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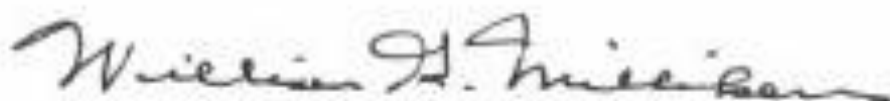
I want to tell you of a friend from Grand Haven who is doing such remarkable work with prisoners—many of whom have been unjustly or wrongfully imprisoned—that I am hopeful you may wish to begin giving your support to him and his work.

His name is Doug Tjapkes. He is a former broadcast journalist and a former small radio station owner. More importantly, he is a fine human being. He is operating a largely volunteer group, HUMANITY FOR PRISONERS. Doug's efforts have been tireless, and the expenses for him to travel from his home to so many of Michigan's prisons, to accompany prisoners on trips before the Parole Board, and to see to their freedom if they are fortunate enough to win it, grows steadily. Many of their stories are heart-wrenching and tragic. I and several others have made contributions to assist him in his outstanding efforts. He has worked on wrongful convictions, paroles and commutations, medical care, and their specialized needs and, hopefully, re-entry into society.

Doug's involvement has grown because the need so outweighs the resources to finance the project. The financial need is becoming greater all the time, and I am pleased to report this to you, as it means that word of his work is becoming better known and the need for assistance even greater.

I am confident that any financial assistance you might feel you wish to give would help enormously in the good work he is doing.

I will be most grateful to you for your consideration.



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