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Hon. Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.
Washington, DC 20500

Re: *A Plea for a Commutation of Sentence on behalf of Matthew F. Hale, Federal Prisoner #15177-424, USP Marion CMU, U.S. Penitentiary, PO Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959*

Dear President Trump:

Like your friend and associate, Rodger Stone, Matthew F. Hale was subjected to and convicted by an unfair trial by jury. The jury foreman in Mr. Hale's criminal trial was a former coworker of a victim of a crime by one of Mr. Hale's followers, and hence, was biased against him. There was no evidence of Mr. Hale's involvement in this crime, but by selecting this person with a pre-existing bias against the defendant, Mr. Hale was not allowed a fair trial.

Furthermore, and as can be demonstrated from a review of the trial transcripts of Mr. Hale's criminal trial, Mr. Hale was denied competent legal counsel. Mr. Hale's legal counselor even rested his case without presenting any evidence in the defense of Mr. Hale. In spite of an obvious and gross violation of Mr. Hale's right to a fair trial, he was convicted and sentenced to an extremely heavy-handed sentence of 40 years without precedent because he was arbitrarily declared to be a "terrorist."

Finally, no clear and convincing evidence was presented by the State that demonstrated Mr. Hale's violation of federal statutes regarding solicitation to murder a federal judge. Rather, it was only a paid federal informant who was soliciting Mr. Hale to a murder.

Please examine Mr. Hale's case and grant him a commutation of his sentence. He has already served 17 years of this sentence and his family longs for justice to be done.

Sincerely,