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New York, New York.

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January 18, 1940.

Western-Union Telegraph Co.,
Hudson and Christopher Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Re: Publicity in Rosen case.

Gentlemen:

Please assign three boys to distribute the attached
press releases at once. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Charles M. Joseph,
Senior Attorney.

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Initials

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Press release

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