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February 15th, 1932.

The Honourable Hugh Guthrie,  
Minister of Justice,  
O t t a w a .

My dear Minister,

I am today signing a petition on behalf of one Wilkinson who is sentenced to be hanged next Friday morning. I believe that some time tomorrow somebody from Montreal has an appointment with you, when the petition will be laid before you.

I have gone into the case and have talked with some who had intimate connection with it. I believe that both Edgett and Wilkinson deserve to be hanged. Edgett has already received a sentence of imprisonment for life, although I believe he is the more guilty of the two.

The only reason I have signed this petition is that it does not seem quite fair that the rich man, Edgett, gets off, while the poor man, Wilkinson, swings.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
CANADA

CSG/HG.

*Ottawa*, Feb, 16th, 1932.

Personal.

My dear Sir Arthur;

I have just received your letter of 15th Instant in regard to the case of Wilkinson, who has been sentenced to be hanged on 19th Instant. I spent last night in going over the evidence of this case, and I have come to the conclusion that it would be very difficult to extend clemency to this prisoner. I have tried to keep an open mind in regard to the matter, as I am to receive a deputation at noon to-day on behalf of the prisoner. The case has every appearance of being a cold blooded murder, but, I shall consider all the deputation has to urge.

With kind regards, I remain.

Yours very truly,

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