

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our concern at the miscarriage of justice in the case of Jonathan Pollard.

We do not support acts of espionage. Mr. Pollard's conduct was wrong and he has pled guilty to one count of passing classified information to an ally, and cooperated with the prosecutor fully expecting the Justice Department, to fulfill its bargain in return, not to ask for the maximum sentence. What happened was the now pardoned former Secretary of Defense, rather than the Department of Justice, asked for the maximum sentence. Mr. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison. He has been severely punished for his offense and knows that his motivations cannot excuse his crime or relieve that conduct from severe punishment.

Nevertheless, Mr. Pollard's prison sentence was excessive and unreasonable when compared to similar cases involving like charges and offenses committed by those spying for allies of the United States and even by those spying for our enemies.

Mr. Pollard has recently been moved to a medium security prison in Butner, North Carolina. Having spent the last 8 years of his life in one of the Nations's harshest maximum security prisons, in Marion, Illinois, (5 1/2 of those years in solitary confinement). We are not contesting Mr. Pollard's conviction; he is guilty and must be punished. What we are calling for is justice that the sentence of Mr. Pollard be viewed in the light of parity with the sentencing of others who have committed similar violations of our laws. We ask that his sentence more fairly reflect his crime.

In the cause of equity and justice, we call on you to exercise your power and to consider favorably the request that Jonathan Pollard's sentence be commuted to time served.

Sincerely,

  
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