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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 Indeed, as your Honor will call, I think the
9 last paragraph of the probation report that was submitted
10 echoes this fact, and I wanted to bring that to the atten-
11 tion of the Court.

12 Thank you, sir.

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

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

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

25 I hope that when you sentence me I will be

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

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

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

2 certainly is not, in an effort to condone what he did.
3 It was wrong, and he is aware of it. He stands before this
4 Court willing to pay whatever price your Honor in good
5 reason and humanity wishes to impose upon him.

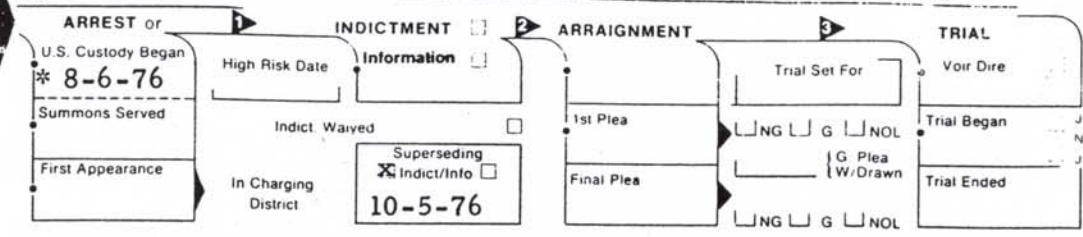
6 What I have said, as I am sure your Honor is
7 aware and will take it in that spirit, is not meant as
8 justification for what occurred, but must be taken in the
9 light of mitigation and understanding of what happened.

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

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

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

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18:112(a)	Assault on official w/deadly weapon	4&12
18:924(c)	Use of firearm to commit felony	5&13
18:844(d)	Interstate trans. of explosives	7,8&9
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	Served					
Arrest Warrant	Issued					
COMPLAINT						
OFFENSE (In Complaint)						

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10-13-76		Filed affdvt of William J. Kelleher, AUSA of the SDNY.	
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