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My dear Judge:

In re [REDACTED] vs. [REDACTED]

May I not thank you for your telegram in answer to mine of yesterday, in the above matter.

Mrs. [REDACTED] procured, on October 26, 1936, an interlocutory decree of divorce in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles. The decree was signed as of the date aforesaid by Superior Court Judge Lewis Howell Smith. I am annexing hereto a copy of the complaint in that action.

Mrs. [REDACTED] is a very young girl and her husband is an Italian Nobleman with the title of Count. He is not an American citizen. He has never supported her, and the short period which they lived together her mother paid the bills. Her mother was unable to continue and [REDACTED]'s interest in his wife thereupon ceased. I am advised that he was divorced by his prior wife in Reno, the decree becoming effective shortly before the present Mrs. [REDACTED] became married to him in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 10, 1933.

Mrs. [REDACTED] has become interested in a young man here in New York, and with the impatience of youth wants to marry him, and of course is unwilling to wait until next October when she could obtain her final decree of divorce under the California interlocutory judgment. Hence the thought occurred to me that she could take advantage of the laws of your State and procure an earlier divorce.

I would like to have her go to Reno shortly after the first of the year and report to you, so that you can handle the matter for her. I am advised that there will be no

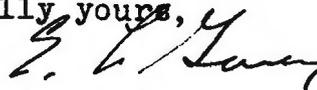
contest on the part of her husband, although I am not yet advised as to whether or not her husband will enter or cause to be entered his appearance in any proceeding which may be brought in Nevada. However, I am writing him today and making inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he will facilitate the Nevada proceeding by appearing therein in person or by counsel.

If you are willing to represent Mrs. [REDACTED] in these proceedings will you be good enough to advise me promptly what your fees will be for so doing. For your guidance may I say that Mrs. [REDACTED] is entirely without funds of any kind and they must be obtained from her step-father, whom I have known for nearly twenty years. He is willing, he advises me, in order to get this situation cleared up, to pay such a fee providing it is a modest one.

If you will be good enough to advise me what you would consider a reasonable fee for the services to be rendered in this matter I will take the matter up with him and advise you further.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,



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