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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to recommend the pardon of Jonathan Pollard.

Based on my experience as District Attorney of Philadelphia, Chairman of The Senate Judiciary Committee, Chairman of The Senate Intelligence Committee and my studies of incarceration, I believe Jonathan Pollard has served more than long enough.

I think his spying was a very serious crime. Unfortunately, spying is not an uncommon practice even between allies and friendly nations.

Considering all the factors, in my judgment Jonathan Pollard should not have a life sentence without parole or a pardon.

Sincerely,

  
Arlen Specter

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