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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

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**JEFFREY P. COLWELL
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Matthew Hale,)
Plaintiff)

vs.)

C.A. No. 14:-cv-00245

Federal Bureau of Prisons)

**AMICUS COMMENTARY TO MOTION FOR LEAVE (DOCUMENT 236) TO
RESTRICT**

COMES NOW William Gerard, a fifty-five [55] year old man and a concerned citizen as well as a friend of the Plaintiff Matthew Hale; I have read Document 236.

I consider myself an ordinary American concerned about the worsening situation in today's society. No one can be unaware of the rampant criminality today. We are treated nightly to the sad statistics of violence and attacks on persons and property. Perhaps the worst thing that in a less "informed" society we might never have learned about the criminal actions of the very agencies and people responsible for upholding the law. And yet, while lesser criminals are apprehended, tried and, if convicted, imprisoned, these people consider themselves—and indeed may very well be—*above the law!* And that is why I feel obligated to defend Matt Hale, an innocent man I believe was framed for a crime that never happened. I believe that Matt Hale has been imprisoned only for his beliefs. This is diametric to the laws and philosophy upon which this nation was founded.

As a means of helping Matt deal with his martyrdom, I have been corresponding with him for about two years. During that time, there have been a few long delays before my mail reached him ranging from ten days to two weeks; the same situation also exists regarding Matt's replies to me. In one instance, two of my letters were never received by Matt and vice versa; there were also two of my letters returned by the BOP because I addressed him once as "Rev." and once as "Br." Matt Hale. Apparently, it offends the BOP when Matt is given any respectful title though why that should be considered "gang related" is beyond the comprehension of any rational person.

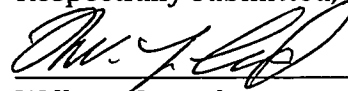
Matt Hale is not the first person to be wrongly incarcerated, but the duration of his sentence—especially served in solitary confinement when he is no threat to anyone—manifests a deeply malignant, even irrational, assessment by the Federal Government of a man who has never harmed or threatened to harm anyone. As well, when one adds to this situation, the physical and mental harassment to which Matt Hale is continuously subjected, no rational person should be unconcerned regarding

those with the physical power to enforce such restrictions. The last thing that is needed in the Matthew Hale case is further secrecy on the part of those in whose power he remains.

Pursuant to 28 U. S. Code §1746 —

“I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.”

Respectfully submitted,



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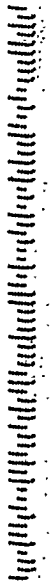
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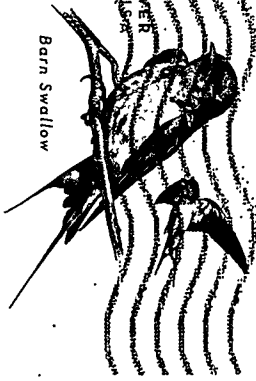
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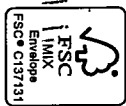
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