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Dear Judy:

This is going to be a short letter. I am busy as hell, but I need your assistance. I was scheduled for a trial to begin in Madison, WI before the dishonorable John C. Shabaz on December 4th. Thus, for the last week I've been running around trying to get my act together -- filing various motions, etc. One of the points that is becoming widely disputed in both of my cases that are/were before Shabaz is the denial of appointment of counsel. The mismatch of government vast resources against my poverty defense. Well, anyway this time around I am moving to put Mr. John Shabaz in a very tight box.

I have been continuously complaining to my doctor about head pains. Yes, real ones. The doctor believes that the headaches are due to HIV infection. Or, should I say progression. My T-4 count has dropped two hundred points in the last six months. The doctor has prescribed for me a narcotic drug (Darvaset phonetic). Clearly, under these conditions I am not from a legal perspective able to conduct a trial or adequately prepare a defense.

In this light, I would like an affidavit from you. Basically, the affidavit will outline your previous position with the National Prison Project. Your consultation with professionals or experts in the AIDS field, attendance at medical conferences, etc. Thus, you are extremely knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS. In light of this knowledge, it is your opinion based on Ms. Farmer's medical records (which will be attached to your affidavit) that she has acute symptoms of AIDS ~~dementia~~ (correct that) possible dementia. (I probably spelled that incorrectly) Furthermore, no matter the cause of the symptoms the pains alone indicate Ms. Farmer's inability or capacity to litigate this case. (We'll give a little of your knowledge about the case from previous participation in Sr. Mary's deposition). We will conclude your affidavit by stating that a person taking a narcotic drug of 100mg every four hours, as M

as Ms. Farmer is currently being prescribed would not have the mental capacity to effectively participate/conduct a litigation.

This is the basic of what the affidavit will say. I understand that you are not a doctor, but given your experience with prisoners and AIDS your opinion is certainly worth all the weight as a doctor. Judge Shabaz may not give it its due weight, but does he ever? The purpose of the affidavit is to put him on notice. That way the Court of Appeals, where we are undoubtedly headed, will say that even if the ~~document~~ affidavit didn't come from a professional, it came from someone sufficiently knowledgeable that Judge Shabaz should have at least ordered an evaluation from an AIDS expert. He won't, of course. The Shabaz is clearly out of his mind. I just finished talking to my lawyer that is handling the case we did Sister Mary deposition in. That case is now before the Court of Appeals. We talked about how blatant Shabaz is in disregarding the law. In one case, the government asked Judge Shabaz to amend his order because he clearly had not followed the law. He in turn told the government they may think they know what the law is. "HE IS THE LAW." I kid you not, Judge Shabaz said he was the law. It's a standard joke now with us legal beavers. Whenever we get to talking about the law -- we never fail to mention that in most likelihood the proposal will not fall through because the law is Judge Shabaz!!

I just got a copy of the November issue of PWA Nesline. It contains my piece, **This Anger May Never Die**. I meant to have it weighed for postage today, so I could get it off to you. Trying to do so many thing, it slipped my mind. Perhaps I just put five stamps on it and pray, huh? Well if it's not with this letter you know I thought better of that idea. In any event, it will be on its way.

Stayed up last night and wrote one of the stories for the booklet I am doing for incarcerated transsexuals. I'll be sending you the fliers for that soon. Would you send some to Linda? I would really like to get something from a female-to-male pre'op or post transsexual in prison. Is there any over there where Linda is? I hope that I am in a good mood tonight, I want to stay up and finish my article about prisoner coming to terms with AIDS. I got that idea from a story I read in Social Justice.

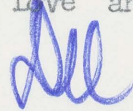
I am going to have you put on a few lists to receive the PWA Nesline and the Body Positive. I don't know about Odyssey. I've been trying to contact the editor, Luke Jansuz for several days. He does do alot of other things. Can't make a living off of a prison populication. I also have to remember to send you the preliminary proposals for the treatment of transsexual prisoners. We are forming a committee. We includes, AGEIS, Pathways Counseling Center, myself, Sr. Mary Elizabeth and several

Sr. Mary Elizabeth works almost entirely with AIDS persons now. AGEIS has taken over her gender dysphoria program.

Well this was suppose to be a short letter. I will be getting the affidavit off to a guy in Boston prison to type. I am going to ask him to send the original directly to you after he type it.

If you have any problems with any of the things discussed in this writing, please do notify me immediately. I may try to call you Saturday morning; doubt that you will have this letter by then. But, if I don't get you atleast you will know that I tried.

Love and sisterhood,



Dee Farmer

Judy, the affidavit may be long in coming, the BOP refused to give me the records.