

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. Some words like 'Dear Sir' and 'Yours truly' are partially visible.]

[Handwritten initials or mark in the top right corner.]

*[The Handl Mfg Co
 216 - So Canal St, Chicago,
 Gentlemen*

*[In favor of 5th ...
 red. As you are ... a few days ago. We
 have so many orders now we could do nothing with
 the Western trade - U.S. bundles are commencing to
 be appreciated by the latter they are ... the price
 they are ... It would be ... to make any
 proposition to you as we could not furnish you
 goods - besides that we do not care much for ...
 we prefer to sell direct to the trade -*

*[Wm. R. Key
 W. Handl Co,
 Mr. Excise Secy.]*