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Gary Croft, Chair
Ohio Parole Board
1050 Freeway Drive North
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RE: John G. Spirko

Dear Mr. Croft,

Enclosed is a copy of an August 31, 2005, letter from Mr. Gregory A. Duerr to Mr. Leroy Heath, Chief Inspector for the United States Postal Service. Mr. Duerr's letter concerns the pending execution of John Spirko for the 1982 robbery of the post office in Elgin, Ohio and the abduction and murder of Betty Jane Mottinger. A copy of Mr. Duerr's letter was provided to me by counsel for the Postal Service, Mr. Elvin J. Crespo.

Mr. Duerr was interviewed by postal investigators to confirm that the letter was written by Mr. Duerr, and to ascertain Mr. Duerr's personal knowledge, if any, relevant to the robbery of the post office, the abduction and murder of Mrs. Mottinger, and Spirko's subsequent prosecution for the crimes. The Postal Inspection Service has informed me that Mr. Duerr has no personal knowledge relevant to the robbery of the post office and the abduction and murder of Mrs. Mottinger, and Spirko's subsequent prosecution. However, in the interest of a full and open review of Spirko's application for executive clemency, we have provided you with copies of Mr. Duerr's letter.

Sincerely,


Timothy D. Prichard
Senior Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Thomas Hill