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Respected Judge Cohn,

I am a covert officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, I submit this letter to you under the pseudonym, CIA Officer 1.

I am writing this letter in support of my colleague and friend Nada Prouty. While I know little of the charges against her and will not comment on such, I feel I am in a very good position to comment on Nada's character as it may relate to the situation.

I first met Nada in 2003 while working very closely with her. I can say quite honestly that never have I been so impressed by an officer, male or female. I am not saying this lightly, and have repeated that sentiment over the years many times, long before she became the subject of legal proceedings and media attention. Above all, Nada was dedicated to our mission. She was hardworking, aggressive, and got the job done. In short she stood out among all those I met. To my knowledge, she never turned down an assignment, routinely took on more work than others, and always did so with enthusiasm. Her contribution was significant. Equally important, in this stressful and dangerous post, Nada displayed calm resolve, leadership, and offered encouragement and moral support to other officers. These qualities never faltered as long as I worked with her, and even after she became pregnant with her daughter Evangelina and suffered from horrible morning sickness, she continued to work long grueling hours,. In short, I never once knew her to be involved in anything of a questionable nature, and quite the opposite, on many occasions personally witnessed her dedication.

We have maintained a long-distance friendship. As I have continued to live overseas, contact has been limited to personal email exchanges on our growing families, and updated pictures of our kids. Throughout this time, Nada has never appeared as less than an adoring and patient mother to Evangelina and dedicated wife,. Dealing with a spirited child has presented her with some challenges, but as Eva's primary caregiver and with considerable effort, Nada has directed Eva's energy positively. It would truly be detrimental to Eva to be without her mother, who has played the most integral role in her tender life.

Your Honor, I have full confidence in our American judicial system, and can only comment on the Nada that I know; but this is a Nada that has given greatly of herself for America and for her husband and child. Whatever the facts of the case, I can only hope that Nada will be allowed to continue her positive contribution, both to America and to her husband and daughter.

Sincerely,

CIA Officer 1