

*Remarks for the  
Hansen Clemency Petition Announcement  
July 16, 2002*

I have made the decision to deny the clemency petition of Tracy Alan Hansen.

Mr. Hansen shot Bruce Ladner, a Mississippi Highway Patrolman working to protect the public safety, in cold blood and left him to die.

Mr. Hansen received a fair trial. Numerous courts and judges reviewed his case and affirmed the guilty verdict. The sentence of death is just – and it is justified. The time has now come for this sentence to be carried out.

I ask for the prayers of all Mississippians to be with the Ladner family and the family of Tracy Alan Hansen. May God have mercy on his soul.