Woodrow Wilson, September 30, 1915: Letter asking to postpone Hill's execution

This telegram from President Woodrow Wilson to Utah Governor William Spry in September led to a brief pause before Joe Hill's execution. Later, another appeal from the president was rejected and Hill was executed.

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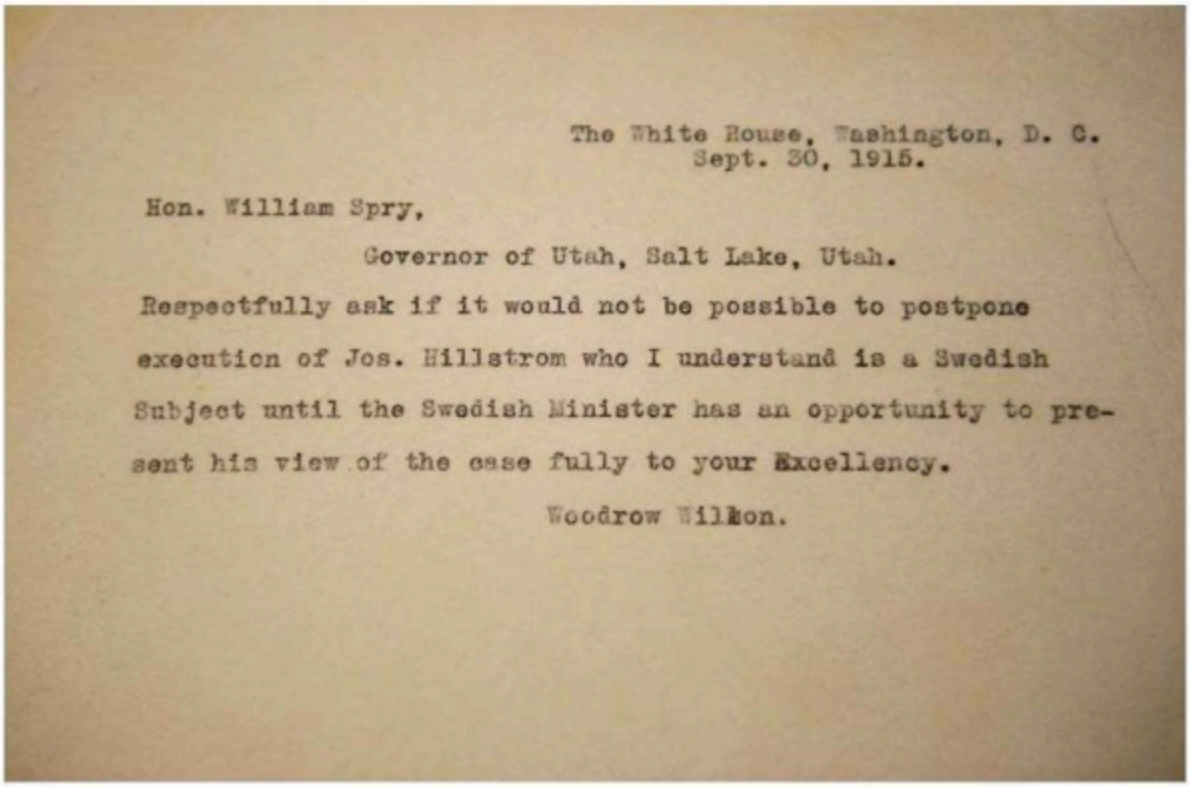
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