

State Farm Va
May 1st 1939

Dear Gov. Price:

I plead guilty in the Culpeper Circuit Court to shooting my wife & claimed self defense, but the Court gave me a 20 yr. sentence.

I am completely blind & of no use to the State. I formerly worked and supported myself at the Maryland Workshop for the Blind in Baltimore, Md. I have relatives in Baltimore who want me with them; and where I would be enabled to work again.

There were no witnesses against me & I was convicted on my own testimony.

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I was being attacked by my wife, who had been unfaithful to me, & shot her in defense of my own life.

I would appreciate you looking into the facts of my case & if they justify your doing so – I respectfully ask that you grant me a pardon so that I may go to my People in Baltimore & again become self supporting.

Thank you for any consideration that you may give me.

Respectfully

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