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Richard John Sladden, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Sladden:

You will be interested, I know, to learn the final outcome of the case concerning the loss of the Belpamela, in which matter you were kind enough to testify in the summer of 1949.

Efforts to settle the case in Paris proved unavailing, and also the effort to make the French Government fight the case out legally in the French Courts was unsuccessful.

Accordingly, the case came to trial in the New York litigation. The trial started on January 15th and continued for three weeks. At that point, the Judge recommended that the case be settled on a basis which was not much more than the settlement offer which had been made in Paris. The attorneys for the French Government, in the New York case, stated that they were very much upset at the settlement figure recommended by the New York Judge, but that they would, of course, take it up with the French Government. The French Government has now agreed to the settlement suggested by the Court, and within the next day or two the case should be formally settled and closed.

During the trial at New York we read to the Court the testimony which you gave in the Summer of 1949, and your testimony was very helpful indeed.

With kindest regards and renewed thanks for your assistance in the Belpamela case,

Faithfully yours,

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