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Dear Mr. Brennan:

As I wrote you in reply to your first letter it is quite out of the question for me to consider your case. I am pledged to more work than I shall ever be able to finish. You do not realize, I fear, the difficulty of cleaning up and investigating an old claim of this sort. It would mean for me months of study. If you can find some newspaper man or woman keen for an exciting job and willing to give the labor necessary to it you will get results.

Do not delude yourself that because a person has his name in the paper on his eightieth birthday that therefore anything he says without hard work and long investigation behind it will count.

I am sorry I cannot help you out, but it is impossible.

Very truly yours