

and a year's confinement in prison.

Sir, I understand the need to make an example, and I completely understand that I did commit a crime. I am not writing this in hopes of complete redemption. The reduction in rank and The Bad Conduct Discharge will serve as deterrents to other Soldiers, and The BCD especially will follow me the rest of my life. So all I ask for is this:

It is within your power to release me from this prison, Sir, and that is the only clemency I request. I have not seen my family in Kentucky for a year. The leave I tried to take before my court-martial was denied by my unit. Please allow me to join my family, including my ailing step-mother, for The holidays this year. Please allow me to see my brother graduate high school.

We have all been experiencing mistreatment at this facility, which I am sure you are aware of already, but I do not even ask you to take any of that into consideration. I write this letter in hopes of appealing to your sense of morality; your good faith. I am in no need of rehabilitation, and I believe that the only people who are truly suffering from my confinement are the people I love.

Sir, in this letter for clemency, I am respectfully requesting a release from this prison, and nothing more.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter, and I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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