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Honorable State Board of Pardons,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:-

I am informed that on Saturday, January 5th, you will have before you for consideration the application of Omer R. Woods for a commutation of sentence.

I am therefore taking the liberty of addressing you with reference to my acquaintance with the application with a desire of aiding you, if possible, in determining what is proper under the circumstances.

I first became acquainted with Mr Woods in the fall of 1908 at which time we were both candidates for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Boise County, Idaho, he being the candidate of the Republican party and myself the candidate of the Democratic party.

I was defeated by a small majority and we were both candidates for the same office in the election following, that is to say in the fall of 1910, at which time I was successful and held the office for four consecutive terms and then removed to Nampa, Idaho, where I have been engaged in the practice ever since.

In the fall of 1912 Mr Woods was the candidate of his party for the office of Probate Judge and was elected by a large majority.

He held the office for one term and then continued the practice at Idaho City until 1916 at which time he removed to Boise, Idaho and engaged in the practice at that point.

He continued to reside in Boise until sometime during the year 1918 at which time he was employed in the service of the Government at Washington, D. C., and after the close of the war became connected with the revenue department in whose service he was until arrested for the crime for which he has been convicted.

During the time I have been acquainted with him, while not particularly close to him either in a business or social way, I am able to state as a fact that he was very well liked by all who knew him.

He was invited to and attended the social activities of the community, frequently attended church and did not indulge in the use of intoxicants at any time within my knowledge.

He was known to be particularly kind and considerate of his elders and very fond of children.

He is a man of very even temperament and I never knew of his having a dispute with anyone in fact he was not aggressive even in the practice of his profession and always