

19 February 2008

Dear Judge Cohn,

I am a covert officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, I submit this letter to you under the pseudonym, CIA Officer 13.

I write this letter as a character reference for Nada Prouty, whom I have known since 2001 in a personal and professional context. I can think of few other people for whom I would be as honored to write a letter.

In her professional life, first as a special agent with the FBI and later with the CIA, Mrs. Prouty has always placed the United States and its security above her own interests and safety. As a Federal law enforcement officer, she eagerly accepted dangerous assignments and placed herself willingly in harm's way to confront America's enemies.

As an intelligence officer, Mrs. Prouty continued to face untold, serious risks and make tremendous sacrifices in service to the United States. Her actions and bravery on the most dangerous front lines of the war on terrorism made a valuable contribution in protecting the lives of our men and women in uniform as well as civilians at home and abroad. Given Mrs. Prouty's repeated sacrifices and assumptions of great personal risks to her safety in the name of the United States, I find it impossible to believe that she would ever act against the United States or in anyway that would harm the federal institutions which she served.

In the past seven years, I have developed a strong personal relationship with Mrs. Prouty. She is a devoted wife and mother; she and her husband Gordon and their daughter Evangelina have a deep, close, and loving relationship. They have opened their hearts and their home to their friends and the community. The loving bonds of family and community they have built have been a source of inspiration, joy, and comfort for me over the years.

Nada Prouty's service to her country, community, and moral standing are beyond reproach. Her career in the service of the Federal Government is a model of putting service above self and sacrifice. Incarcerating Nada Prouty would deprive her daughter of an attentive, loving mother; her husband of a dedicated wife; and her community of one of its truest patriots and moral pillars.

Please consider Nada Prouty's service, sacrifice, vital importance to her family, and her importance to her community when making your judgment.

Respectfully,

CIA Officer 13