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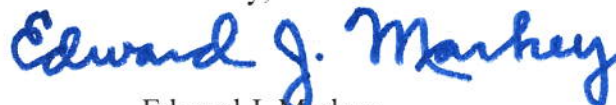
Dear President Obama:

I write concerning the request of brothers Robert and Michael Meeropol that you issue a proclamation declaring that the conviction of their mother, Ethel Rosenberg, on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage, was unjust and that her execution in 1953 was wrongful.

Evidence that has surfaced since Ethel Rosenberg's conviction and execution raises doubt that she received a fair trial. Her execution was opposed by, among others, Pope Pius XII, Albert Einstein, and the then-director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation J. Edgar Hoover. The facts and circumstances suggest that a reexamination of Ethel Rosenberg's historic case is warranted.

I ask that you give all due consideration to the Meeropols' request.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator