1º TERUTE C.

STEVEN K. HAUSER ATTORNEY AT LAW 233 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 960 SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 (310) 395-7977

MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK & ONEY WASHINGTON, D.C. BARS 2017 9 0 109

December 9, 1997

Mr. Freddie Fuiava E-35592 California State Prison San Quentin, CA 94964

Dear Freddie:

that cocods 199

Christmas time is here already. Where has the year gone? My law practice continues to move along slowly. seems that there are many peaks and valleys in this business, and I am currently in a valley. I did pick up a new death The client is one of the h penalty case in October, however. most difficult clients I have ever had to deal with. He does not trust anyone, especially me. He thinks that I am part of some conspiracy to have him convicted. I'm going to try to have him seen by a psychologist. He is accused of shooting two fellow Grape Street Crip gang members. The motive is supposedly because they were snitches. This is the second death penalty case this fellow has in two years. The other case also involved the shooting of two of his home boys. evidence was very weak in the other case, and he won. However, he continues to rant on and on about how terrible his lawyer was, and how he is nothing but a dump truck. What an ungrateful and misguided soul! I doubt if I will be able to win his trust, but I will continue to try. The case will probably go to trial sometime in March of 1998.

I have heard from the law firm of Serra, Lichter, Daar, Bustamante, Michael & Wilson regarding the appeal of your case. Having received a signed waiver form, I sent all of my case materials, four boxes, to attorney Diana Samuelson of that firm. I hope they are willing to take your case and

that they will do a good job for you.

I hope your family is doing well. And I hope you are doing all right. Would you be willing to accept a visit from me sometime next year. I plan to be in San Francisco sometime in the spring and I would like to visit you. Since you have not written to me, I don't know how you feel about me. I hope your lack of writing is not related to anything I have done. Anyway, I will continue to write to you until I hear from you that you do not wish to receive my letters.

Enclosed is our family Christmas letter. It tells an overview of our activities in 1997. We continue to have a

wonderful life together.

Keep strong and faithful. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Steve Hauser

This only support this in man have you a support this support this is supported the support of the support of the templases added

Merry Christmas to All and to All a Happy '98! Greetings from Steve & Michele Hauser

LO TEREDOTE C.J.

Dear Friends and Family,

Is it Christmas already? My, how time flies once you reach 50 & 51! We hope last year's Christmas wishes for you to have a good year came true. Your good wishes for us certainly came true. We had a wonderful year of travel, theater, and golf. Otherwise, we are plugging along with our jobs and enjoying being together.

As you all know, the biggest event of the year for us was Colin's wedding to fellow Princeton graduate Kara Pociask. The Princeton Chapel July wedding was as beautiful as could be. Ryan was Colin's Best Man, and he and his girlfriend, Heidi, came over from Taiwan, so our family was all together. It was great to see the Scott, Hauser, and Nance relatives, as well as to get to know Colin's new in-laws. The wedding and

reception were absolutely perfect!

While Colin and Kara were honeymooning in Portugal & Spain, we were on a memorable frequent-flier reward 3-week trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Our favorite places were the quaint medieval own of Rothenburg in Southern Germany, the fanciful King Ludwig castle of Neuschwanstein in Bavaria, the baths of Baden Baden, and the beautiful Swiss Alps. Of course, Vienna, Munich, and every other place we went were pretty wonderful too. Most spectacular was our 5-hour hike and picnic (complete with wine and taped Beethoven) in the Swiss Alps above Interlaken. What an amazing experience in one of the most scenic places in the world (see grainy photo)!

We have a new addition to our family (in addition to Kara)...a Palm Springs condo on a beautiful golf course. We try to get out there twice a month to relax and play some golf. Steve's mother is in on the deal, and we hope she will enjoy it with her friends as well as with us. Michele's parents will be spending Easter week with us, and we can hardly wait to show off our new place! Don't be shy, let us know which weekend you

are interested in joining us, and you too can experience golf heaven!

Along with an assortment of policit misconduct cases, auto accidents, and various other civil matters, Steve continues to soil his hands in the criminal world. As long as it's only his hands, we'll be all right. However, his latest death penalty client has him almost rooting for a successful prosecution. The client, accused of two murders in a South Central housing project, insists on representing himself and constantly threatens to "fire" Steve (as if he had any say). If the client persists in representing himself, he will probably be convicted more because of his unredeeming personality than the evidence. Earlier in the year, justice was not done for Joseph Rodriguez, a 15-year-old convicted of 1st degree murder. Joseph gave an alleged confession to a gang-related robbery-murder. Steve believes him to be innocent, with the "confession" given by a retarded and confused young lad who was trying to please the police. While Steve's case hung 11 to 1 for guilty, Joseph was convicted in a retrial and defended by a public defender.

Steve has resumed weekly saxophone lessons at HOLA (Heart of Los Angeles Youth), the inner-city church after-school program. He has agreed to go on the HOLA board of directors. He will also serve another 3-year term on the church session. He continues to participate in the Constitutional Rights Foundation mock trial program and

talks to youth on law topics at the Compton Youth Center.

Michele is still teaching language arts/social studies at El Segundo Middle School. This month she is organizing a Middle East night for 200 seventh graders. Then, in January, it's off to Asia...teaching seventh grade social studies is like running a travel agency!

On December 26th we'll be flying off to Taiwan to visit Ryan and Heidi. We look forward to seeing Ryan's life there where he teaches English and studies Chinese.

Please know we think of you all often and wish you a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous new year.

Love,

Stre + Michele

The official as at those iduals