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Dear Mr. Martin:

If you recall, in my letter dated July 13, I asked that you send the correspondence relating to Senators Russell and Kennedy to my sister. She received all but the original of Senator Russell's letter to me, dated January 20, and I note by the applicable enclosure to your letter of July 25 that it was not included in the list of documents mailed to her.

Hence, I would again request that you send this particular item to her, at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

In answer to your letter, aforementioned, which I feel warrants a clear reply, first, let me say that if you had informed me that security considerations were partially, ~~possibly~~ responsible for the delay in mailing the carbon copies of the duplicate of my petition and supporting memorandum, instead of the reasons you did cite, such explanation would have been quite acceptable to me.

As for the communication sent your associate (?), which was forwarded through privileged channels (ostensibly, at least), it is of some concern to me that you were not apprised, in any manner, of this. I did not intend for it to be — nor do I think it should have been — kept from your signifying.

It is of greater concern, however, that you are unaware of its nature & purpose. The only cryptic part of my entire reference was the word "company," and I used the term as instructed with the assurance given

that you would understand it.

Now, I wonder about the recipient of that communication, and several others which were forwarded to the same source through the same "privileged" channel, explaining in further detail my relationships to the subject discussed at Springfield and describing the identity and last known whereabouts of some of the guesses involved. I am utterly pissed off at what has, apparently, happened through what can best be called my own stupidity.

Anyway, as a result of the foregoing, and for other, somewhat more practical reasons, I want you to know that I am hereby waiving any and all rights of privileged communication that you may consider as having been legally in effect at the time we had our discussions. This, of course, may appear unnecessary and even academic from your standpoint and position. Nevertheless, you have it in writing for whatever purpose, if any, the future might dictate.

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