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May 25, 1971

Mr. Bill Hart  
Teague, Texas 75860

Dear Bill:

I deeply regret that I have not been able to do more toward the release of your son from prison than I have. I did talk at length with Joe Barnett in Lubbock and was assured by him that he would make the kind of overtures necessary to get to the Governor regarding Gary's case.

My friend here in Abilene that I had planned to talk to has been so deeply involved in some other matters before the parole board that he did not feel it wise to get involved.

I have talked with people in Austin in an attempt to find a way to get into the matter but have found only closed doors everywhere I have turned. I am sure much of it was my own lack of understanding of the various avenues by which these kinds of matters have to be approached.

I am sorry that I did not get to return your last telephone call. It seems that the hours evaporate before the day even begins. I want you to know, however, of my continuing concern. I hope that what we were able to get started in Lubbock will bear fruit and that you will see your mission accomplished in the near future.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc