

Judge Cohn:

My name is Robert [REDACTED]. I am currently a Managing Director [REDACTED], [REDACTED] a business risk-consulting firm. I joined [REDACTED] in July 2006, shortly after retiring from a 27-year career in the Central Intelligence Agency. Just prior to retiring, I was Director of the CIA CounterTerrorism Center. For three years prior to that, I had been an Associate Deputy Director of the CIA.

I first met Nada Nadim Alley (at that time) in 2000, when I was stationed abroad. Nada had been dispatched on temporary assignment as an FBI Special Agent, and she was involved in questioning a number of convicted terrorists, who were in foreign custody on charges of murder. This was a very important case at the time, as the U.S. wished to see that these terrorists, who were liable to imminent release from prison, were tried in another jurisdiction to face the full weight of the justice for their crimes.

As I recall, this was just the first of several temporary assignments which Nada completed overseas. She was often assigned to highly dangerous places located at the epicenter of the global struggle against terrorism, such as Pakistan. Nada was involved in a number of highly demanding terrorism-related cases. While I did not have the opportunity to observe Nada's activities first hand, I know that her supervisor in Pakistan, FBI Legal Attache [REDACTED], who remains my close friend, did have such direct insight, and held her in the highest professional esteem. I also know that as someone conducting counterterrorism investigations overseas at that time, Nada did so under very trying conditions involving considerable physical risk, punishing hours, and extended separation from friends and loved-ones.

It is clear to me that Nada and her husband, Gordon, have a very close-knit and dedicated family, whose parents dote on their young daughter Eva. I also have independently ascertained that Nada is the principal care-giver for Eva. I therefore sincerely believe that a period of incarceration would visit extreme hardship on this family, and particularly on Eva.

Your Honor, I understand that Ms. Prouty has admitted to wrongdoing in the matter of her obtaining U.S. citizenship. I have no direct knowledge of this, or of the circumstances surrounding it. Whatever the circumstances under which Ms. Prouty obtained her citizenship, I do know that since then, she has exhibited a sustained pattern of selfless dedication to her adopted country of which any U.S. citizen could and should be proud. Far from considering her a security threat, under other circumstances, and if I were again in a senior U.S. Government position, I would not hesitate to assign Nada to a position of sensitivity and trust.

In view of all of the above, Your Honor, I hope that you will see fit to exert leniency in this case, within the full scope of your discretion.

Sincerely

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