

Note: on first mention Colson sentence or as add to fnite on commutations on Dean, etc.

Colson had served seven months of his sentence of up to three years in comparative luxury, ostensibly to be close to those official bodies wanting his testimony, when on January 31, 1975 he was ordered released by Judge Gerhard Gesell. The reason given: "serious family dificulties." Earlier his son had been picked up on drug charges. If this standard were applied to ethnic and racial minority prisoners or those charged with property crimes the jails would be emptied.