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In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

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Re: Your letter

Dear Mr. Linn:

I must tell you that I was pleasantly surprised by receipt of your letter. I believe that you are sincere in your apology. On behalf of the Islamic Center community, that apology is accepted.

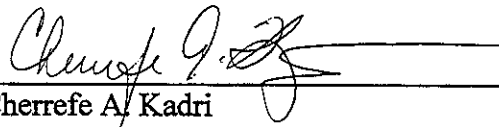
Time away allows one to think and reflect. It sounds like the clarity of your reflection is enhanced by sobriety. Drugs and alcohol are harmful each on their own; but in combination, they are destructive. They laid claim to your decision-making and your life.

Trust me that no one is smiling knowing that you don't like it in prison. As I said to you in court, we are hurt that someone would hate us that badly without knowing anything about us. We're more security-conscious now, which is something we never really worried about because everyone around here knows us.

I didn't mean to sound cruel in court regarding "forgiveness" and you mentioned it in your letter. However, I truly believe that forgiveness is for the victim, not the perpetrator. It is typical for the victim of a crime to hate the person who caused his injury. But, neither our community nor I harbor any hatred, ill-will or malice toward you. We did not request a harsher sentence or a lesser sentence. We let the system do its job, and we kept our eye on cleaning up the Center and healing. I repeat now what I said then, "Forgiveness is in God's jurisdiction." I hope you make peace with Him and heal your heart.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us and for extending your thoughts and apology.

Yours truly,

  
Cherrefe A. Kadri  
President