U.S. Ship Raritan
Off Vera Cruz 30th May 1846

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to your personal acquaintance Mr. Diamond our consul at Vera Cruz, who you already so well know officially.

Mr. D is direct from the seat of war and is au feit [well versed] in all Mexican affairs.

I have heard several of our Naval Commanders speak of the importance and accuracy of the information which he has constantly given to them. His situation for some time past has been no sinecure - in the absence of a minister all our correspondence has been conducted through him, and there has not been a day without the exchange of important letters. He leaves in this place many warm friends.

I am, respectfully Your Obt. Servt [obedient servant] J. M. Foltz

To the Hon James Buchanan Secretary of State.