

Indian Affairs, to make a hurried inspection of this report and the accompanying documents, but am not in possession of a copy of said report nor of such accompanying documents except as such documents have been by me otherwise obtained. My knowledge, therefore, of this report and of these accompanying documents is not full or accurate, I not having had opportunity to inspect portions of them.

I have further ascertained that the Attorney-General, apparently pursuant to the said application to him to institute legal prosecutions, has appointed the Hon. Z. Taylor, of Tennessee, to make further investigations and report regarding the said disposition of said moneys, and that said Taylor is now proceeding to make such investigation.

I have alluded to the matters now stated for the purpose of indicating to you the reasons for my making to you the application which I hereby most respectfully make.

It is, of course, obvious that when a citizen is threatened with prosecutions of the character above alluded to, he cannot be otherwise than extremely solicitous that he should not be subjected to such prosecution unless reasonable ground for the prosecution exists, and that he should be extremely anxious that the Government should not act upon erroneous, *ex parte*, and misleading reports and statements made in his absence.

I have, therefore, ventured to make this communication to you, in which I desire to bring to your attention a full and accurate statement of all the material facts bearing upon my connection with this case (the said matter of the disposition of said moneys.)

I, at the outset of this communication, wish to say to you that the report and its accompanying documents to which I have alluded, made by the said Gardner, is in some vital particulars erroneous and misleading. It is not intended by this to indicate that intentional error or