

Washington D.C.  
To his Excellency 30 April 1864.  
Abraham Lincoln,  
President of the United States.

Sir,  
From the remarks made by  
you this morning on the presentation of the  
application for the release on bail of my son,  
Joseph L. Savage, who is now in confinement in  
Fort La Fayette upon certain unknown charges,  
I was led to infer that an apprehension existed  
on the mind of your Excellency that the object  
of the application was to enable him to escape  
an investigation. I feel it therefore to be my  
duty to give you my solemn assurance that the  
object is solely to enable him to look after his  
business which has been seriously impaired by  
his sudden removal and long absence from it,  
and also to make preparation to defend himself  
against any and all charges which may be  
brought against him, which, as your Excellency  
is aware, he cannot do while in confinement  
away from all means of establishing his  
innocence. Bail to any amount will be  
given by the best and most responsible of his

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fellow citizens, who have known him from  
boyhood and believe him to be incapable  
of a crime; and in the event of his being  
released upon their bond, I can safely guarantee  
that in no event will he fail to respond to  
any charge which may be brought against  
him, at any moment when he may be required  
to answer.

I am very respectfully  
Your obedient servant.

Geo Savage



George Savage Esq  
Washington  
April 20. 64

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...

Yours

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