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Government. I would propose to transmit a copy of this statement to the State Department with a request that they should thereupon introduce a bill into Congress authorising an appropriation to settle the claim. This procedure has been suggested unofficially by the competent authorities in the Department of State and there is remean to hope, therefore, that they will be disposed to consider favourably any such request provided that they can be furnished with sufficient information.

I have the honour to be
My Lord.

Your Excellency's most obedient.

humble servant.

(SD) A. C. GEDDES.

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