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Jimmie L. Henry, Chairman
Florida Parole Commission
2601 Blairstone Road, Building C
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2450

Re: Charles Norman
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Dear Commissioner Henry:

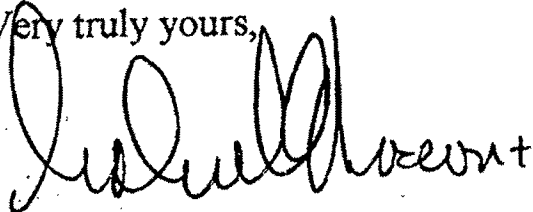
Some time ago I wrote a letter in support of the release of Inmate Charles Norman. That letter was directed to the late Governor Lawton Chiles. I presume that it remains part of the Norman file.

I have no reason to retreat from the position I took at that time, that justice would be served by the immediate release of Charles Norman. I had come to know Charlie when he was incarcerated at Sumter Correctional Institution. I was impressed with his very high intelligence, his self-knowledge, and the work he had done while imprisoned. He is gifted in many fields, and has used his time in prison to whet those gifts.

He has amassed many friends while in the prison system. I think this speaks remarkably well for him. Such national leaders as James Kilpatrick have taken up his cause.

If one of the jobs of incarceration is to transform a person, I believe that Charlie has been transformed. He has an obvious love of the Lord, coupled with a discerning and keen mind. My years around the prison system have taught me to winnow the wheat from the chaff. I believe that Charlie is wheat, and now that the system, or whatever it is, has worked, lets crown it with releasing this extraordinary man.

Very truly yours,



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