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WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON.

Oct. 13-1881.

My dear Mr. MacVeagh:

From what I hear it seems to me that the prosecution of Captain Howgate is being very improperly handled by the local law officers of the Government.

I understand that no one has appeared before the Grand Jury, or given any adequate examination to the papers in the case; and that the officer of the Signal Service who has appeared before the Grand Jury does so without the slightest suggestion or assistance

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from any body.

I think I should act
differently if I was District
Attorney here.

Very truly yours,

Edw. V. Smith

Hon. Wayne MacVeagh,
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.