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BY MAIL

Susan Boucaud
Classification Officer
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Dear Ms. Boucaud:

RE: [REDACTED]

I was contacted by Mrs. [REDACTED] in late April, 1990 regarding her son [REDACTED], who had recently been charged with careless storage of a firearm and ammunition. Mr. [REDACTED] had just turned 18 years of age and this was his first contact with the criminal justice system.

The circumstances of the charge were as follows. The police had a warrant to search another individual's room in the rooming house where Mr. [REDACTED] resided. Mr. [REDACTED]'s room was also entered when the search warrant was executed. He was charged with careless storage of a firearm and ammunition as a result of this search.

He has a fascination with such items and had been a legitimate member of a gun club.

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On December 11, 1990 Mr. [REDACTED] was convicted of these offences and received a suspended sentence with two years probation, along with a s.100 Order that he not possess any firearms, ammunition or explosive substances for a five year period. Similarly, a hearing pursuant to s.103 of the Criminal Code was held on October 25, 1990 before Dnieper, J. At such time, [REDACTED] consented to the disposition of his weapons and a five year prohibition order on him possessing weapons was imposed. The criminal conviction is currently under appeal as the search raised significant legal issues.

Immediately prior to his arrest on the charges he was most recently convicted of Mr. [REDACTED] was consulting Jane Fairburn in our offices regarding his pending above-noted appeal. Upon exiting our offices, he was arrested.

At the time of his arrest, Mr. [REDACTED] had on his person three live grenades and a disassembled knife. He also had a number of video tapes in his possession that depicted various combat scenarios. A search of his room revealed one further unarmed grenade as well as other military paraphernalia.

Interestingly enough, my office is located half a block north of the American Embassy and because of the Gulf war the arrest attracted a great deal of attention.

As previously noted, he, along with a group of student friends made a number of high-action, "adventure-type" of movies where visual and sound effects were superimposed on the film. I have viewed the videotape and with consideration to the political climate at the time, what with a war in progress and the location of my office, it is understandable how the circumstances surrounding his arrest may have become somewhat exaggerated.

Mr. [REDACTED]'s father and mother, as well as myself believe that he has made significant movement towards recognizing the unacceptability of his conduct. I have, over the course of the last three months, observed that he has become increasingly motivated to change his patterns of behaviour. Everyone involved in Mr. Ohmura's case has recommended that he be placed in Brampton Ontario Correctional Institute, including His Honour Judge Hryciuk who gave his strong endorsement for that facility.

I have also spoken with Mr. Peter Fitzpatrick at the O.C.I., head office. He has indicated that he will prioritize Mr. [REDACTED]'s admission.

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As I indicated to you on the phone, I suggested a longer sentence than I could have fought for. My submission was in the range of 15 months because I believe that this period of time will allow him to be admitted to the O.C.I. and have him locked into some effective therapy. He agreed. (It was essentially a joint submission).

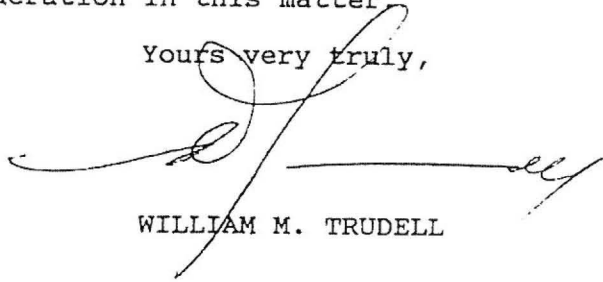
I do not believe that [REDACTED] is an escape risk. There was no indication of that at the Clarke where he spent two months. There was no difficulty at the jail after his initial admission. He anticipates being classified for O.C.I. although he knows it will be up to you. We feel that he is at a crossroads and is ready to move ahead in the right direction.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

We intend to stay in contact with him and assist in his progress.

I enclose, as promised, reports filed with Judge Hryciuk. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. M. Truella', written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM M. TRUDELL

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