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be made to realize that there is a different standard of conduct prevailing here in the United States from that of Mexico.

While it might be said that the dealings between Hernandez and myself might be strictly personal, and have no direct bearing on his application for pardon, I am inclined to believe that he does not fully realize the obligation of a contract nor the sacredness of human life. A contract is breached and a life snapped out with little, if any, remorse. He fabricates a story which reveals the inner workings of his mind. In other words he considers that a pardon is something to be obtained for a monetary consideration.

What of his impatience to escape confinement? Evidently he is laboring under the impression that he is being unjustly held. I dare say that meditation and remorse have caused him not a single sleepless night. He thrives and grows fat on prison fare. His brow is smooth, exhibiting no trace of worry or concern for his misgivings. With him, his crime has been expiated. According to the laws and customs of Mexico probably he is justified in so feeling. But, have his acts been atoned for according to the ideals of this country? I submit this letter to demonstrate that they have not.

Yours very truly,

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