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I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

James Buchanan.

Department of State,
Washington, 10th. March, 1847,
To R. B. McAfee, Esquire,
Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ult. requesting leave to publish your note of the 4th. March 1834, to the Minister for Foreign affairs of New Granada, has been received. In answer, I have to state that I mentioned the subject to the President, who directs me to inform you, that as he is apprehensive that a publication of diplomatic correspondence under such circumstances would form a precedent which might prove injurious to the public interests, he feels himself obliged

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