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Re: Inmate Marc Draper

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of the family of the above-named inmate, I am submitting the following information to them with instructions to forward it to you if and when this prisoner becomes eligible for parole or commutation of sentence.

Marc Draper was the co-defendant of Terrance Williams and, with Williams, conspired and acted to abduct, rob and beat to death 56 year old Amos Norwood, inside the Ivy Hill cemetery in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia. After tying the victim with his own clothes and beating him with car tools, the co-defendants took his money, credit cards and car, obtained more money and jewelry with the stolen goods in Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Their spree was ended when credit card calls were traced by police to a third man who assisted the killers in obtaining these credit card benefits.

Mr. Draper was arrested in his home and Williams fled the jurisdiction upon issuance of warrants. On the day of his arrest, Mr. Draper completely and thoroughly confessed his participation in this hideous crime without any promises or benefits offered to him. In addition, he volunteered additional information about his co-defendant's responsibility for the murder of 53 year old Herbert Hamilton in West Philadelphia six months earlier, which led to the arrest of Williams on that previously unsolved case. Draper offered to cooperate fully with the investigations and to testify truthfully in the prosecution of Williams in both homicide cases, resulting in Williams' conviction in the earlier killing of murder in the third degree (William's defense was that the killing was provoked by homosexual advances of the victim), and a verdict of murder in the first degree with the penalty of

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death by the jury in the Worwood case. In addition, Draper agreed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree, knowing that it brought a mandatory life sentence, without any promise of leniency or early release.

Although the heinous nature of the underlying crime cannot be minimized in any way, Mr. Draper has attempted to compensate significantly for his role in this matter. While it is true that he has benefitted by avoiding the death penalty for himself, I was well aware that during the pendency of prosecutions against Williams, Mr. Draper was visited regularly in Holmesburg prison by Williams himself, at the gates of Draper's protective custody area, and by friends of Williams inside Draper's cell. Thus, Mr. Draper's security in prison was never certain, yet he continued without complaint in his cooperation with authorities to see that justice was served in all matters in which he had information or connection.

I never had any reason to doubt Mr. Draper's veracity and he never declined to answer the most difficult questions about his own culpability. Williams sent Mr. Draper letters in prison with alternative stories to feed the authorities and the court about their criminal activities. Mr. Draper passed that correspondence on to his father, a Philadelphia police officer, with instructions to give them to the prosecutor in preparation for trial. Those letters, in addition to his oral testimony, established a compelling case against Williams, who had a frightening history for violent crimes.

Therefore, it is proper for you to consider the cooperation of this inmate when determining his eligibility for parole or commutation at some future date. That I provide you with the particulars of Mr. Draper's cooperation was the only benefit or promise conveyed to him in exchange for his complete truthful cooperation. I hope this information will be useful in your evaluations.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Mr. George Draper

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