With every sentiment of respect and consideration, I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

To His Excellency
Andrew Johnson
President of the United States of America

Washington, November 27, A.D. 1865
To give us the assistance of a National vessel in aid of the enterprise.

Russia is perfectly wedded to this overland plan for an Intercontinental Tel. and feels that she shared the hearty cooperation of the U.S.

Negotiations are now pending at Pekin for the proliferation of the Russian line from Kyakhta Via: Pekin to the Sea Coast of China; a Russian engineer awaits in the service of the Imperial Russian, Dept. now in Pekin has put up a short line for inspection by the Chinese Authorities. The Prince Regent Khun has witnessed the operation and negotiations to extend the telegraph promise success.

In accordance with the Emperor of Russ last winter His Imperial Majesty said that the overland telegraph to America had his best wishes and he trusted it would be a success.