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To whom it may concern

Prison and Probations Service/ Mariefred Prison

My son, Gottfrid Svartholm Warg (841017-0537), has asked me to find out whether he can undertake maths self-study courses at a university level during the spring term 2013. Starting these studies now would clearly facilitate him to start his adult life over and to progress to further education once he has served his sentence.

I have obtained information from the mathematics institution at Stockholm University, a "sister institution" to the one that I belong to, regarding what would be appropriate to begin with given these special circumstances. The institution has, together with the Royal Technical University, developed a distance course worth 7.5 university points which are a preparation for higher study in the subject. Access to a student loan is provided and it has a so-called space guarantee, which means that the amount of study places is not limited – all those who apply are accepted. It can be started anytime during the year. In order to obtain a qualification one must be formally registered, but this is not necessary to participate in the study itself.

The course material is on the course's home pages in the form of PDF files. This includes the readings for the course (108 pages) as well as exercises and texts that require significant course work. Added to this material is a number of video taped lectures, intended as support for those on the course that use the literature on its own. For Gottfrid it will of course not be able to be present for the lectures while at the prison, but since he will have access to these as soon as he is free I do not consider this to be a problem. It also appears to be possible to follow the course without them.

As I have previously argued I am more than willing to facilitate Gottfrid's possibilities to higher education in mathematics by providing him with the technical calculator of the type he requests, as well as printed out course material etc as set out above that are necessary for his studies. I can also offer to be the contact person between him and the mentors that the math institution offers its students if Gottfrid were to need extra student support during the spring.

Kind regards,

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