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AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL
SMYRNA, TURKEY

5th August 1915

Honorable Henry Morgenthau,
American Ambassador,
Constantinople.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 144, and to inform you that the news of the commutation of the sentence of the Armenians to be hanged, arrived soon after.

A Community of Armenians called at the Consulate to thank me for the steps which I had taken in the matter, but I told them that I had merely called the attention of the American Ambassador to the affair and that they should thank him.

They all were extremely grateful and believe that it was the American influence which actually saved the necks of these men. The Vali has so informed all the Armenians who called upon him.

I wish to convey to you my very sincere and heart-felt thanks for the immediate and effective measures which you took in this matter and also to extend to you hearty congratulations for the outcome of your intervention.

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

(Signed): George Horton
American Consul General

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