Dear Herbie:

I hate to make a nuisance of myself, but I can't help thinking that it is worth one more try to crack at least one of the Rosenbergs, now that we have the added psychological leverage of Soviet anti-Semitism.

Cracking the Rosenbergs is not a "third degree" problem, but a psychiatric problem. Therefore, would it not be possible to get some really skillful Jewish psychiatrist, say Dr. Karl Binger, to attempt to insinuate himself into their confidence during these next thirty days and if they did show signs of coming along, a stay of execution for another thirty or sixty days could be arranged while the work progressed.

I am sure you understand that my interest is not in saving the Rosenbergs. They deserve to fry a hundred times for what they have done to this country. But — if they can be cracked, what they can tell us may save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans later.

Again, please forgive my importuning you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Herbert C. Rowell  
The Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.