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**Casement to McGarrity (fake letters explained and Adler praised to the skies)**

**5 November 1914**

Berlin,

Thursday. 5 Nov. 1914.

My dear Joe,

You will see my letter to Bro. Daniel. I wired him on Nov. 3, all well. I cannot tell you the story of my voyage over, it was exciting and when it is told it will help our cause immensely – not from what I did but from what the scoundrels tried to do to me. Will you write to Mrs. Green, 36 Grosvenor Road, Westminster, London, & tell her I got here & that I beg her to help my sister until daylight comes. She (Mrs. G.) of course knew nothing of my coming here – but once she reads the Declaration that I hope our friends will very shortly issue, she will see the Justification. I think we shall get everything we hope for – We must do our part – & once you get the story of the attempt on me & have the formal declaration of this Govt. in favour of our country, we should have a position in the U.S.A. that can be turned to enormous use for the common cause of this People and our own. The Germans are fine & deserve mightily to win. I think they will get to London! – and we to Dublin!

I shall want more money by end of year. The journey cost me more than you can gather until you know all the facts – it was very expensive – Life in Germany today is not cheap – but I have plenty I think till end of year.

Push on the “Crime” & send me copies of it & also of the revised edition of the small pamphlet – the 2nd issue. I wish I could see Gaelic American sometimes. Von Skal can always send a letter or so over to me I fancy – & the Ambassador will also help. I was nearly caught out on the ship, & had to pay money there as hush money – & then in Norway the climax came – & when I am free to tell you you will laugh – but at present not a word to anyone on this matter – & I know you are sure. Part of the plan in connection with that lies now in fooling the enemy who think they have bribed a man to betray me to them. Accordingly should a long letter from me to you dated 1 Novr from this, with a postscript of 2 Nov – ever reach you in Philadelphia you must disregard it entirely. It is purposely written to be sold to the enemy & mislead them. Of course keep it and trace as close as possible the means by which it reaches you. It is going to be addressed to you in full in an inside envelope & then put into a covering envelope addressed to the manager of the Hotel Vendig, Philadelphia, Pa. – with a word to say “give personally to addressee”. The enemy want me first of all – in body, & have put a big price on me – & next they want proofs against me, and our friends in Ireland. They also want to know with whom I correspond in U.S.A. – So I am making them a present of you!

I am sure you will be frightened! I will write you fairly often through our friends here who kindly allow us to take advantage of their means of communication. Remember this – after Oskar II & the fiasco of our dear friends the enemy there, they will trust no more American passports without close scouting of bearer & possible confirmation with U.S. Counsels. They are getting panicky and will stick at nothing. They are mining all the seas – & especially the coast of Ireland. They will certainly increase the garrison, too, after my “affaire” at Christiania – & they may arrest many of our friends. At any rate they will watch all.

Now I shall shortly visit the people you wrote of here – who are increasing in numbers weekly. I want a good priest to assist me & pray daily – Try by every means – One from Ireland best but if that is not possible then an American citizen. Get the Ambassador’s help as to passports or at this end. No route is now safe, but Christiania, & Copenhagen or Bergen are still the best unless that American line from Brooklyn Senator Metz to Rotterdam comes off. Ships under the American flag are safest. But remember – the enemy now will stick at nothing – he is furiously alarmed & will spend any sum and take extraordinary precautions & commit any crime.

**I have the Norwegian with me here – for reasons you will understand when you hear the story – It was through him I discovered the plot against me and the fun is they think they have bought him, & he pretended to be a through scoundrel, like themselves while true as steel to me. If anything happens to me you all must get him good work in America & push him on. He is one in a million, & if we succeed, we shall owe a good deal of it to his fidelity and good heart – and good sense too. When ever I return to U.S.A. – if God so will it – he shall come with me so that you all may thank him as he deserves to be thanked.**

I expect a Declaration in a few days that will go some distance in the direction we want, & well certainly have a good effect in U.S.A. & in Ireland. I hope to get a fuller declaration later on but it is too soon yet to discuss more than first steps. At any rate I was very grateful to our friends here, both for their welcome to me personally, and still more for the promptitude and good will they have shown in meeting me halfway.

If we do our part all will go as we hope. There are chances of getting stovepipes too. In this connection I have given them your name. It is very hard to ship from here – but might be easier from your side & they were discussing this. We shall see. Do all you possibly can. Send me plenty “Crime against Europe” & 2nd edition of small edition. Also some copies of “Language of the Outlaw” and that article from Irish Review on “Ireland, Germany and the Next War”.

Get Father Coghlan stirred up – & all the clergymen possible to enter the campaign. Try all you can to have a Carnegie Hall meeting with all the best Irishmen in America at it – The blows struck today in this cause will be the rivets in an Irish shield to guard our shores in future. For rest assured of this – if Germany beats John Bull, as I think she will, Ireland must and shall be free. If you respond as I hope you will, to this first Declaration I feel confident a fuller statement of the case, embodying very much of our hopes can be made and will be made.

Love to Katryn and the mother – and a kiss to Mary Joseph and “Ja–Ja” – and don’t forget Patricia’s daily rum! I Will haunt you if you keep her in the cellar. I send you an interesting article in y’day’s “Vorwarts” – get it translated, & a cartoon will amuse you and the Fatherland.

Love to Jeremiah O’L., John Quinn, old Dr. A. Emmet; and all friends – and a special handgrip to John K. in Chicago, and to the Old Man.

I often thought of you all – especially when we were “in jail” in Stornoway and I expected to be discovered every moment of the forty odd hours we were there with a prize crew on board.

I thought then I’d never see daylight – for many on board suspected me and if they had known all might have made a fortune. I have put it all down in writing – so that when the need for strict secrecy is over you may have the story as a contribution to the old cause.

Don’t go to Ireland yourself – they will certainly take you and keep you too. Of that there can be no shadow of doubt. You would be kept at all costs and probably tried too, as you are only a naturalized American “Uncle Sam” could not help you in the country of your birth & would not be disposed to do so after the passport fraud. They have surely, long before this, made representations at Washington about my passport – which of course I stole. Put it all on me. What we want most of all is press support in U.S.A. – & that can be got by the pressure of Irish influence well organized & expressed at great meetings – The Declaration will give you the jumping off ground for a big campaign.

Try & get Roosevelt roped in – for his own selfish end he may come with us. If he saw the Germans today he could not but speak out in their behalf – for if ever a people deserved human sympathy and admiration they do. There is a confident dignity in every face, a knowledge of a just cause stamped on every brow – and no mourning shown or grief – The world will be the better for a German victory – and for a real hard blow struck against that pirate island.

And so farewell – all is well here – See that you make all well over there and do all you can to get the Irish priest here & soon.

Rory

**[On back of last page:]**

Send letter to Mrs. G. under cover addressed to “Sir Lauder Brunton, Suffolk Place, Oxford Street, London.”

Typed address to him.

To her say only that “The Knight of the Ships” is away and cannot write to her yet, but that she may rest assured it is for the good of Ireland only & that he begs her, for the present, to help his sister. Tell her to have no doubt or misgiving for Ireland from what I’ve done, that the only harm can come to me, not to Ireland, & whatever happens can only benefit Ireland.

**[on envelope:]**

To Joseph McGarrity,

5412 Springfield Avenue,

Philadelphia, Pa.

“not to be sent through any Post Office, but delivered through friend.”

**[Received in N.Y. Nov. 27. 1914.]**