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Treasury Department,
Office of Internal Revenue,
Washington, February 12, 1863.

Sir:

I have received a report of your office, Thomas Morton, Special Agent of the Treasury Department, in regard to the irregular conduct of Mr. A. A. De Long as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of the State of California.

From the report it appears that Mr. De Long collected a large sum of money in gold coin on account of taxes assessed under the Excise Law of July 18, 1862, and that he has converted the coins into Treasury Notes, at a large premium, and deposited the notes with the Oriel Treasurer of the United States.

Pursuant to the section of said Act, he was required to account for and
pay over to the United States, in compliance with the order or resolution of the Secretary of the Treasury, all funds, monies which might come into said hands or possession. This book, as Collector's, contained the said population. The said land is filed in the office of the Chief Controller of the Treasury, and I respectfully request an inquiry through the head officers of the Government, as to the legal liability of the Treasury upon such funds. I enclose copy of Mr. Brown's report, also the blank form of the bond given to Mr. R. Long.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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Mr. Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury.