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To the Senate of the
United States.

I have received a copy of
a resolution of the Senate
passed ~~March 25th~~ on
the 25th instant requesting
me, if in my opinion not
incompatible with the
public interest to com-
municate to the Senate

the despatches of Major Robert
Anderson to the War De-
partment during the time he
has been in command at
Fort Sumter.

In examining the corres-
pondence then called for
I have with the deepest
regret for the Government
to the conclusion that at the
present moment the proba-
tion of the it would ^{be} ~~not~~
after my heart.

Washington, 26th March, 1860.