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ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS

State Board of Pardon Parole
Columbus Ohio

Dear Gentlemen

I am writing in behalf
of Dr Sam Shepherd.

There is the case of a man found
guilty of something he never did.
I have read that after serving
seven years a person can apply
for parole in Ohio.

I can easily believe Dr Sam's
story.

I have no doubt he is innocent
of the charge.

I have never read that he
was a brutal man.

I have read just the opposite
that he was a good man.

He would be too smart to
have did such a murder.

When a wife is murdered the
Police always question the
Husband as a suspect

the late Great Clarence Darrow
said all murderers were insane
and those that demanded their
pound of flesh were very
little less so.

He could have been acquitted
but there was doubt in the
jury's mind so they ^{gave} it life
instead.

I once heard a judge instruct
a jury saying if there was
any doubt at all the defendant
was entitled to it.

But the country the State the nation
can hardly be wrong and any
individual that is obliged to fight
for his rights in either civil or
Criminal Court is fighting
against dreadfull odds.

If any man ever deserved to
be released on Parole it is
it is Dr Sam Sheppard

I trust that I shall live to
see Dr Sam released as I am
living on borrowed Time four
Doctors have told me I have
a Malignant tumor

husband as a suspect

these Doctors were right in
a way only they died and I
Keep on living.

I can only hope too see G. I. there
if fortunate.

But not 1962.

I trust you Gentlemen will
take this case with Kindness
understanding & faith.

The world knows mercy is the
Highest attribute any person
can possess.

My Best Wishes

[REDACTED]

P.S. I do not know any
of the Shepard family they
do not know me or have ever
seen me to my knowledge

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Wash, D.C.

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U.S. PAROLE &
PARDON COMMISSION

Husband as a suspect

January 11, 1961

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Washington 10, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Sam Sheppard #98860

Your interest in the case of the
above-named is very much appreciated.

Dr. Sam Sheppard will not be
eligible for parole consideration
until he has served ten full years.

Yours very truly,

OHIO PARDON AND PAROLE COMMISSION

Joseph E. Donaghy, Chairman

JED/vc