

Utah State Prison
Salt Lake City
Utah

March 24th, 1923

His Excellency
Governor Charles R. Mabey,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Honorable Sir:-

You will no doubt recall that at the Meeting of the State Board Of Pardons, held at the Prison on the 17th day of March 1923, my application for a termination of sentence was considered; and that I was denied my freedom.

I have since that time had an interview with Warden Devine and have been advised that if I will accept deportation to my native country, Greece, I will be liberated from this Institution. It is a pretty hard problem for me to decide because I feel that I am held here for a crime of which I am not guilty, and to concede to a return to my country, where living conditions are in such a state of chaos is an admission of guilt.

My Plumley of the U. S. Deportation Bureau has been up to the prison on several occasions and talked this matter over, and in each case I have refused his request, and I assure you that if I am given a trial by the Government Courts I will not be deported, and for this reason I am asking you to see if it is not possible to release me subject to trial by that body instead of being turned over to Mr Plumley,

However should you feel that I am not entitled to this courtesy I will accede to the wishes of your Honorable body and accept deportation, because I do not want to remain here in jail.

I am again placing my application before the Pardons Board with the hope that you will see your way clear to give same favorable consideration, awaiting your action I am.

Yours Respectfully

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