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Bowling Green, Kentucky  
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Jefferson Davis,  
My dear Sir:

Gen. B. M. Duke, as I understand with your permission, has sent me two letters addressed by you to him in reference to the proposed publication in the Bivouac concerning the effort made by the Confederate Government to release its soldiers confined in Northern prisons.

You express apprehension that such publication as indicated in the prospectus of the Bivouac would be injurious to those persons who co-operated with the agents of the Confederate Government, and would be in bad faith. Such a result I think is not to be feared. Even in vindication of my own conduct in the matter, which has been grossly misrepresented, I would not consent to any publication that could