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Thomas' Hotel,
Berkeley Square,
London, W.
Mar. 18th 1899.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to at once tell you
my reasons for writing you.

I have come to England in the
interest of "The North American
Review," and am extremely desirous
of having from your pen an article
on the present condition of affairs
in France. You perhaps realise the
great interest that all Americans
have in the affairs of France, our
sister Republic. Especially at this
time are there questions of State,

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politics, the Army, and social life, in all of which we are, as you can imagine, greatly interested; and I know of no one in France who could more lucidly, theoretically and philosophically depict the conditions as they exist, than you.

I had expected to meet you at once upon my arrival in England, hoping that I might be fortunate enough to interest you in this matter. I wonder if you realise with what intense thought America follows the fate of France? At least I can assure you that anything you can say to us at this time upon all these questions, in which I know you are bound up heart and soul, will receive a fair hearing.

I hope that you will accept this letter in the good faith in which it is written, and allow me to come into communication with you at the earliest possible moment.

If you can accede to my wishes, I beg that you will name your own terms; and if you wish I will call upon you as soon as possible after receiving your reply.

Believe me to remain,

Yours faithfully,

William B. Fitts

Monsieur Jola