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To Whom It May Concern:

In response to a request by Mr. Peter Brennan, Assistant Public Defender, I wish to inform those concerned that [REDACTED] was a People's witness in the case of People v. HOWARD LANDIS GARRETT, A142639. The case was tried in Department Northwest T in Van Nuys, California in front of Honorable Leonard Wolf in September and October of 1980, by myself.

Mr. Garrett was convicted of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder and attempted extortion. Mr. [REDACTED] was given immunity by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to testify.

Mr. [REDACTED] was originally contacted by Garrett to be the "hit man" in a murder for hire plot to kill a business "partner" of Garrett. [REDACTED] subsequently became the subject of an attempt on his own life by Garrett and one Johnny Williams, who confessed and pled guilty to 1st degree murder and is presently doing 25 to life in San Quentin. Williams testified on the stand that he had gone to San Francisco after the 1st murder to kill [REDACTED], but was unable to do so. ([REDACTED] took money and a car from Garrett but did not do the job.)

Garrett was sentenced to life without possibility of parole.

This letter in no way should be construed as a representation that we feel criminal charges should be lessened or dropped.