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My Friends:

Today, I must make an honest confession to you. I must confess that I am gravely disappointed with the lack of concern for at-risk youth. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that America's at-risk youth's greatest hurdles are not crime, drugs and violence, but radical bureaucrats, who are more devoted to incarceration than to rehabilitation; who prefers to do nothing that to doing something that will preserve the future of our children and our country; who constantly says, "Just lock them up and throw away the key"; who paternalistically believes that our youth are lost and irretrievable; who professes to be Christians but don't believe in forgiveness. An Arabian proverb defines hypocrisy as: "A mouth that prays, a hand that kills." Hypocrisy from self-righteous people is more shameful than sincerity from shyster. Sanctimoniousness is much more sinful than savagery. More and more I feel that dispassionate people are much more dangerous than disruptive youth.

I do believe that confessed Christians should understand that God has the power to change anyone at anytime and that when they serve the misguided to the misguided they become madder and meaner. I do believe that confessed Christians should understand that Jesus saves and forgiveness is the sweet smell the rose radiates on the rabbit that runs over it. Actually, those of us who believe in saving our children are more sanctified than those who surrender them to crime, drugs and violence. We are only following the commandment of God to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Like a sponge that is able to absorb spills, mercy must be merged with mistakes. Now is the time to rescue our children from the thin ice of wrongdoing and move them to the safe shores of love and liberty.

Yours for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood,
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