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The Honorable Morris Lasker  
Federal District Court  
Southern District  
New York, New York

Dear Judge Lasker:

I am prompted to write this letter to voice my high regard and respect for Mr. Ivan Boesky and respectfully request that you exercise your authority to impose sentence with the greatest possible leniency.

I have come to know Ivan Boesky during the past 9 months through a systematic program of individual instruction in the history and practice of the Jewish religion. In our frequent and extended meetings we have discussed with full candor and honesty the legal situation in which he is presently involved, as well as his hopes and aspirations for the future.

The embarrassment and shame to which he and his family have been subjected and their consequences to his personal and professional life constitute more than appropriate punishment.

The Biblical tradition which is at the very foundation of the American Constitution and its judicial system demands that justice be tempered with mercy. I would hope that you would be inclined to impose a minimal penalty.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Wolfe Kelman

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