



Telegram from Governor West to Sheriff Rand: Department of Justice file

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C. T. Godwin, District Attorney,
Baker, Oregon.

January 4, 1914.

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