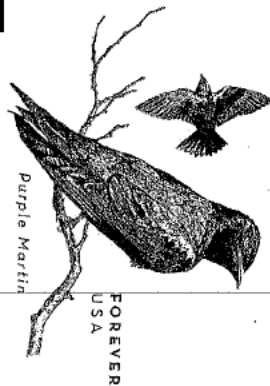


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Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to wish you and your family a happy Xmas & happy New Year. Would you please let [REDACTED] know I am also thinking of them? I hope things are going well for all of you, as well as for your brothers, your sister, and their families.

I am doing well enough. I have been at this location since August. It is fairly nice, as prisons go. I exercise regularly, and eat reasonably well. In this building I can go in and out of my cell at will, except during count and at night from about 9:45 PM to 6:30 AM. They count heads between 10:30-11:30 and 3:30-4:30 each day.

My current cellmate is a reasonably nice guy. He has a TV and watches it a lot, and is quite reasonable about letting me use it. I spend most of my time reading and writing, and listening to the radio (Michael bought it for me and sent it to me.) I listen to news on NPR Stations, jazz

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and a classical-music station, mainly.

I have some buddies here, and am treated fairly well in general. Obviously, most staff and inmates know me by name, since the cops and their friends in law enforcement have done their best to keep me in local news in a negative light.

There are around 800 inmates in this facility, and it is next door to three other facilities, a main prison which is much larger, a prison camp for short timers (I am short-time, but my high-profile status keeps me out of general population), and a facility for mentally-ill prisoners.

I am supposed to be out of here on May 23, but if they don't approve a living address for me, they can keep me here up to an additional ten months.

My goals for the short term include filing a wrongful-death suit against various government agencies. I am waiting for Alina to type a letter I composed, for me to send to prospective attorneys, who will have to work on

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Contingency. I think Alina may have a mental block against dealing with any of this, which I understand, since she had to deal with the brunt of this at the most tragic time. The people, government and law enforcement agencies that perpetrated this travesty need to be brought to account, and somehow deterred (good luck!) from doing this.

I assume my conviction will be overturned due to significant errors by

[REDACTED] Obviously I will be out of here by the time it ever reaches an appeals hearing. However, one of my buddies here thinks they are "grooming" the public to think I had something to do with Susan's disappearance/death (as it were). I laugh out loud at that, but these people are ruthless, backed by too much money, and, as we have clearly seen, willing to die when truth does not serve their purpose.

Speaking of lying, the December Rolling Stone had a good article on

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"How Obama Won," and underscored the fact that Mitt Romney appears to be willing to lie without thinking much of it. The article was an interview with James Coville, who went so far as to suggest that Romney may need to deal with psychiatric therapy to get to the bottom of this tendency. As for myself, I think Romney does need therapy, since it is so engrained. He learned to lie in Mormon Primary/Sunday School (repeat after me, "I know this church is true. I know Joseph Smith was a prophet of God... yada yada"), where lying is institutionalized, and becomes a religious imperative. Mormons lie on a deep emotional level.

Anyway, I did not intend this to be so long. I love you all, and am glad to have family who have courage. I miss Josh and the boys all the time, every day, and have to divert my thoughts to avoid strong emotions of various types.

I hope your education is still on track and going well.

Love, Steve

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