

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL  
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

DENVER  
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James V. Bennett, Director  
Bureau of Prisons  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

Sometime ago we asked for a permit for Frank Smith of this City to visit Tom Pendergrast at Leavenworth. At the time you felt that Pendergrast's health was such that the permit could not be granted but you left the gate open for a renewal of the request at a later date.

Mr. Smith says that he has been informed that Pendergrast's health has improved considerably and that he would like to make a trip to the Penitentiary and pay a short visit to his old friend. I am sure Mr. Smith has only the best motives in mind and that he will make his visit with no publicity attached.

These men were friends 25 years ago. Mr. Smith was in poor health for many years and Pendergrast advanced the money for his care and necessarily he feels a deep obligation to him.

If there is any way for this man to have this permit in the near future it will be appreciated by Mr. Smith's friends here in Denver.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Fairbanks  
U. S. Marshal