

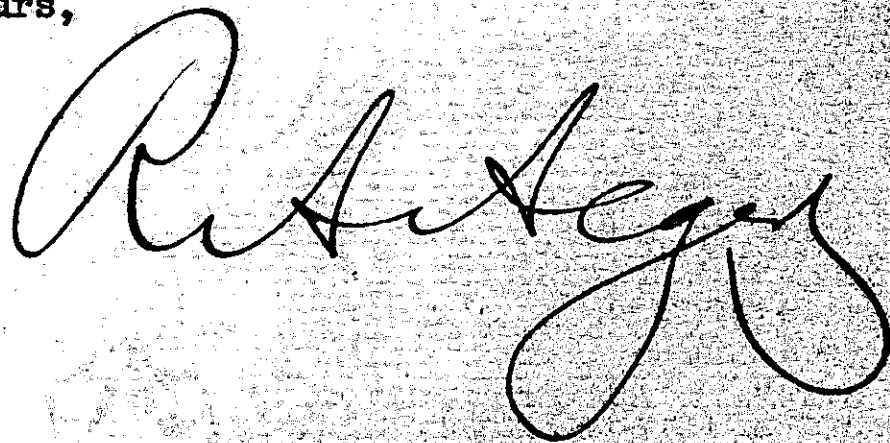
R. A. ALGER,
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My dear Judge:-

The reason your letter answered, was that I was on the Pacific, and that of your wife appealing to me. The last two years have been to me of course more trying than others. I should send it to you immediately, but being a heavy burden with the large amount I have to pay this year, I cannot go to a bank and borrow money to loan. I want very much to and I know you would not make the appeal you do, if you were not in great need. But I have buried several hundred thousand dollar account of endorsements for my friends, and I have fifty thousand of that kind of paper to pay this year, thirty of which is an absolute loss beyond any possibility of recovery.

I am therefore very reluctantly obliged to say to you, that I cannot do as you wish.

Sincerely yours,



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