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Mr Geo E Smith  
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Dear Sir:

I have just been going over some of the D E George - Booth material and wondered whether there was any chance of you being in Detroit again soon. If there is I would like to see you at that time. If there is no chance of your getting here soon would you mind writing me the answers to the following questions:

When and how did you first become acquainted with D. E. George?

During your acquaintance what stories did he tell you of his past life that you can remember?

I believe while you were here last winter you stated that after learning that D E George might be John Wilkes Booth it was your idea that there would be wonderful possibilities in the exhibition of the body. I am quite interested in this because of the fact that Mr. Bates has been exhibiting the body with a carnival company in the southwest. Why didn't you go ahead with this? Undoubtedly, the interest and the excitement at that time was much greater than could be aroused at the present.

Did you ever make any effort to communicate with any of George's people; that is, with any of the Booth's?

Did you know that George was addicted to morphine?

Did George ever have more than an ordinary amount of money; that is, more than he would earn painting houses?

How steady did he work at painting and do you remember whether he worked for someone else or took his own contracts?

Do you remember how much money you loaned him altogether?

As I understand, from one of the wills he left, you expected to be reimbursed at his death for whatever you loaned him.

What finally decided you towards going home and dropping the matter altogether? That is, at the time you left Enid, January 17th, 1903.

I would certainly appreciate very much, Mr. Smith, having you answer these questions and telling me anything more than you think of.

I am quite anxious to clear up all the points in Mr. Bates' book and this will help me considerably.

Trusting that I will hear from you within the very near future,

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Very truly yours

F L Black