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**Casement to McGarrity**

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My dear Joe,

Olsen [Adler Christensen] and M. [Robert Monteith] arrived safe on Saturday 23rd. Former goes to meet remainder of batch tomorrow and all should be here by 31st. It is good and creates good impression here that these men are coming. Things are favourable now - and if you can keep up the supply all may, please God, come right. The chief need is a good, highly qualified officer whom the men and our friends here can regard as entitled to command. While M. is a good man of his kind he is not of the rank these people would accept as an equal. I send him first to the "poor brothers" on Saturday with helpers to see what can be done there to get more, Olsen is my chief stay - and if I can get his idea carried out then the thing will go through well. When we have 200 we can make the thing public - and every "Volunteer" from your side is worth morally 10 from here - and convinces our friends of our sincerity. I was delighted to see Olsen and M. - and am very grateful to the Old Man & you for all you are doing to push things on. I wrote you (by post) last week with a letter to my sister. Olsen is going to send this letter by a way of his own.

I inclose a line to the Sister. Try and get inclosed published on your side. It has made a great hit here with our friends. Remember the chief need is the officer. Two better than one. If these come over they will be welcomed by our friends with open arms, received as comrades, & the thing itself would then soon become a reality & the public announcement would be made.

Mr. G. **[Gaffney]** will be going over to your side soon. He has been shamefully treated & chiefly on account of his friendship for me. He is thrown to the Wolves because he dared to befriend me openly. He broke no neutrality - but his Govt. and your Professor who runs the show have broken every neutrality & only care for the good of Shawn Bwee.

When Mr. G. reaches your side you should do all you can to help him in his fight - because he is fighting not for himself but for all of us & the Cause we stand for.

If Olsen gets over to your side he will tell you many things - meantime just this line to tell you I am all right and happier than I was and more hopeful.

But, of course, your difficulties are enormous. I know that & I appreciate all your sacrifices & efforts for the sake of the Poor Old Woman.

I hope to send you a certain famous paper & another before long, - so that you may have them safe and should on your side and convince everyone. Of course the risk is dreadful to

send them - but I'll take it.

Even "cousin Jimmy" **[Casement]** himself may go over! He is talking of it often now - and Olsen advises it strongly, and points out a way too which I think he may take.

He says he has not seen you since you saw him jump on a street car at the corner of 42nd St. & Madison Ave. late one night last Oct.

It is a year on the 31st since he came here! Just one year!

He has grown a lot older & says he has lost many illusions - but keeps one constant faith in his heart and a strong affection for you.

He sends love to you and your Missus & the wee girls who pray for him - and for "Patricia"!

I inclose a brief note for my Sister. The letter that went last week was posted after the English censor had passed it. The Huns are very cock a whoop over their Servian affair - but everyone in dear old . . . . is quite sure that Religion, Virtue, and Civilisation itself must prevail! So am I!

If we can get 200 - all told - and 2 officers we have a clear chance. M. will report frequently & I'll tell you & Old Man how it goes by a wireless.

Ruari.