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Dear Sir;

In the court room being 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 Bolles' remarks at that hearing I think we should postpone our 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 choose 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 another Consul, however I am sure he will be all right 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 implied there is some kind of conspiracy to "deplete 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. Huie 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.

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but intend to aid the state to convict me.
I don't know if this was prearranged or not
but the results would have been the same.
In closing I would like to comment on the witness
list. Mr. Conle informed in court that I probably
know what all of the 360 witnesses are going to
say therefore it would not be necessary for my
attorney to question them. Mr. Hones showed me
the first list which had app. 300 names on
it, I could only recall about 30 on the list,
I would probably know what these 30 would say
under normal circumstances but these or not
normal circumstances, anyone who has ever read
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 reward
offered in this case. Therefore I can truthfully say
I don't know what any of the witness will say.
In regards to the other 60 witnesses, the attorney
general's office made this list available to
Mr. Hones about 2 weeks before the new trial
date, for some reason Mr. Hones 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. Hone
and that if I saw the list I would of known
that Mr. Hone lied when he said on information
I gave him would be privileged.
Mr. Foreman has told me that he will interview
all of these witnesses or have someone who will
interview them do so.

Sincerely
James Ray