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Deval Patrick  
Governor of Massachusetts  
State House, Room 360  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Patrick,

My name is Alfred W. Trenkler. As you may be aware, I was convicted in Federal Court in 1993 of building the Roslindale Bomb that exploded, killing Boston Police Officer Jeremiah Hurley and injuring his partner, Francis Foley.

By now, you have received letters from Tom Kunhardt, a former classmate of yours from Milton Academy and mine from the Park School, Morrison Bonpasse, an advocate for my defense and my co-defendant, Tom Arthur Shay.

I realize people on the street say inmates in prison always say they are innocent. It's a cliché I've heard over the years. I am, however, totally innocent of the crime I was convicted of. Look at the spate of recent exonerations in the Boston area alone. What instantly comes to mind is the Salvati, Limone, Greco, Tamello case. As they had for 30 years, and I for the last 17, have proclaimed innocence since Day One.

Oddly, this case did not present one piece of physical evidence against me, nor did the Federal Government utilize any forensic science that would have proven my innocence and the guilt of the actual bomb builder. For example, an expert I hired was visiting the ATF evidence room and discovered one latent fingerprint between layers of electrical tape recovered from the scene of the explosion and originating within the bomb and promptly showed this case-breaking evidence to the Government representatives present. Did the Government immediately order its lab to lift this important fingerprint to identify the bomb builder? No. Did the Government allow my expert access to the electrical tape to lift the print to identify the bomb builder? No. The question arises, why not? What was the Government concerned with revealing?

Another oddity. The Boston Police lifted 17 latent fingerprints from the alleged target vehicle, 5 of those prints from the undercarriage of the target vehicle where the bomb was alleged to have been placed. After the B.A.T.F. took the lead in the investigation, the print lifts were removed from the Boston Police Department and retained by the Government. Were those prints analyzed for identification purposes? No. Were those prints shared with my defense expert for analysis? No. Again, what was the Government concerned with revealing?

Why would the Government turn a blind eye to the available physical evidence to forensically identify the actual bomb builder, but instead go forward with this case against me first by trying this case in the media then dragging me through a trial based on false accusations, absurd theories and conjecture, piling inference upon inference, outright lies and uncorroborated testimony from orally corrupt jailbirds with the hope of reduction of their sentences. As a matter of fact, U.S. Assistant Attorney Paul V. Kelly had U.S. District Court Judge Woodlock release prized Federal Government mouthpiece William David Lindholm for his testimony against me, a deal Lindholm swore at my trial he was never going to ask for. Then Mr. Kelly asked a State judge to reduce the time of Massachusetts inmate John Shea whose wife was instrumental in providing witnesses that were

willing to give "creative testimony" against me. Since then, these witnesses have admitted to lying at the behest of the Government and are willing to admit their lies if given immunity.

Another witness is prepared to testify that star Government witness William David Lindholm, prior to his testimony against me, admitted to lying for the Government in my case in exchange for his freedom.

Governor Patrick, this case is a travesty of justice. Two innocent men have been wrongfully convicted while the actual perpetrator(s) remain in freedom. From all that I have read, the Boston Police were on the right track. They had evidence that pointed in a total[ly] different direction complete with proven motive and intent, a prediction from the original prime suspect in this bombing right down to the time, place, which one of the several possible cars and the actual location of the bomb's placement under the driver's seat. There were even 3 witnesses that saw this original prime suspect carrying in his hands a black rectangular box described as identical to the actual bomb within minutes of the bomb exploding. Even more bizarre, this very case stems from a lawsuit brought by the original prime suspect claiming he was targeted by the very people he was suing for \$400K because of a prior bombing by the defendants in the suit aimed at the original prime suspect. In his lawsuit, he claimed he could not work because he was convinced the defendants in the suit were taking steps to kill him, including killing him with a bomb under the seat of his car. The only thing missing is a photograph of the original prime suspect holding the bomb in his hands.

Much has been uncovered that reveals the flaws in the Government's case. Even jurors have written Judge Rya Zobel who presided over my trial, indicating how they were misled by a combination of how the Government withheld evidence and facts that caused a conviction that now needs to be corrected.

The people have spoken.

At this juncture what needs to be done is to reopen an investigation of this case. The U.S. Attorney's office has made it a little more difficult since it, unbelievably, ordered that the physical evidence that could have proven my innocence and the identity of the actual miscreant be destroyed in 2005 and 2006 with no notice given to me or the Zobel Court prior to its intended destruction or subsequent to its destruction. I only found out about the destruction through the Government's December 2007 Opposition response to my current 2255 Motion. Ironically, my 2255 Motion concerned the discovery of the Government's withholding of fingerprint evidence discovered on the electrical tape from within the bomb. Again, this evidence would have solved the case, saving much time and effort. What exactly is the Government trying to hide or, for that matter, cover up? The physical evidence from the bomb easily fit in the space of a shoebox. Certainly, space was not a concern.

It is time to properly solve this case. I deserve to get what's left of my life back. The victims, my family, the City of Boston all deserve to know the truth. The evildoers have yet to pay for their misdeeds. The innocent have suffered long enough. It's time for the guilty to pay the piper.

Governor Patrick, please consider my, Morrison Bonpasse, Tom Kunhardt and Codefendant Shay's appeal to you to reopen an investigation into this case. The groundwork has been laid out. An interested party must take an unbiased look at this case and cause the righting of the many wrongs that have transpired in the rush to "justice."

As I have said to many before you, don't take my word, view the facts generated by the Boston Police and the ATF and the discoveries made over the years and, like those that were originally convinced of my guilt, you too will see that a grave error has been made and, in the words of many before you, Trenkler has been railroaded.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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