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## Defendant Exhibit FF For Identification

Lewis M. Steel '63

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Mr. Sidney Davis,  
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New York City

21. Januar 1968  
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Dear Sir,

Having been informed that, for New York, you, Mr. Davis, will advocate the cause of Mr. William Maynard, whom I represent in Hamburg where at present the prosecuted is in prison, I now ask you to contact me at your earliest convenience, since the matter is extremely urgent.

As you know, your government has requested the German authorities to extradite the prosecuted, since he is being accused of having shot dead the naval sergeant Michael Kroll on a street in Greenwich Village, New York, on April 3rd, 1967. The German court which has to decide about the extradition, has not to find out, whether Mr. Maynard is guilty or not, but only to ascertain whether the formal conditions of the German-American Extradition-Treaty of 1930 and of the German extradition laws are fulfilled. This, however, is the case, so that, unfortunately, we have to face the probability that the German court will soon order the extradition of Maynard.

Our client declares that he is not guilty. He is offering determined resistance against his extradition. He fears that he will be killed without being given the chance to prove that he is not guilty, in a regular legal procedure. Thus, without any delay we shall have to try our utmost to stop the American request for extradition and to cause the German court to interrupt the extradition procedure in the interim. This, however, is a task, which can only be handled in the USA - in other words, by you. I presume that by now you have had access to the documents of the court and have investigated the facts thoroughly. In order to help our client, I suggest to, immediately, proceed as follows:

1-) The act is said to have been committed in the night of April 2nd to 3rd, 1967 at about 5 A.M. Maynard declares to have slept that night in the house of his mother-in-law. She - as well as all other members of the family (Michael, Patrick and Cathy; the mother-in-law can give you the full names of them) - can testify that he has been in that house during the whole night without leaving it once. The name of the mother-in-law is Mrs. P.S. Quinn, 51-34-30th Ave, Woodside 77 NY.



2.) It is suspected that the whole proceedings have a political background. The wellknown Mr. James Baldwin has written a comment on that, a copy of which I enclose. In the last passages of this statement, Mr. Baldwin refers to some contradictions in the proceedings, which you should pay special attention to.

We can, however, not speak of political crime, directly, even if there should have been some kind of quarrel before the fatal shot was fired; for this, obviously, would amount to Mr. Maynards confession to have, in fact, committed the crime. But that is exactly what he firmly denies.

3.) Moreover, I refer to the newspaper reports in the New York Post of April 3rd and 4th and of May 20th, as well as to the two reports of October 30th, 1967.

4.) Please, bring forward a motion immediately, to stay proceedings on jump bail, the amount of which should be fixed by the competent American court, and, please, see to it that the German court in Hamburg will be informed as soon as possible and that we are granted an adequate period of time to raise the money for the bail.

The German court expects me to present new material from New York without any delay, in order to be able to postpone the decision on extradition. I, therefore, urge you, to contact me immediately (by telegraph would be best) and also to inform Mr. Baldwin.

Sincerely yours,

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