On these grounds
The Court declares the application in proper form and admissible;
It states that it will institute a supplementary investigation;
and declares that there are no grounds at present for a ruling on the Public Prosecutor’s application concerning the suspension of the penalty.


Appendix 34: The Speech of Deputy Poincaré in the Chamber of Deputies,
28 November 1898

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‘The time has come’ he said in substance, ‘when silence for some of us would be utter cowardice. For the last two years, with almost everyone else and with the majority of my colleagues, I have wished for the truth, but I have held that the authority of a judicial decision could not be shaken by illegal and almost revolutionary means. I have however, always asked the Government to put an end to certain intolerable abuses committed in certain bureaux at the War Office.’ (Cheers.)

‘Today an effort is being made without the responsibility of the Government – a final and supreme effort – to prevent all these abuses from becoming known. It is strange that now for the third time Colonel Picquart should be prosecuted, and I cannot help affirming that these prosecutions have always taken place in conditions giving them, I will not say the character, but the aspect of reprisals. He has been kept in secret imprisonment quite beyond all reasonable bounds, and while this ex-officer is being prosecuted, other more serious acts are unaccountably allowed to go unpunished. The authors of a number of forged documents are not in prison; only M. Picquart is there. These methods are such as finally to make even the calmest minds revolt. (Cheers.) It is the duty of the men who held office in 1894 at all events not in any way to prevent the discovery of the truth. In 1894 I, like many of my colleagues, knew of Dreyfus’s arrest only a few days after it had taken place through a newspaper article’

There were loud cheers and general expressions of astonishment, while M. Barthou, one of the colleagues in question, jumping up in his place, exclaimed: – ‘It is the language of truth. I applaud it and support you in your attitude.’ (Cheers.)

‘If,’ continued M. Poincaré, ‘if I have hesitated to make a public declaration, it is because no competent jurisdiction has had the case in hand. At present everyone who possesses a single particle of the truth is bound to make it known’. (Cheers.) ‘The Ministers of 1894 never heard mention of any other definite charges than that of the bordereau, and never did the then Prime Minister (it was M. Dupuy) nor any of his colleagues hear of any such thing as confessions made by Dreyfus to Captain Lebrun-Renault.’ (loud cheers.)

M. Cavaignac, rising in his place: ‘General Mercier received these confessions.’

– ‘I willingly accept this correction, but he made no mention of it to his colleagues, and Capitan Lebrun-Renault, when summoned by the Prime Minister, never mentioned any such confessions. It was not for any one of us in 1894 to substitute our opinion for that of a Court-martial, but today fresh facts have been revealed. The Court of Cassation is examining them, and what we ask is that it should be left to examine them in complete independence,
all procedure connected with it being adjourned until later on. In acting as
I have acted I consider that I am following our national traditions of justice
and liberty (loud cheers); and I am happy to have seized the opportunity, too
long awaited, thus to ease my conscience.’

Source: The Times, 29 November 1898.

Appendix 35: Le monument Henry:
Extracts from remarks accompanying contributions to Henry’s
subscriptions, December 1898–January 1899

The contributions are accompanied by signatures or commentaries such as:
‘Concierge for Jews, disgusted by the Yids’
‘A French Catholic full of hatred for the Jews and Freemasons’
‘Feutrier, photographic dealer and antisemite, victim of Jews’
‘A Priest praying for a bedside carpet made of Yid skin’
‘A military physician who would vivisect Jews rather than harmless rabbits’
‘An Artillery lieutenant ashamed to see so many Jews in his army’
‘Resident of Baccarat, keen to put all the Yids, young and old, into glass
furnaces’
‘A cook, wants to roast the Jews’
‘An Alsatian robbed several times by the Jews’
‘Ex-civil servant, financial and administrative victims of the Jews and
Freemasons’
‘A miserable commercial traveller, enemy of all Jews and foreigners’
‘A subscriber asking why the Jews want to be French? Negroes aren’t white’
‘Lydia M., aged twenty, rich only in hatred of the Yids’
‘A French Catholic, out of hatred for the Jews and Protestants, enemies of
France’
‘L.M. the authentic antisemitic café-owner’
‘A group of candidates for the Ecole Polytechnique’ protest against ‘the Jewish
invasion’
‘An anti-Jew who never buys from the Jews at any price’
‘A French Captain, victim of the English and the Jews’
‘A subscriber, who thinks it should be forbidden for any Jew to travel in
France without a yellow robe’
‘Henri Loubeau, a small winegrower, enraged by the thought that the Yids
can drink the excellent Montreuil-Bellay wine’
‘A little Gentile, out of hatred of the deicide Jew, the cause of all our
misfortunes’
‘An inmate of La Salpêtrière [Parisian hospital] who wants to see all the Jews
crucified’
‘A subscriber, convinced the Jew is a stinking and dangerous beast and
destruction is necessary’
‘A medical student who would like to dissect all the Yids in France’