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January 20, 1917.

Hon. J. P. French,

Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Mr. French:

You remember when I was in Mandan I wrote you about receiving some threatening letters from Isaac Venovick of Bismarck. They have now begun to come again and have also come to some other officials. Will you kindly make a thorough investigation and find out whether or not this man is absolutely harmless, or whether perhaps he has been getting worse lately. His last letter is a clear cut letter and is a threat to shoot to kill and also to burn down the Grand Pacific Hotel and I do not believe we ought to let any of the guests there take any chances on a crazy fellow proceeding to carry them out.

After you have investigated thoroughly, I wish you would make a report.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General: