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Box 236

Hobart, N. Y. 13788

April 24, 1980

Dear Mr. Novo.

I saw you on the T V 60 Minute Show,
and I believe as you do. I was much impressed
with your simple statement. Is there anything
I can do to help you ?

Sincerely yours

Edwyn E. Mason
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Senator (Retired)

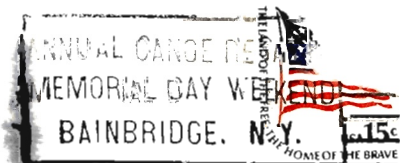


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Mr. Guillermo Novo

U. S. Federal Penatentiary

Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

ship in the Oyster Bay Lions Club, Sons of Italy, Elks and Italian-American Citizens Club of Oyster Bay.

Senator Marino is married to the former Ethel Bernstein of Oyster Bay. They reside with their three children, Judy 17, Jimmy 15, and Bobby 9, at 3 Lea Court, Muttontown, Syosset, New York 11791.

VOTE IN 1972 GENERAL ELECTION

Ralph J. Marino, Republican.....	80,043
William R. LaMarca, Democrat.....	41,035
John R. Kappler, Conservative.....	10,050
Hy York, Liberal.....	3,013

EDWYN E. MASON

48th District (Delaware, Schoharie, Sullivan and Otsego counties and parts of Herkimer and Ulster counties)

Edwyn E. Mason, Republican, was born at Depeyster, St. Lawrence Co., New York, and attended public school and high school at Ogdensburg. He graduated from Oswego State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree. While attending school and college he served on ocean-going and Great Lakes' ships, and was employed in the construction and building trades. Following college he was instructor in general shop and drafting at North Syracuse High School and later taught at Syracuse Boys' Club. He attended graduate schools at Syracuse University, Texas A&M College, and the University of Minnesota, specializing in industrial education, personnel psychology, history and vocational guidance work.

After serving as instructor in machine shop and sheet metal at Elmira Free Academy, Mr. Mason entered the U.S. Army where he served in the Infantry. He was appointed Veterans' Vocational Guidance Counselor for Elmira and Chemung County, and Governor Dewey appointed him to the Selective Service Board as advisor on veterans' re-employment problems.

He entered Albany Law School and graduated with an LLB Degree, and later was awarded the Doctor of Laws Degree by Union University.

He is a member of the law firm of Rushmore, Mason, Marcus and Crocker, with offices in Stamford and Delhi. Mr. Mason is married to the former Melva Bettinger of Chittenango and they have two children, Martha Anne and Richard Eric and reside at Hobart.

Senator Mason is a member of the Hobart Presbyterian Church, is active in veterans' affairs and is Past Commander of the Stamford American Legion Post. In 1968 he was awarded New York State American Legion Certificate for outstanding contributions to American Legion Boys' State. He is on the Stamford Town Board, is a former Justice of the Peace of the Town of Stamford, and has served two terms as President of the Delaware County Magistrates' Assoc., and is a founder of the organization. He has served as an officer of the Delaware County Bar Association. He is Vice-President and Counsel of the Delaware County Historical Association; is a member of the Historical Associations of Sidney, N. Y., Worcester, N. Y., Sullivan County, St. Lawrence County, Schoharie County and the National Historical Society; also, Stamford Lodge of Odd Fellows; Sidney Moose Lodge; New York State and American Bar Associations; St. Andrews Masonic Lodge; the Zor Grotto of Sidney; Stamford and Delaware County Pomona Granges;



Hobart Volunteer Fire Department; Delaware County Firemen's Association; Stamford Rod and Gun Club, and several Fish and Game Clubs. He is a member of the Steuben Society of America and the Italian American Club of Onondaga, and the Hudson River Day Line Alumni Association.

Mr. Mason was elected Member of Assembly in the 1952 General Election. He is Past President of the Legislative Pilots Association, an organization of Legislators who have served ten years or longer in the State Legislature. He served three years as Chairman of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Affairs; he is a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging; also, was a member of the Assembly Committees on Local Government, and Government Operations.

Awarded "Citation of Merit for Devotion to his High Office as a Member of the New York State Assembly and for his Guidance, Inspiration and Humanitarianism for all the Citizens of the State of New York" by the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, the Mother Yeshiva of New York City.

He was presented with New York State Conservation award as "Conservation Legislator of the Year—1970"; is a member of the National Audubon Society; the Delaware and Sullivan County Humane Societies; New York State Farm Bureau; the National Rifle Association; New York State Rifle and Pistol Association; and is Counsel to New York State Arms Collectors Association. He is a member of the Delaware-Otsego Environmental Association; also, National Geographic Society; Empire State Horsemen's Association, and was given the "Horseman of the Year—1972" award by the Empire State Horsemen's Association in recognition of "outstanding services to the New York State Horse Industry." He is on the Cornell Veterinary College Advisory Council.

Senator Mason was the author of The Endangered Species Act, known as the "Mason Bill," which prohibits traffic in skins or products of animals and reptiles in danger of extinction. This Act has been copied in a number of other States and has received worldwide recognition and Mr. Mason was presented with the National Audubon Society Award for sponsorship of The Endangered Species Act.

Mr. Mason was elected to the N. Y. State Senate, 48th Senatorial District, in the General Election of 1972, after serving twenty years in the State Assembly. He is Vice Chairman of the Senate Agriculture & Consumer Protection Committee, and a member of the Committees on Commerce & Economic Development, Crime & Correction, Labor, and Transportation.

VOTE IN 1972 GENERAL ELECTION

Edwyn E. Mason, Rep.	81,491; Cons.	6,407.	87,898
D. Steve Rahmas, Democrat			39,576

Guillermo Novo Sampol
80125-258
U.S. Federal Prison
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Leavenworth, KS 66048

May 5, 1980

The Honorable Edwyn E. Mason
P.O. Box 236
Hobart, N.Y. 13788

My Dear Senator:

With ^egrat emotion and satisfaction I read your letter of April 24th.
Moved, I thank you for your kind offer.

I would like to inform you ^{that} my appeal was filed in the District
of Columbia in February. We have very good legal points and high hopes
for an answer with a reversal in about six months.

Senator, I do have a problem in regard to my visits. (I haven't had
any due to the distance from home and this other problem...). I would
like to obtain the visiting privilege for a lady- very dear to me.
The Bureau of Prisons has denied all my requests.

Without abusing your kind offer I ask of you... Do you think that
your intervention in the matter might give a satisfactory result?

My motivations for seeing her are of emotional nature and have no-
thing to do with my anticommunist activities.

If you would like it, I can ask her to contact you.

THANK-YOUUU!!

Sincerely yours,



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Hobart, N. Y. 13788
May 19, 1980
Box 236

Dear Mr. Sampol .

I received your letter of May 3 and will be glad to assist. You mentioned that your case was up on appeal and that your hope for success was high, let us trust that you will be successful.

As to the problem concerning your visitor, the denial by the prison authorities seems strange since considerable freedom is normally extended in such cases. Several possible approaches suggest themselves, and I will need some additional information is you care to furnish it.

The best course it seems would be to enlist the support of one or more U. S. Senators, and since the greatest number of Cubans is concentrated in Florida, the two from Florida Stone & Chiles would seem logical. I could start writing to them, but it would be much more helpful if we could enlist a number of your friends in that state to also write letters on your behalf. A flood of letters, particularly from voters & constituents can be very persuasive. I have now become a Florida citizen so I could start writing and possibly get some of my friends there to lend a hand.

Also would need some information, the name of the lady and the reason, if any, why the permission for a visit was denied. Only some serious objection or danger would normally prompt the prison officials to deny such a visit. Would also be helpful to have the place where she is located, such as city & state but not local address. Such information would be needed to write a decent letter. If you care to do so, you could have her write to me as you suggested in your communication.

To change the subject, I believe that a strong conservative tide is coming and there is a good chance of a huge political change this fall, I don't need to tell you that this could have an effect on your future. I will look forward to hearing from you. I admire your fortitude .

With all good wishes

Edwyn E. Mason

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If there any
let me know

other way

I can help

Guillermo Novo Sampol
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June 3, 1980

My Dear Senator:

I thank you very much for your affirmative offer to help me with the matter of my visitor and for the intelligent suggestion on how to approach the problem.

However, I prefer not to take this approach right now. The reason for it is that I am still married (I am waiting for the decree of divorce, which should be effective soon) and the visitor in question is my fiancée. So... I fear that the matter might leak to the "Cuban press" and I do not wish this- because I am concern about her reputation and other family matters.

Our falling in love has filled our lives with happiness- but... the circumstances surrounding our lives makes our situation a little difficult. That is... we are trying to protect other persons from being hurt or try trying to alleviate the inevitable hurt, as much as possible.

Senator Mason, I tell you all of this in confidence and I know that I am not being very specific but I felt that I should, at least try, to explain this to you, because of your courteous interest and offer to help.

The Prison Authorities know about the separation from my wife and the divorce matter. Their objection is not based on those grounds, they informed me that they will not authorize my fiancée's visit in order to prevent me from continuing my "anti-castro criminal activities." (The world ~~is~~ is upside down!).

We will just have to be patient and wait untill the circumstances change.

I already knew that you had moved to the Miami area. I have a cousin, William Sampol, from Brooklyn- who works with the New York State Senate and with George Clark (will be Reagan's campaign manager for N.Y.; so I'm told) and I took the liberty of asking him if he knew you. He does not, but he sent me a copy of your "Senate Biography" and there- I was also able to see your picture. I will add that he tells me..." he is a very well liked man and very competent."

Senator, I agree with your opinion in that there is "a strong conservative tide coming". And I have high hopes for a remedy to the disoriented and indecisive "leadership" of the present Government, - as a result of the upcoming elections.

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This is very much needed, not only for the sake of this nation but for the salvation of our western civilizatin.

Once more- THANK YOU- for your courteous attention. I will write to you upon receiving a result of the appeal or if something developes in which I could make use of your kind offer. So... yes, I will let you know.

With all my good wishes for the happiness of you and your family,