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The Hon. Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairman  
U.S. Parole Commission  
5550 Friendship Boulevard  
Suite 420  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7201

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I am writing this letter in support of the parole of Zvonko Basic (03941158) who will soon have completed his 30<sup>th</sup> year in federal prison. Having been eligible for parole since 1979, Mr. Basic can, and should be, transferred to Croatia where he is a citizen.

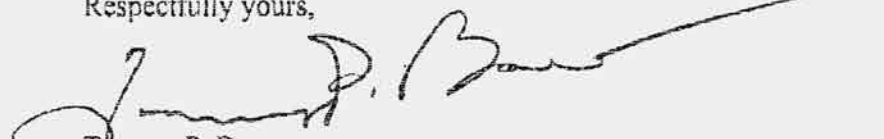
Mr. Basic's trial judge, the late John Bartels, had urged the Parole Commission several times to grant him a parole after 10 years of prison service. It is now 20 years later. Clearly Mr. Basic has paid his debt to society. Traditional U.S. humanitarian concerns now dictate that he be returned to his wife, Julie, and family, all who reside in Croatia.

I have known Julie for many years. During my term as international president of B'nai B'rith (1994 - 1998) we worked closely on many important diplomatic issues. Julie has become a good friend. More importantly, she has remained the faithful wife of her husband and looks forward to his return.

We are a compassionate nation. This couple deserves that compassion. They can never make up for the lost years, but they can make the most of what is left. I request that Mr. Basic be released on humanitarian grounds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

  
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