

December 2,2007

The Honorable Avern Cohn
Senior Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

RE: Nada Nadim Prouty; Letter of Support Seeking Reduced Sentence

Dear Senior Judge Cohn:

I am a personal friend and professional colleague of **Mrs.** Nada Nadim Prouty, and enjoy the same relationship with her husband, **Mr.** Gordon Prouty. I have known them both since Gordon and I were serving together at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, beginning in 1999. I am currently employed **as** a Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and have been an FBI Agent for over 23 years. I was the FBI's Assistant Legal Attaché in Islamabad when I began working with both Gordon Prouty and Nada Nadim Alley (**as** she was known at that time). I became friends with them **as** a direct result of working with them (often in extraordinarily dangerous and challenging situations), and have remained so ever since. I have been a guest in their home and I have had the privilege of meeting their beautiful daughter, Eva.

I am writing **this** letter **as** a private citizen, and not **on** behalf of the FBI. However, it is necessary to explain the nature and duration of my relationship with **Mr.** and **Mrs.** Prouty, so I have identified my employer in this writing. Nevertheless, the words herein are my own, and not those of the FBI nor any other part of the United States Government.

I have known Nada to be a devoted and loving wife and mother. Both Gordon and Eva depend upon Nada to make their home happy and healthy, and to ensure that Eva receives the most possible love, care and attention. In my opinion, incarcerating Nada would not have a contributive impact upon our society, nor would it appropriately punish Nada for those mistakes she has publicly acknowledged making. I believe that incarcerating Nada would serve to punish her husband and daughter, and I pray that you render all possible leniency in considering Nada's sentence.

I base my appeal to you Judge Cohn primarily upon my observations and experience with this young family, and on further observations I have made pertaining to Nada's work ethic and moral character, **as well as** her tireless contribution to the national security of the United States. In the service of her adopted country, I have personally witnessed Nada going into harm's way, utilizing her investigative and language skills to obtain crucial information **from** dangerous

felons bent upon destroying our way of life. I was with Nada in a Rawalpindi (Pakistan) jail where she exhaustively interviewed five Palestinian terrorists who had killed dozens of innocent people, and hijacked a large commercial aircraft. Nada had flown two straight days to join me in Pakistan, arriving very early in the morning. This was the day I first met her. That same morning (without taking any rest), she began interviewing these Abu Nidal Organization terrorists in their own language, obtained knowing waivers of U.S. Constitutional rights usually accorded to suspects in the U.S., and further obtaining confessions from each of them. In fact, due to her skill in getting them to admit to their wrongdoing, these men repeated their inculpatory statements in English, for the benefit of those of us who could not speak Arabic. This effort ensured that these men remained in custody, and that their crimes were adjudicated in a transparent and lawful manner. I have also been witness to her performing extremely dangerous armed security and exfiltration operations abroad, in circumstances that can only be adequately described in highly-classified government files. I'm confident others have witnessed such professionalism and dedication to duty on the part of Nada, in locales where I have not served.

In composing this letter, I am appealing for leniency and I ~~am~~ expressing my support of Nada, Gordon and Eva. I do this recognizing that Nada has obtained her U.S. Citizenship unlawfully, and that this is a very serious matter. Each of us is aware how precious citizenship is in the United States, and we are daily reminded how desperate others are to live in the U.S. and avail themselves of the equality and opportunity enjoyed by Americans. Most of those who attain the status of a naturalized U.S. Citizen (legitimately or otherwise), seek economic prosperity but do not immediately enter into the service of this country. Those who do serve us are truly among the finest of Americans. It is my hope that Nada's loyal service to the United States is considered when she is being sentenced. She has had continued access to the most sensitive information held by any government, and is not known to have ever betrayed this trust. I hope the contributions she made later in her young life may be taken into account when considering the mistakes she made as a very young immigrant to this country.

Thank you for reading my letter, Your Honor. I appreciate the care you have taken in adjudicating this matter, and your selfless and distinguished service to our great country.

Sincerely,

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