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Lehi, Utah, December 13, 1924.

Governor Charles R. Mabey
State Capitol Building.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that, among others, the application of S. W. Ross for parole will probably be considered by the Board of Pardons at its next sitting about December 19.

I am also informed that the family of Mr. Ross has made good any loss that the state treasurer was liable for, and that the surety company, nor the judge that sentenced Mr. Ross, will oppose a parole, if same is considered best by your honorable board.

Mr. Ross and the writer have been boys together, having been born and reared in this community; his splendid wife and family are all natives of Lehi and we have lived near neighbors, until their removal to Salt Lake City, and for this reason, I am closely acquainted with their public and home life, and while I do not in the least condone, or sympathize with any act of dishonesty that Mr. Ross may have been guilty of, I cannot believe that he is wholly bad, and feel that perhaps the punishment that he has received will be quite severe enough reminder, during the balance of his life "That the way of the transgressor is hard" and keep him in "the straight and narrow path."

Therefore the application of a little mercy now will be a good thing for all concerned. Then too his release will give him an opportunity of "making good" to the surety company, which he cannot now do, and it would be manifestly unjust to his family if they alone must bear the burden.

I am quite sure that his most worthy wife and splendid family of children will deeply rejoice and be thankfully appreciative of an opportunity for his return home, particularly at this Christmastide.

Permit me at this time, to express my admiration for your dignified and firm stand against all graft, lawlessness and crime, such as it has been your duty to deal with, during your administration, and regret that more of the citizenship of Utah did not see it the same way, and return you to the Governorship again, to which you were entitled,