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## Letter From William E. Mason to Horace Porter, March 10, 1897

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UNITED STATES SENATE.

Washington, D. C., March 10th, 1897.

Gen. Horace Porter,

38 Liberty St., New York City,

My dear Sir:-

The general impression here seems to be that I am to have the pleasure of voting for your confirmation as Ambassador to France.

I am informed that you are acquainted with a young gentleman in whom I have deep interest, Mr. Huntington Wilson, whose father and grandfather were my personal friends. His father is still an active young man in Illinois, and was my colleague during my last service in the Illinois legislature. I have written Mr. Secretary Sherman, and spoke to him, in his behalf, and I intend to present him tomorrow or the next day to the President.

You will of course understand that I do not wish to interfere with your personal wishes, but I most earnestly wish you to know that I shall feel greatly obliged if you can see your way clear to take young Wilson with you.

I do not recommend him simply on the ground that he is the son of my very close friend, and would not do so, but I know him to be just the sort of a young man to go into the service.

Very sincerely your obedient servant,

Wm. E. Mason.