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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a despatch received from the American Consul General at Smyrna, transmitting a letter from the Armenian Archbishop of that district, thanking me for the efforts I made in securing the pardon of the Armenians that were condemned to death in the city.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[Signed] Morgenthau

Enclosure: as stated.

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August 23rd, 1915

His Excellency,
The Honorable Henry Morgenthau,
American Ambassador,
Constantinople.

Sir:

I feel it my duty to express to Your Excellency the feelings of deep gratitude of the whole Armenian Community of this city and of myself for your generous good offices on behalf of the Armenians who had been condemned to death by the Court Martial of Smyrna and to extend to you my sincerest congratulations for the success with which your efforts have been crowned. The families of these people have also charged me to communicate to you and the American Consul General at Smyrna how grateful they feel for all you have done for their beloved sons or brothers; thus saving them from a certain and degrading death.

Mr. Horton to whom we also feel obliged for his officious cooperation in the matter, communicated to me Your Excellency's steps which have so happily ended in the pardon of the condemned by H.M. the Sultan.

We owe gratitude to the United States Government whose benevolent protection of the weak and the just cause in any part of the world has never been lacking and we are happy to see its Ambassador and Consul follow its tradition.

Reiterating our thanks and the expression of our gratitude,

Believe me, Excellency,
Yours very truly,

Signed, L'Archeveque des Armeniens
Madthéos Zudjéian.

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