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seemed to view any contention with a degree of alarm.  
It seems almost impossible for those who have known him for  
some years, to believe that a man of his habits, temperament  
and character, could possibly be guilty of the crime for  
which he stands convicted unless he be mentally deranged.  
I am requesting Judge Ailshie to present this letter to you  
and sincerely trust it will not be considered presumptions  
on my part in urging that the sentence be commuted.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. L. Rhodes", written over a horizontal line.