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To John S. Foss, Chief Parole Officer
Re: Rights of Lifers

. . . You ask three questions with respect to the rights of persons sentenced to the State Prison for life, who have been paroled under the recent amendment to the statutes after having served thirty years.

We wish to advise that legislation is necessary to answer the questions which you pose. We believe the general statute which declares one sentenced to the State Prison for life to be civilly dead is inconsistent with the recent statute granting parole to such persons after thirty years in prison.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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