

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
225 CADMAN PLAZA EAST
BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11201

CHAMBERS OF
JOHN R. BARTELS
SENIOR JUDGE

06-16-89
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RE Rencard

June 13, 1989

U.S. Parole Commission
Northeast Region
Customs House, 7th Floor
2d and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Zvonko Basic - 03941-158
Lewisburg, Pa. 17837

Dear Sirs:

I was the sentencing judge of Zvonko Basic. He will appear before the Board of Parole sometime between June 19 and 23, 1989. I have been asked to forward to you a recommendation for his conditional release.

You know his story as well as I. It is relevant to note that the death of the policeman was unintentional and, in my opinion, was caused at least partially by the negligence of the police.

Zvonko Basic does not have a criminal or violent background. His misguided action was motivated by a patriotic impulse to help his native country of Croatia. Of course his action was inexcusable and has been condemned by the public and by the jury that found him guilty. For his offense he has already served more than thirteen years.

Of course I can make no recommendation concerning his release but at the same time I have no objection to his release subject to your conditions.

Respectfully yours,


JOHN R. BARTELS
United States District Judge

JRB/MFZ

cc: ✓ Mr. Zvonko Basic - 03941-158
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