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EXHIBIT
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Dear Sir;

In the court room hearing friday 17, you informed me you would visit me at the jail shortly to discuss the instant case, after reflecting on this and the interpretation the local press has given to judge Battle's remarks at that hearing I think we should postpone any meeting until I hear from Mr. Foreman, as I expect to shortly as I am also writing him today. He is still and will remain chief consul as far as I am concerned regardless of what the court, attorney General, or press, has to say, or what Mr. Huie may desire through the attorney General's office. I think the right to chose consul is one of the few prerogatives I have and I don't intend to relinquish it again as I did in London through ignorance. Naturally if Mr. Foreman should become incapacitated for a long period of time I would probably have to engage other consul, However I am sure he will be allright in a few days, after all, I don't think he has been the only one to have had the flu this winter. Also, I can't go along with the hysterical press which has inferred there is some kind of conspiring to "debate justice". I also would appreciate it if you would inform all concerned, for the record that regardless of what the papers say I have no intention of firing my attorneys before court. Dates (Also I waived my appeal in England to come back and stand trial.) I think the attorney general knows it, but the main reason I ask Mr. Hines to withdraw was that he was working for Mr. Huie to my detriment and Mr. Huie from his statements had ceased to be an impartial reporter

but intends to aid the state to convict me.
I don't know if this was pre arranged or not
but the results would have been the same.
In closing I would like to comment on the witness
list. Mr. Conde stated in court that I probly
know what all of the 340 witnesses are going to
say therefore it would not be necessary for any
attorney to question them. Mr. Hines showed me
the first list which had app. 300 names on
it, I could only recall about 30 on the list,
I would probly know what these 30 would say
under normal circumstances but these are not
normal circumstances, anyone who has been tried
a police manual on police interrogation methods
knows that the F.B.I. at the direction of the Justice
Department uses psychology and power of suggestion
on prospective witnesses, this is also a large issued
offered in this case. Therefore I can truthfully say
I don't know what any of the witnesses will say.
In regards to the other 60 witnesses the attorney
general's office made this list available to
Mr. Hines about 2 weeks before the new trial
date, for some reason Mr. Hines would not let
me see this list, I assume the reason for this
was that the attorney general got this list
of witnesses directly or indirectly from Mr. Hill
and that if I saw the list I would of known
that Mr. Hill lied when he stated my information
I gave him would be privileged.
Mr. Pomeroy has told me that he will interview
all of these witnesses or have someone who will
interview them to do so.

Sincerely
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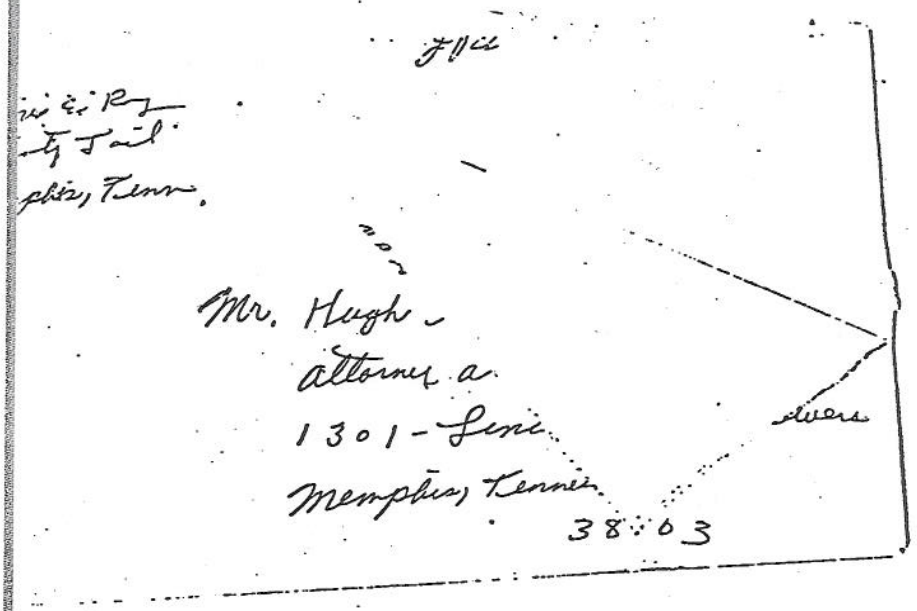
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