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263 Cheetham Hill Road  
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Monsieur Emile Zola  
Paris, Fr.

90.

On the eve of perhaps one of the most momentous trials in the annals of the history of France, during the present century, allow me, honoured Sir, to express to you the feelings of warm admiration, which I entertain for your person, in the glorious battle which you are fighting for the cause of liberty & truth, and your name will for ever be written in letters of gold.

You have stated everything, for the elucidation of what is no doubt a mystery, no longer, and it would be perfectly impossible, no matter how eloquent one

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might be, to express a title of  
one's sentiments towards such a  
citizen of a great nation.

Heroic man! Noble Sir!

Where is the individual who can  
feel as proud as you do now,  
seeing that victory seems to be  
in sight, and what you have so  
bravely & nobly fought for, is well  
nigh achieved?

My object in addressing you Sir, is  
not to sing your praises, for, as  
I said before that would be impos-  
sible, for you can estimate full  
well the real value of your magni-  
ficent efforts.

I wish to suggest one thing to you  
on the eve of this never to be for-  
gotten event, the advisability of  
your issuing a manifesto to the  
French nation, (An people,) the  
same to appear in every journal  
in the country, and its contents

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to be spread broadcast throughout  
the length & breadth of the land.  
You will explain your reasons  
for the course taken in send-  
ing the famous letter  
& accuse. To the President of  
the Republic, as well as the  
motives which induce you to  
be firmly convinced of the  
innocence of Alfred Dreyfus.

The reasons also for your coun-  
seils attacks on the so-called  
trial of Commandant Esterhazy,  
as well as the attacks on Generals  
Boisdeffre, Jona, Pillot &  
Mercier, your accusation against  
Commandant du Paty de Clam,  
and the attack on the reports  
of Commandant Ravary & General  
Pellieux. Something might be  
made of the important decla-  
ration made yesterday in the

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German Parliament, when Herr von  
Bulow emphatically denies, in  
the name of the German Govern-  
ment, of having had any relations  
whatever with the unfortunate Captain,  
& no doubt you have also proofs  
that Dreyfus never had any  
dealings with the Italian, or any  
other Government.

As for the alleged confession said  
to have been made by him, to  
Captain Lebrun Renaud, how  
can one believe this, seeing the  
letter that Dreyfus wrote to  
Maitre Desrange, stoutly pro-  
claiming his innocence on the very  
day of his degradation?

The Government know all this,  
and the reason they don't pro-  
duce the alleged confession is  
evidently because they have not  
got one.

I firmly believe, in spite of

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assurance of my highest esteem,  
and regard.

Yours faithfully

Noise Besso

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the desperate efforts the govern-  
ment is making to prejudice  
the minds of the jury against  
you, that you will secure one of  
the greatest triumphs in the  
paths of justice & light, that  
the world has seen, unrivalled in  
war, Napoleon's greatest Victories,  
and in spite of all, feeling con-  
fident you will shortly startle  
not only France, but the  
whole Universe with the facts, at  
your command.

I know by today's reports, that  
you are too busily engaged,  
for me to trespass, any  
further in your valuable time,  
and wishing you every success.  
Receive honoured Sir, the