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RE: Renewed request for re-investigation of the
Alfred Trenkler, wrongful conviction, case.

Eric Holder
United States Attorney General
U.S. Dept. of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

First and foremost, Alfred W. Trenkler is an actually innocent man, wrongfully convicted in Boston Federal District Court in 1993. Yet he remains in prison.

I write, again, to ask for your help.

In 2009, you addressed newly sworn Assistant Attorneys General, *"Your job is not to win cases. Your job is to do justice. Your job is in every case, every decision that you make, to do the right thing. Anybody who asks you to do something other than that is to be ignored. Any policy that is at tension with that is to be questioned and brought to my attention. And I mean that."*

I write today to bring injustice to your attention.

I regularly receive an email bulletin from the Dept. of Justice, and this morning's email contained the text of your speech yesterday to the Department of Justice. Several times you spoke nobly of justice and the Department of Justice, and how you are not yet satisfied. You stated, *"Across the Department, and in our United States Attorneys' Offices, we have raised both standards and spirits – and restored public faith in our critical work. We also have shown that, if mistakes are made along the way, we will admit them; we will act immediately to correct them; and we will move forward with the central goals of protecting – and achieving justice for – the American people."*

I write today to ask your help in correcting a tragic and continuing mistake.

Enclosed with this letter are 15 letters, with enclosures, previously sent to you about the wrongful conviction of Alfred Trenkler. Together, they tell a lot of the story of the mistakes in Boston in 1992-1994. Also enclosed are the three Dept. of Justice responses.

It's a complicated case, and I've written a 727 page book manuscript about it, called, Perfectly Innocent. Copies of the book have been sent to the U.S. Attorneys for Massachusetts, and to the Dept. of Justice. Perhaps equally importantly, copies were sent to the four jurors I could find, and all four of them wrote to the trial judge after reading the book to disavow their verdicts and ask that Alfred Trenkler be given a new trial. A fifth juror also wrote to the judge, without reading the book. Do you know of any time in Dept. of Justice history where five jurors have written such letters to a Federal trial judge? Don't those letters, by themselves, warrant attention by the Dept. of Justice?

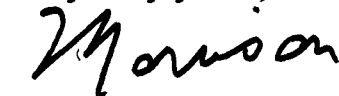
In most of the 15 letters, I urged a re-investigation of the case, and that is urged in this letter as well. Seeking to make the decision regarding a re-investigation easier, I've enclosed "29 Questions" which have been sent previously to the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts. It would take only a few hours for investigators to determine the answers to most of the questions, and those answers will lead such investigators quickly to the conclusion that a full re-investigation should be conducted.

It would take only a few more hours for a person in the Dept. of Justice to read my manuscript, Perfectly Innocent, as have several officers in the Boston Police Dept. Those officers found no errors. The Boston Police Dept. launched a re-investigation and informed the victims' families of that re-investigation. However, that re-investigation has stalled, apparently because of a lack of support, or worse, emphatic non-support, from the Dept. of Justice.

The enormity of the tragedy of a wrongful conviction and 19 years of wrongful imprisonment require that you and the Dept. of Justice do the "right thing" in this case. If the Dept. of Justice chooses not to initiate any level of re-investigation, such as beginning with the "29 Questions," could the Dept. of Justice please inform the Boston Police Dept. that it supports the resumption of its re-investigation of the case?

Thank you for your commitment to truth and justice.

Very truly yours,



Morrison Bonpasse

Enclosures

"29 Questions"

Letters to Eric Holder

29 April 2009

15 November 2009

15 November 2009

21 November 2009

26 November 2009

27 November 2009

4 December 2009

8 December 2009

10 December 2009

11 December 2009

15 December 2009

1 February 2010

28 February 2010

28 February 2010

10 July 2010

Responses from the Dept. of Justice

26 March 2010, from Correspondence Staff, Criminal Division

10 May 2010, from Theresa Weathers, Civil Rights Division, DOJ

7 October 2010, from Jay Macklin, Exec. Office of U.S. Attorneys

CC: (by email and with only the "29 Questions" as an attachment)

Scott Brown, U.S. Senator, care of Jack Richard

Edward Davis, Commissioner, Boston Police Dept.

John Kerry, U.S. Senator, care of Ashley O'Neill

Stephen Lynch, U.S. Congressman, care of Nick Zaferakis

Carmen Ortiz, U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts

Alfred Trenkler, Tucson Federal Prison