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The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square, 10th Floor
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Attn: Ashley O'Neill

Dear Senator Kerry:

This responds to your letter, dated July 8, 2010, to Ronald H. Weich, the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs, regarding an inquiry from Mr. Morrison Bonpasse. The letter from Mr. Bonpasse addressed his concerns regarding the medical treatment and the status of the case of Alfred W. Trenkler.

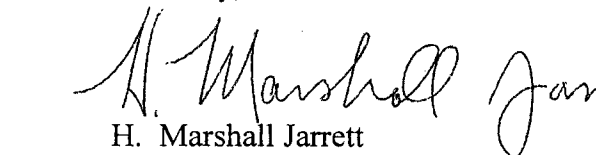
Because this is a pending matter, legal and ethical considerations preclude us from commenting except for facts on the public record. We can tell you that Mr. Trenkler filed an application for leave to file a second or successive motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on June 14, 2010, with the First Circuit Court of Appeals, based on his claim of newly discovered evidence. The government filed its response on August 2, 2010. The Court of Appeals entered an order on August 13, 2010, granting Mr. Trenkler additional time to file his reply. Mr. Trenkler, in turn, filed his reply on August 30, 2010. The matter is currently pending before the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Trenkler's case has had an extensive procedural history, including extensive appellate review, since his 1993 conviction for his role in a bombing in Roslindale, Massachusetts that resulted in the death of Boston police officer Jeremiah Hurley and permanent injury to Boston police officer Francis Foley. As a result of his conviction, Mr. Trenkler was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mr. Trenkler's appeal of his conviction was denied by the First Circuit Court of Appeals in 1995. A motion for a new trial was denied in 1998. His initial motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was denied by the First Circuit Court of Appeals in 2001. A subsequent habeas corpus petition and a petition for a writ of coram nobis were denied by the appellate courts in 2003 and 2008, respectively.

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We appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the
Department of Justice if we can assist you with other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Marshall Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H" and "J".

H. Marshall Jarrett
Director