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Washington, April 12<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dear Sir:

We have the war upon us.  
The telegraphic news of this morning  
you will have seen before this reaches you.

The impression here is held by many.

1<sup>st</sup> That the effort to reinforce will be  
a failure.

2<sup>nd</sup> That in less than 24 hours from this  
time Anderson will have surrendered.

3<sup>rd</sup> That in less than 30 days Davis will  
be in possession of Washington.

Yours truly

Edwin M. Stanton.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> James Buchanan.