State Farm, Va. June 12 -1939

Dear Governor Price:-

In support of the statement made in my recent letter to you that I have relatives in Baltimore, who are ready, willing & able to give me a home & take care of me, I enclose herewith a letter from my cousin, William Taylor, which is self explanatory. This letter is responsive to a letter written by me to my cousin subsequent to my last letter to you, in which I asked him if he was still willing & [?] of having me with him as he had previously declared himself to be. Taylor can give me a good home & I can help take care of myself in the manner & by the means heretofore related to you. In addition, I can earn some money from

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the playing of string music in which I am considered to be proficient & accomplished.

May I remind that I am an absolute expense to the State, earning nothing that I have served a long for the unintentional slaying of my philandering wife who consorted with other men in my own house. Even so I am truly sorry & repentant for the act. You have my sincere promise of living a law abidng life my few remaining years away from + out of this state without returning thereto.

I am hopelessly blind & a charge upon the state. You will do that state + myself a favor & service by releasing me without doing society any harm or injury.

Faithfully yours James Strother #33927 State Farm