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Dear Judge Foringer:-

I wish to ask a favour of you. Can you tell me the necessary steps to take to learn if a certain idea or device has been covered by a patent? Can it be done by writing the Commissioner of Patents, or will it be necessary to write some patent-lawyer in Washington? A friend here, Mr. Whiteford, has asked me the question, and as I know you to be acquainted with the business, I told him I would ask you. Can you give us information without trouble to yourself?

Yours truly,  
E. R. Whiteford