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Hon. Harvey H. Cluff, Secretary,
State Board of Pardons,
SALT LAKE CITY.

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Dear Sir:

RE: The State v George Shaw

This defendant was charged with carnally knowing on May 29, 1921, one Maude Moore. At the time of the trial in September, 1921, she was seventeen years of age. The defendant was convicted, and appealed his case. The Supreme Court affirmed the judgment; and on about April 4, 1922, the defendant was taken to the Penitentiary to serve his sentence. Up to that time he had not served a day in prison, having been able to give bond.

The case is widely known in Weber County because it has been before the public for many months and because of the wide acquaintance of the accused. The girl bore an excellent reputation until the defendant's criminal intimacy with her. Her father is a carpenter, employed in the shops of the Southern Pacific Co at Ogden. She was working in a bakery and lunch room at the time the crime was committed, and it was there where Shaw met her. [He was then and had been for many years prior employed by the Cheesman Automobile Co at Ogden. Although married and the father of a child, he was not living with his family at the time of the commission of the act for which he was convicted.]

Dozens of people have expressed to me the hope that Shaw would be kept in prison at least two years. I believe, and many of these people have expressed the same thought to me, that the question is not whether Shaw is sufficiently punished now, or whether he will be sufficiently punished in the next few months, but a question of whether the penalty actually imposed will effectively deter him and others from committing the offense in the future. A term of two years in prison for him will create a healthy respect for the law in the minds of a good many young men in this community. I recommend his imprisonment for at least two years.

Very respectfully,

J. E. Evans
DISTRICT ATTORNEY