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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Via Federal Express

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Re: Hamedah Ali Hasan
Request for Commutation

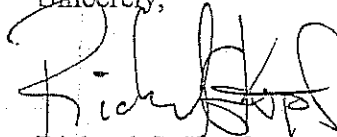
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Korey L. Reiman, counsel for Ms. Hasan, has kindly sent me a copy of the request for commutation submitted by him on behalf of Ms. Hasan. In it, he represents that I support his request.

As Ms. Hasan's sentencing judge, I write to confirm that I do vigorously support the request. I also write to tell you that I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. I will respond orally or in writing. I will travel to Washington to personally meet with you if you think that would be helpful.

After serving as a law clerk to a United States Circuit Judge, a practicing lawyer, a United States Magistrate Judge, a United States District Judge, and, now, as the Chief Judge, I can say, without equivocation, that Ms. Hasan is deserving of the President's mercy. I have never supported such a request in the past, and I doubt that I will support another one in the future. That said, in this unique case, justice truly cries out for relief.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Kopf
Chief Judge

cc: Korey L. Reiman, Esquire