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Dear Mr. Meighen:

I was up to see you at your office last Thursday but you were quite busy and you told Miss Edmunston that if I wrote you that you would give it the same consideration as if I had seen you personally.

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A delegation composed of Senator Ballantyne, R.S. White, Leslie G. Bell, M.P., S.W. Jacobs, K.C., M.P., A.A. Heaps, M.P., J.S. Woodsworth, M.P., and others saw the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Maurice Dupres, with regard to the case of Charles Schwartz who is condemned for murder and is to be executed on Friday the 5th of May. All these gentlemen made a plea to the Acting Minister to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. The circumstances of this case show that the accused was convicted solely upon the evidence of a woman who had been living with an accomplice of Schwartz and that she helped her paramour escape from the country, and that she was interested in her paramour avoiding the penalty. Of course I know that you will be guided solely upon the evidence which you will hear in council with the other members of the Government. The feeling in Montreal is that the worst that this man should have got was life imprisonment.

On behalf of our friends who composed the delegation, we would implore you when this case comes up in Council to decide the fate of Schwartz that you will see our view of this case with a view of commutation.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

Manuel Levitt

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