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specific purpose, and the Court has overwhelming evidence about that.

Also, your Honor, there is an inordinately large amount of evidence concerning what this person did in terms of dealing in explosives, in trying to obtain them, that are on tape recorded conversations which cannot be contested. We did not go into that in detail with the Court because the Court had those transcripts available to it for many months.

While it is clear, as Mr. Littman says, where Mr. Rombom was anchored in the past, it is also clear what came out of his being anchored in types of activities in which he was involved.

We oppose any deferment of sentence. Other than that, your Honor, we have nothing further to sav.

MR. LITTMAN: If I may add one sentence, I don't mean to contest what Mr. Jaffe said, but there is one further point I just wish to make, if I could.

Concerning his initial involvement with the Jewish Defense League, I think the probation report, the personal part of it submitted to the Court, substantiates this. Without belaboring the record, it is in the documents that were afforded to this Court at the time of the juvenile-adult status hearing. As I recall, sir,

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at the time Stephen Rombom became affiliated with the Jewish Defense League he was still in Pleasantville, and that the people in Pleasantville called the JDL to inform them and to remind them and to tell them of the potential risks that they were running in dealing with him at the time.

Indeed, as your Honor will call, I think the last paragraph of the probation report that was submitted echoes this fact, and I wanted to bring that to the attention of the Court.

Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: Mr. Rombom, what do you have to say for yourself before the Court pronounces sentence?

MR. ROMBOM: Your Honor, I really don't know what I can say. It is unfortunate that I don't believe what I used to believe because it would make it a lot easier to deal with my having to be sentenced today for what I have done.

Mr. Jaffe said that this wasn't a JDL trial, and I wasn't to be tried as a member of the JDL, but he constantly keeps referring to the fact I am a member of the JDL, or I was, and he brought it up constantly when he asked for higher bail.

I hope that when you sentence me I will be

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There is an indication by Mr. Jaffe, and in part by the psychiatrist who testified in the hearing who had,

We wish to point out that the probation report, at least in the personal section of the report, sir, indicates Mr. Rombom's regret for the activities that he participated in; the fact that Mr. Rombom, at least since his arrest, no longer is a member of the Jewish Defense League, and has withdrawn from its activities; that he is contrite for the commission of these crimes, and that Mr. Rombom, to quote the probation department, has qualities of generosity, sensitivity, and he verbalizes remorse for his behavior.

Your Honor, Mr. Rombom has his entire life ahead of him right now. I ask the Cour to consider what I think would almost inevitably happen if Mr. Rombom is placed inside of an institution, institutions the inside of which he has already seen in his young life for about seven or eight years. I ask this Court why in reason and humanity the progress that he has currently made, and which the psychiatrists who testified before this Court who had even very limited contact with Mr. Rombom acknowledge is necessary for a complete rehabilitation, as Congress has indicated as the purpose of sentence here — why that progress should be forestalled.

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certainly is not, in an effort to condone what he did.

It was wrong, and he is aware of it. He stands before this

Court willing to pay whatever price your Honor in good

reason and humanity wishes to impose upon him.

What I have said, as I am sure your Honor is aware and will take it in that spirit, is not meant as justification for what occurred, but must be taken in the light of mitigation and understanding of what happened.

I can only make the arguments to the Court.

It is, of course, the solemn duty of the Court to make the ruling. But I know that this Court and the government and our society does not need to incarcerate Stephen Rombom at this critical time of his life, it does not need to place once again in an institution a young man who has already spent eight years of his life in one, since the age of six.

I can just hope that society does not need to run the risk -f ruining the firm and committed progress he has been making and the type of realistic and viable program that all the psychiatrists and even this Court has indicated are necessary in this case.

I can urge the Courthtat even if the Court sees fit, as I hope in reason and humanity it will not, to place Mr. Rombom in an institution under the Federal Youth

