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Good Day and Peace from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!!!

Dear John,

As indicated by the salutation, I am writing this letter to you as my friend and brother. I intend no dishonor; I see every one as an equal, which is an honor to us all. I am a fellow child of God, born in Alton, Illinois, USA. I attended and graduated from public schools, I enlisted in the United States Air Force before I graduated from high school under the delayed enlistment program so I could receive the old GI bill. I received an honorable discharge; I graduated from college with an Associate in Science Degree in Electrical/Electronic Technologies. My Dad was in the Army and afterwards worked for McDonnell Douglas, purchased by Boeing, his service to our country is exemplary. He worked in Radar, which I am sure you will agree, is an under rated yet amazing technology that is key to our military dominance, and civil safety. His job enabled our family to live in several states on both east and west coast, and the heart of the United States. He took us to National Parks, Historic Sites, places like Yellowstone, the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest, Gettysburg, the Grand Canyon, Edwards AFB, Sequoia National Forest, many more beautiful American wonders. He gave us a replica of the U.S. Constitution, a plaque of John F. Kennedy with the inscription: "It is not what your country can do for you; it is what you can do for your country." After he left McDonnell Douglas he worked for the local school district as a maintenance mechanic (janitor), the man could repair most anything, except his own broken heart. He retired from the school district and after only a few years died of cancer. I was honored to spend his last days by his side. I was honored to administer morphine into his rectum to relieve his pain, to help him take a bath before he passed, to turn the oxygen off and light his cigarette, to hold his hand and show him how to ask the LORD for forgiveness, because he told me he did not know how.

My first paying job was setting pins at the bowling alley; \$.03 per frame was the pay. It barely covered the soda and snacks after the night, but it was fun. I helped my Dad in his TV repair shop, a side job he did out of his home, my parents were divorced, he gave me spending money for helping, looking back he was teaching me without me even knowing it. I have worked in the oil-field. I have worked in pro-audio as a technician and engineer. I have driven trucks. I have removed asbestos from our schools. I was an aircraft maintenance technician. I owned and operated an Electronic Repair shop. I have helped build steel buildings, a church, a warehouse, a factory, an elephant house. I have counseled Kings,

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Queens, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Representatives, Senators, Dictators, Doctors, Lawyers, Judges, criminals, saints, apostles, angels, moms, dads, and children. I have sacrificed my own life, so others would not have to go through the pain and the anguish that I have went through.

I am sure by now if you have read this far, you are thinking to yourself, this is a load of crap, what's the point. Here is the point; these words are true, and believe it or not there is more. I am a convicted felon; I am responsible for the death of an innocent person, great bodily injury to another, the destruction of lives, the creation of lives, life itself. I am responsible for repairing this whole mess that I have created, which brings us to the reason I am writing this letter to you, I need your help. As well as everyone else, it is going to take all of us. I have lost family, friends, homes, property, freedom, my dogs, my direction. I have regained my direction; the only way is up from here. The other things can be rebuilt or reacquired; the lives lost will be resurrected. Oh yeah, this is not about me, replace all of the I's with we. This is life; we can change all of the bad things into good things, as long as we are able to draw a breath, Thank God for that, man. Let us come together and reason amongst ourselves and do the work that is set before us.

I Thank You Speaker, for your time and consideration in this matter, Peace.

With All the Love of Your Father,

Allen Dale Hurst

Please forgive me.