

To Judge Cohen -

I am a covert officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, I submit this letter to you under the pseudonym, CIA Officer 10.

I would like to submit a letter on behalf of Ms. Nada Prouty, a friend and a colleague with whom I worked closely for several years overseas and stateside. While I am unable to discuss details of specific cases on which she and I cooperated, I can say that Ms. Prouty was a thoroughly professional, exceptionally dedicated, reliable and knowledgeable officer and that her efforts contributed more to America -- and to ensuring the safety of Americans -- than nearly anyone else I know. I have nothing but praise for her, her work product, her ethical stance, and her motivation.

Overseas, Ms. Prouty was able to apply not only her skills and experience against targets, but also her significant willingness and zest to meet the mission. Whether volunteering to provide last minute assistance during an operational meeting, accompanying another officer to a meeting in order to provide physical security, or spending hours debriefing individuals to obtain threat information, Ms. Prouty met every task small or large with the same degree of enthusiasm, cooperation, and intellectual vigor. Additionally, and in keeping with her drive and dedication, Ms. Prouty met all the difficulties of life overseas without complaint. As an example, despite being extremely ill with morning sickness, she routinely worked 14-hour days, seven days a week. Ms. Prouty did not allow her condition to impede in any way her ability to run operations, meet ad hoc needs, and ensure that all her products were written up in a timely fashion. Because of her work and sacrifice, there were multiple instances in which she obtained threat information that directly prevented harm to Americans. I feel proud to have worked with Ms. Prouty and to have learned from her invaluable lessons of dedication to the mission, dealing with hardships gracefully, and helping others.

Not only a great officer, Ms. Prouty is also a genuinely caring wife, friend, and mother. Of these, it is evident that her role as a mother to daughter Eva is most important and an area in which she excels. Ms. Prouty does and always has placed her daughter's needs and wants above her own and she ensures that Eva is raised in a safe, loving, and intellectually-stimulating environment. I believe it is critical to Eva's continued well-being that Ms. Prouty not be unduly separated from her daughter.

Ms. Prouty is a naturally vivacious, considerate, intelligent, energetic, hard-working and caring individual. I feel blessed to count Ms. Prouty as a friend and am proud of the operational projects on which we cooperated. Ms. Prouty has always been fiercely patriotic and proud of America, her work as a government employee, her ability to fight terrorism and her ability to apply her many skills towards helping the American people. When considering Ms. Prouty's sentencing, I would request that -- to the degree possible -- you consider Ms. Prouty's dedication to and contribution to America.

Thank you. CIA Officer 10