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Dear Mr. Bates:

Yours of April 29, duly rec'd; and, let me assure you with much pleasure, though our friend, Mr. Koehler, unwittingly mislead you. He was listening to me with "one eye" and attending to business with the other.

1st. I heard of you personally through a son of Col. Traylor, that knew you at Grandbury and knew something of the story of St. Helen at that place. Then, I had read your book, that Leslie Traylor, of this city, loaned me. These things, together with the story of Col. Baker, the Spy, and what I learned in Mexico, led me to Mr. Koehler.

I was not in Mexico at the time of Maximillian, was born in 1872. But, 21 years ago, I moved to Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mex. There I knew Frank Mullin, the Jesuit, Harbinger, John the Baptist, of Maximillian. He was sent to Mexico, in Jan. 1861, to start business. Was at Montgomery, Ala. at the inauguration of J. Davis, "looking on the show" of American suicide. Knew him $5\frac{1}{2}$ years. Was interested in a mine with him and fed him 2 years. He was in my house daily after my papers. Thus, I could gather little by little, his feelings. Just the name of Lincoln would set him on fire. As well the Monroe Doctrine as declared by Lincoln to Napoleon III in Jan. 1865. Lincoln, a common American, presumed to interfere with matters pertain to his most sacred majesty, Maximillian, and his more sacred Majesty, Franz Joseph, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, and there was His Holiness, Pius 9, as well as Napoleon III. Booth, as a loyal Catholic, was justified in exonerating Mrs. Surratt, because if she were guilty that would make a conspiracy involving the R. C. church. But, look at her, a fanatical church woman, and French too. As far as Andrew J. was concerned, he was merely a "wheel within a wheel," a "conspiracy within a conspiracy."

I has some friends among the 18 killed Jan. 10, 1916, at Santa Ysabel, Chilhuahua, Mex. There were two sets of murders, Carrancista and Ex-Villistas. The Carrancistas took the money, \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00, and the Ex-Villistas, the clothing and jewelry, See? Johnson got his share, the office of President. The others got hanged, or "left", as Lee did not start a new rebellion, as expected. They expected him to treat his oath of parole as a "scrap of paper." The Tartar heads of Germany and Austria, nor the old black Romans, can not comprehend the mind action of a white man. Those mixed bloods are always looking for a hole to get out of a bad bargain -- bad for them. The noted outlaw, formerly, Pancho Villa, is a better man than they. He will, as most Indians, keep sacredly his word. Lee did.

You see, Lincoln began helping Benito Juarez in Jan. 1865, while Benito was camped within a mile of where I sit at this moment.

Would be glad to aid you, but I am a poor man with a family, and know better than to come out in the open at this place. Remember, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, and the attempt upon Teddy at Milwaukee 1912. The four gun men were of one school. If it happened to them what would become of a small one like me? Look at Gov. Cats of Florida, his has not ended yet. Yours will start up. In fact I noticed a reference to you in the press a short time ago. You, of course, saw it, you will see more. Look up the book, "Romanism or Americanism, Which?" by John T. Christian. Any Baptist minister in Memphis will have it.

So, kindly burn this, my Dear Mr. Bates, for the sake of those dear to me.

May you sell your book by the million, and keep up the good work as old Tennessee knows how to do.

Frat'ly
