thing that has not been entered in evidence but I would like you to consider, LTC Hopper, as President of the Board, is the fact that the appeal is still pending in the Supreme Court. I, as counsel for the respondent, feel that it would be your prerogative to delay the findings of the board to await the decision of the Supreme Court on this case. I don't know whether you have been informed of the regulations or not - this is sort of out of the ordinary in an argument, but I believe that the discharge cannot be finalized anyway until after the appeal process has been finalized, so if it would be of benefit to the board to delay findings until that point, I would request that you do so. I am sure that you are aware of the alternatives that are available here. What would be the point of giving this man an undesirable discharge? What purpose would it serve; it is not going to punish him any more, certainly. You already know the punishment. We don't know how it is going to help the military to give him an undesirable discharge. The thing here more than anything is the morale of the respondent. The things that he is already facing and the effect that an undesirable discharge can have in his own mind. That is probably more prominent than any effects on benefits or any effects as far as ever being able to come back into the military. It is almost the principle of the thing - the effect of an undesirable discharge in the mind of the respondent. You have had the opportunity to talk with him on the stand. We would contend that he is deserving of something better from the military. He is already paying for the crime that he committed on the outside. We feel that he should be awarded for the sarvice that he gave to the military while he was here. He received one honorable discharge and if you still feel that he should be discharged, we feel that he is deserving of an honorable discharge and we would ask you to do so if you cannot retain him in the military. Thank you."

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is time, the defense counsel requested that another witness be allowed to . The witness was sworn and testified in substance as follows:

-ma Jean Gripper, Columbus, Ohio.

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### DIRECT EXAMINATION

I am Billy's oldest sister. I did live with Billy the entire time he was growing up. We all lived in the same house. Billy came to stay with me for a period of time. When Billy came to stay with me for about a year, he was 14 years old. At that point my mother's multiple sclerosis started messing up and she couldn't keep up with him, so we felt it was best that he come to stay with me. My mother did carry the burden of raising him. When my father left, Billy was about four years old. In the lower grades, Billy made pretty good grades in school. He was pretty much an A and B student; he was on honor roll, he had gotten honor roll awards. He was also the paperboy during that period of time. He was paperboy for about five years. He was ten years old when he became paperboy. I don't remember him working any place when he was about 14. When he got older, he did have a full-time job at Jeffry's Steel Foundry in Columbus, Ohio. He worked there and went to school. He had wrestling and he joined this boxing club in Columbus. He boxed for a little while. He was pretty good until somebody hit him, then he quit. He did get in trouble when he was a kid. It was nothing serious. Billy was with a guy when they broke into a pop machine. He was around 14 then. There was no trouble after that. He stayed pretty straight after that. Then he started junior high and he was working. We all just about had to work. When you are growing up on welfare, you don't get much money. Several months my mother would get social security and then that would be cut off and then she would have to transfer over to welfare. We just had to work in order to support ourselves. The only thing I remember about him joining the Army was one day he came in and he said, "I joined the Army", and I asked him why and he said he just wanted to go. I don't know if he had other reasons. I did talk to him after he joined the Army, quite a few times. He liked the Army real well. He was doing good. At one point, to my understanding, he was going to school and finishing up his education. He got a promotion. He really had to care for it because he was going up and not down. He got married after he joined the service. Right before Billy got into this trouble he got into, I called long distance because I was concerned. His wife was living in Columbus and she had the baby at a habysitters all day and all night. I found out that the babysitter drank quite a bit and the house caught on fire once. I told him it was just not the place for the child. old the mother about it and she didn't do anything about it. I called Billy and I . 'd him about it. So he made arrangements to come pick up the child. So he ted up the child and brought the child back here. It was during the time that he in the hospital. During the day, to my understanding, he was in the hospital : the child was in a nursery and he would pick the child up and carry the child and care for it. I know that were he was living it had to cost him some money. I don't know too much about his finances. We didn't tell our parents until the appeal came in, which was in February, because with my mother's condition, the doctor said anything could just make her deteriorate more. We just didn't feel that both said anything could just make her deteriorate more. We just didn't feel that both of them could stand up under the strain at that particular point. They knew that he of them could stand up under the strain at that particular point. They knew that he had gotten into trouble, but they didn't know how severe it was. So we told them. had gotten into trouble, but they didn't know how severe it was. So we told them. They are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them. For they are taking it pretty good right now, but it was pretty rough for them.

The defense counsel had nothing further to offer.

The recorder made a closing argument. "I would like to point out Exhibit H, the interim change to AR 635-206. That is the reason behind the convening of this board; prior to this, on a civil conviction case the final action on the appeal had to be taken before the board could be held. It is my impression that the appeal is only for the death sentence; it is not for the conviction of the crimes committed. I would base that on the readings of Exhibit S. I feel it is correct that you make the decision according to AR 15-6 and AR 635-206 which says that you will either decide for him to be retained or separated and if separated, you will make the recommendation of what type discharge he should receive. And if you do make that recommendation, like I said, if the conviction is not upheld and he is set free, then the board proceedings are just thrown out. But, in fact, if they uphold the death sentence or if they uphold the conviction, this board stands. Specialist Moore has been convicted and sentenced by the Superior Court of Jefferson County for two serious crimes: Armed Robbery and Murder. He has pled guilty to both counts and has been sentenced. His appeal was denied by the Supreme Court of Georgia and it is still pending before the United States Supreme Court. Both offenses are of a serious nature and warrant the elimination, in my opinion, of Specialist Moore from the Army according to the regulations and because of the gravity of the offenses involved, along with the fact that they are crimes moral turpitude, which the regulation makes specific mention of. In your recomendations for a discharge, for the type of discharge, the type of discharge under wagraph 36 of AR 635-206 states that an individual is normally furnished an unirable discharge unless the individual has been awarded a personal decoration : cicular circumstances warrant another type discharge. I think that what this graph is saying is that you look at his decorations and you look at the circum-

stances and you decide if he is different from the normal. I think that from the witnesses we have seen here, in my opinion, they were all hesitant about working with Specialist Moore and having him back in the Army. ? That is what we are here talking about, is having Specialist Moore either in the Army or out. Some witnesses said they didn't want him in the Army, they said they may work with him in a relationship other than the Army. But we are talking about being in the Army. SFC Bridges said that he would not want him in the Army knowing the circumstances surrounding the case. SFC Bridges also said that Specialist Moore had been influenced by other people in his actions and, in my opinion, there is nothing to say that future actions won't be influenced as easily by other people. The defense has several witnesses here to try to paint a picture of Specialist Moore's service brighter than I think it actually is. I think Specialist Moore had an average service. In other words, he was normal; he didn't receive any outstanding awards. In fact, he had one personal decoration. As shown in Defense Exhibit A under Awards and Decorations, he has the National Defense Service Medal which was given to military personnel who served in the Army during the Vietnam engagement. This medal is no longer given. Most people who were in the Army for three to six months received the ribbon. So as I said, I think his service was average, normal, and that according to the regulation, he should be separated from the Army and in fact should be issued an undesirable discharge. I think he has discredited the service and his actions are of such a grave nature that I think the service would be benefitted by discharging him and giving him an undesirable discharge."

Neither the recorder nor the respondent's counsel having anything further to offer, the hearing was recessed by the president of the board at 1450 hours.

The hearing was reconvened by the president of the board at 1520 hours. All parties who were present at the last open session were again present.

Attached is the verbatim record of the findings and recommendation of the board of officers.

The hearing was adjourned by the president of the board at 1522 hours, 16 May 1975.

# VERBATIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

FINDINGS: In the board proceedings concerning Specialist Four (E-4) William N. Moore, 275-48-2426, the board carefully considered the evidence before it and finds:

- l. SP4 Moore is undesirable for further retention in the military service because of conviction by civil court.
- 2. SP4 Moore is undesirable for further retention in the military service because of conviction of an offense involving moral turpitude.

RECOMMENDATION. In view of the findings, the board recommends that SP4 Moore be discharged from the service because of misconduct (conviction by a civil court) with the issuance of an Undesirable Discharge Certificate (DD Form 258A).

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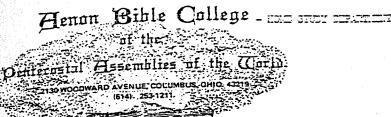
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August 2, 1973

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### Dear Sir:

This letter is to cortify that Millian I. Moore resident of County Joil, Louisville, Reorgic has been enrolled as a student with Acmon Mible College, Home Study Copartacin since April 29, 1975. He is taking concurrently the Sunday School Telector and Forecast Evangelism Courses. Enclosed is a transcript of his grades to the various studies with which he is presently occupied.

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Director Home Study

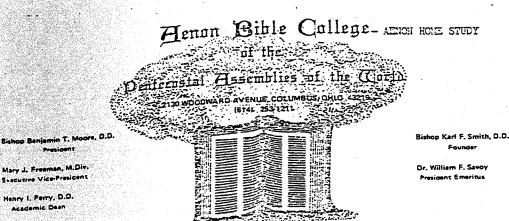
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December 2, 1976

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Mr. Hinton Pierce 213 Southern Finance Building Augusta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you relative to the case of William N. Moore, who is an innate of the County Jail in Louisville, Georgia and also your client. We are vitally interested in this young man, not merely as a student on our rolls, but as a person who is reaching for something better in a life that is, at best, of indeterminate length. The purpose of this letter is to provide what evidence I have accumulated in my dealings with . Mr. Moore that will show he is a different person from the errant youth of previous years.

We has been enrolled in our correspondence courses since before I assumed the directorship of this department, June 15, 1975, and has earned a Sunday School Teacher's Certificate which we shall soon give him. He has asked for and been given permission to double up in his studies, and presently is taking two courses: Personal Evangelism and the Ministerial Course. His grades are excellent.

Here's a life, a person, that we sincerely believe has been rehabilitated. Milly, as we know him, has something to offer society in exchange for its tendering to him a forgiving hand. He has an awakened sense of family responsibility; a renewed interest in, and love toward, his fellow man; and a keen awareness of a just and loving God who has brought this all to pass the day that Billy was converted.

It is true that this conversion took place after he was in prison and that we know him only by correspondence, not having met him face to face. It does not seem likely that his conversion is just a transient thing used as a possible means of escaping purishment. This man has never been told, to my knowledge, that accepting God would avert penalty in any degree. He has been given the assurance only that God will give him the ability

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to bear enything that is his lot to bear. Certainly we have prayed that God in his mercy and wisdom will see fit to avert the ultimate penalty. But we have not and will not so and wisdom will see fit to avert the ultimate penalty. But we have not and will not so stell him. Billy's embracing Christianity is due, among other things, to the forgiveness, tell him. Billy's embracing Christianity is a sincere involvement. This world and this confort and peace it affords him. His is a sincere involvement. This world and this society can use such a person as he is now; and I am convinced that his potential, in prison or cut, for touching other lives is great.

Please ask the Court to reconsider this case or to reappraise this man who has made.

Please ask the Court to reconsider this case or to reappraise this man who has made such giant strides in personal development and to grant that Billy Moore may be spared the ultimate penalty.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Maron J. Smith, Director Fone Studies

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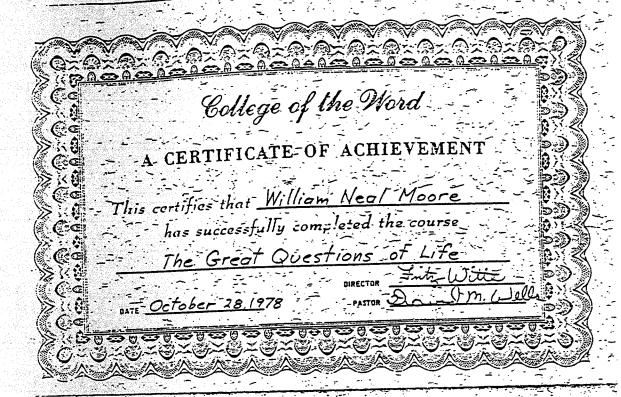
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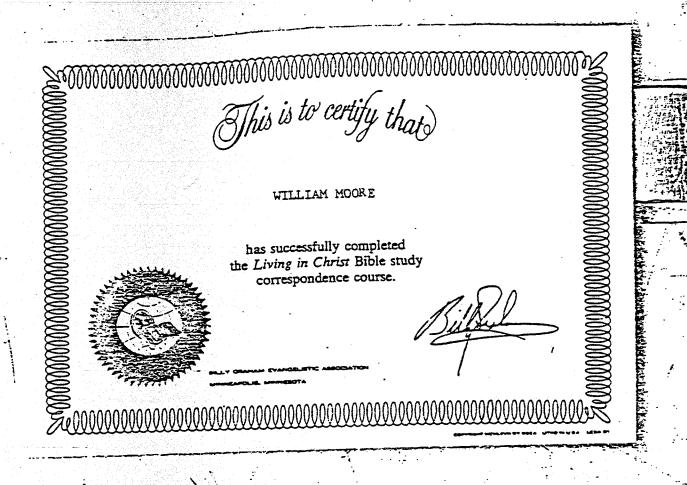
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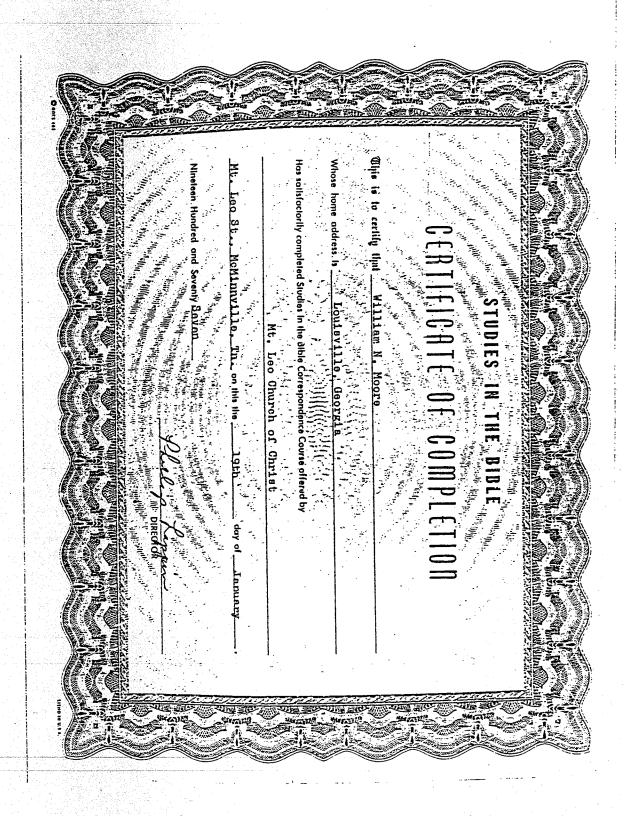
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Mr. Hinton R. Pierce 213 Southern Finance Building Augusta, Georgia 30902

Dear Mr. Pierce,

This letter is to express to you my evaluation of the character of one of your clients, William N. Moore. In short I believe he merits some degree of mercy from the courts. When I first met Moore, I was amazed by his knowledge of He had learned a tremendous amount since being confined in the jail, and he wanted to ask me various questions to learn more. Most of all he wanted to be sure he was ready to meet God. I answered his questions, and I enrolled him in a Bible Correspondence Course sponsored by the Louisville Church of Christ. He completed the entire series of courses making ex-

cellent grades all the way through.

On June 22, 1976, upon his confession of faith in Jesus
Christ as the Son of God, I baptized William Moore at the jail. He is considered by this congregation to be a faithful member of

the church of Christ.

I conduct a short worship service in the jail each Sunday, but I am letting the prisoners who are faithful Christians take the lead. I lead the singing and supervise, but Moore volunteers for everything else. He prepares the order of worship, picks out the songs, leads prayer, reads scripture aloud, and serves the Lord's Supper. Recently he presented two manuscripts of sermons He had written them and wanted me to critique them. I found ther to be true to the Bible and showed him ways to improve them, but he has not preached them yet. If the other prisoners knew him to be two-faced or hypocritical in any way, they would not allow him to lead them in worship, however, they respect him and do follow him. They feel he is sincere, and I do too.

It should be pointed out that Moore is a soul-winner. He

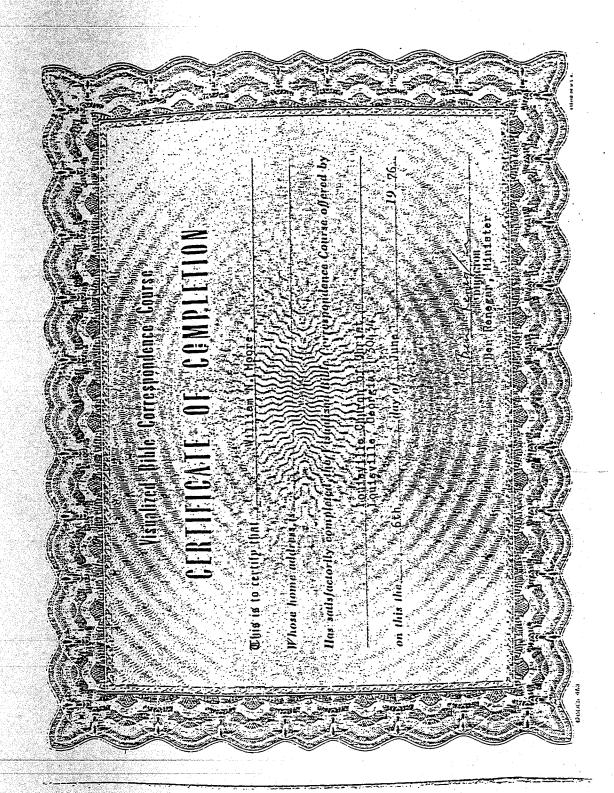
was primarily responsible for converting two other prisoners, Clarence Birt and Eugene Bostic, by teaching them from the Bible. When these men requested to be baptized, I asked them a number of direct questions to see if they understood about salvation and the

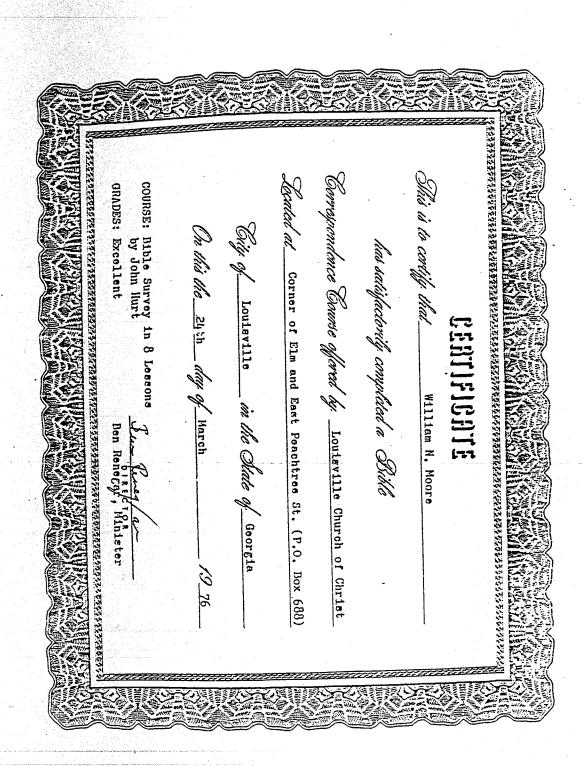
Church. They had been taught well, so I baptized them, also.

Mr. Pierce, as a person who believes the Bible, I uphold
the right and responsibility of the government to inflict capitol punishment upon certain types of criminals. However, the law as well as the Bible give place for mercy to be shown to deserving offenders. I believe William N. Moore merits some amount of mercy.

If there is anything I can do to help his case, please let

me know and I will do my best to help.



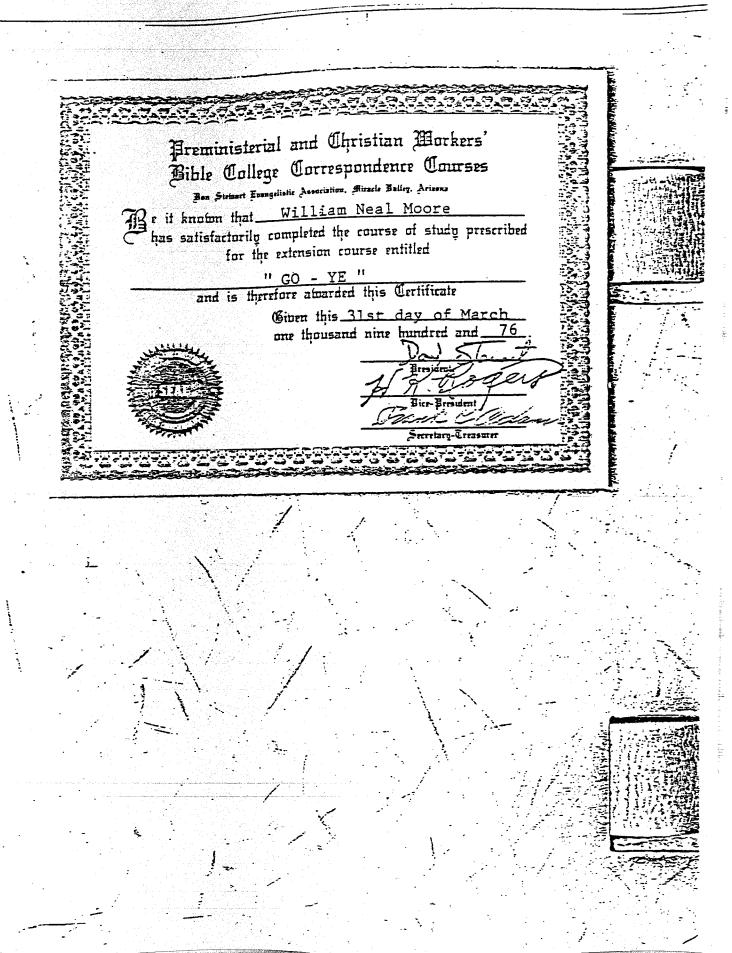


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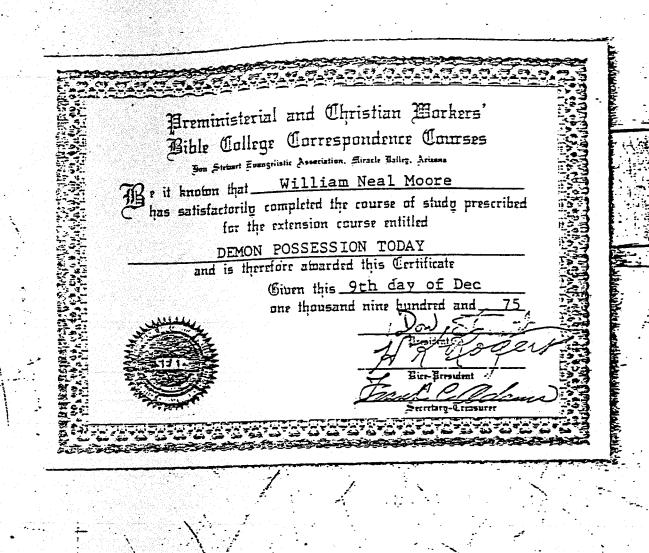
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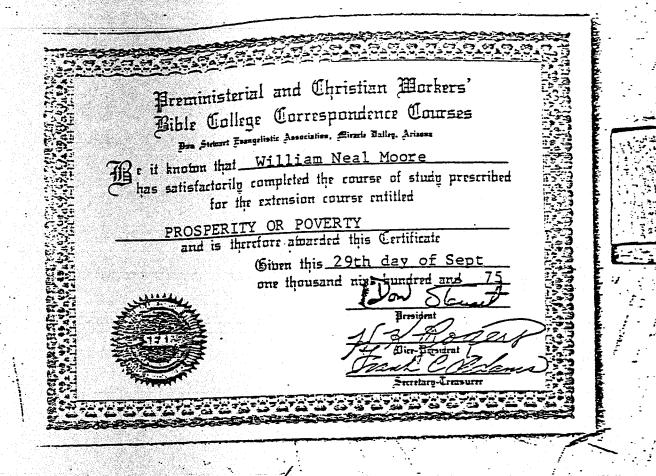
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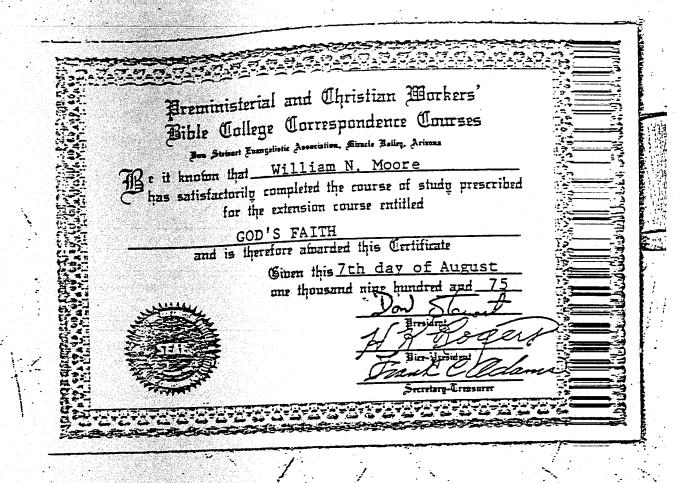


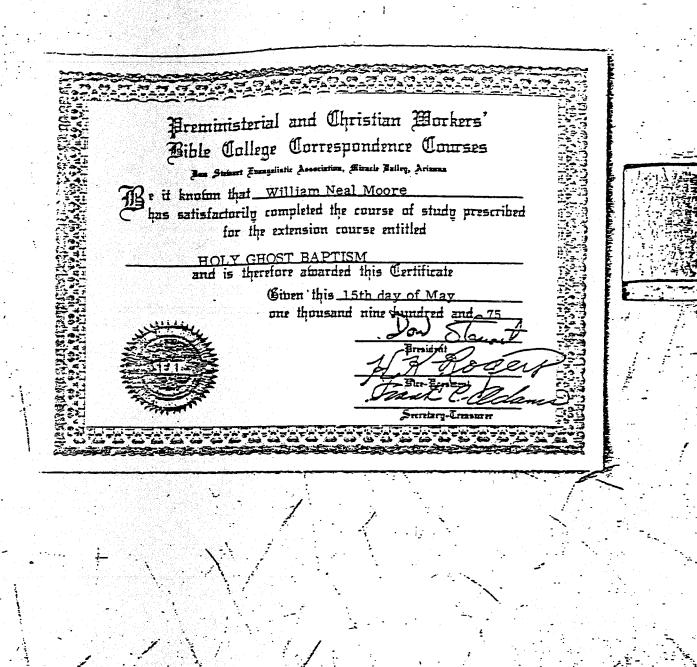


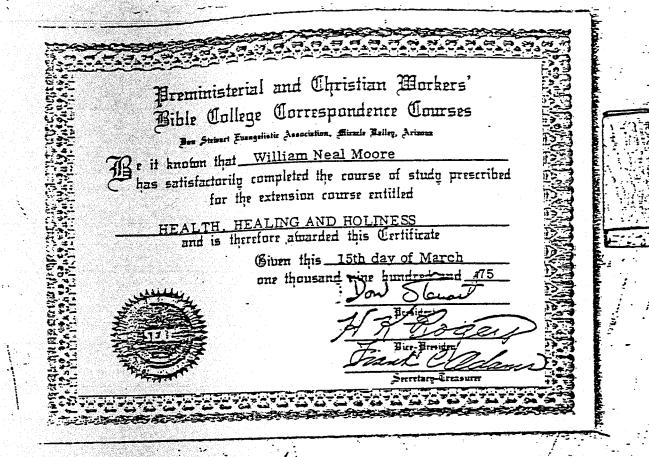


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