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Mr. Robert K. Bell
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Dear Bus:

A lot of water has run under the dam since we were students in JAG school at Ann Arbor. I have long since discarded the pen and sword but it seems from what I hear by way of the grape vine that you are still a follower of military justice.

Ralph Wiltsie, who is the mayor of Princeton, and a very good friend of mine, this morning consulted me about a communication which he received from the JAG office at Fort McPherson. He seems that his CO during World War II was Col. Nickerson, who we understand you are defending in a court-martial.

We enclose herewith a copy of the communication received by Mr. Wiltsie for your examination and suggestions as to the answers they desire him to furnish responsive to the enclosed letter.

It is Wiltsie's understanding that the defense desires to call him as a character witness and we assume his testimony would be directed along that line. How completely you may desire to have the questions answered is a matter for your consideration upon which we request assistance.

It is indeed surprising that our paths should cross after some thirteen years, during which we certainly enjoyed your friendship and the pleasure of having our wives become acquainted. I believe that Carlson is the only member of the class with whom I have had contact since we left there in March of 1944. I had occasion to take some depositions at Minneapolis and had lunch with Carlson and with Anderson, who you will recall was one of our instructors. After reading of your candidacy for Governor in

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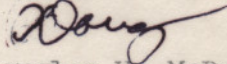
Life some years past I was certainly disappointed to learn that you were unsuccessful.

With kindest personal regards to you and your wife, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Douglas H. McDonald

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cc Mr. Ralph Wiltsie