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Office of the Pardon Attorney  
The White House  
950 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

To the Office of the Pardon Attorney,

I am writing this letter to petition your esteemed office for a formal Presidential Pardon. As you are likely aware on Monday, December 12, 2022 I was arrested and taken into custody by the Bahamian authorities acting at the behest of the United States Government. This came as a shock to me as I was preparing to testify before Congress to disclose business practices and decisions made while serving as the Founder and CEO of my cryptocurrency exchange, FTX.

While working tirelessly for FTX, it was never my intention to mislead or scam the public. I LOVE THE PUBLIC. It is my dream to donate every last penny I have ever earned to those in need, or to those in want. Unfortunately, I just got in wayyy over my head. FTX saw unprecedented initial success and gained the trust of celebrities, financial experts, and politicians who in turn advocated for everyday people to invest in our exchange. This influx of investors and revenue led me to trust some shady characters that I otherwise would have avoided if it weren't for the stress and desperation I experienced trying to ensure the success of our vast base of investors. Unfortunately, I had an intense personal relationship with one of these characters, Caroline Ellison of Alameda Research.

I'd like to level with you — this was really uncool. Caroline was never who she presented herself to be, and unfortunately I just realized this truth too late. She was the worst girlfriend. Like super nasty and addicted to countless amphetamines. This, among many reasons is why I propose a prisoner swap — me for Caroline. She is still blowing up my DMs and I could definitely partake in a sting if you're down.

Sincerely yours,

**SBF**

P.S. I donated \$10 million dollars to President Biden's 2020 campaign, as well as some \$40 million to other Democratic Organizations and PACs. I don't want this money back, I donated with a purpose. Please do not forget my support. It goes without saying that I will never disclose important intel — I'm begging you refrain from Epstein-ing me.

P.P.S. My parents love me very much, but not more than they love the federal government. If they tell you to "nix the fatty," they're just joking around.