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Mr William H Briggs
Harper & Brothers, Publishers
49 East 33rd Street
New York City N Y

Dear Mr Briggs:

I am sending under separate cover by American Express the manuscript of the story dealing with Lincoln's assassination and John Wilkes Booth. The delay in forwarding this to you is due to my desire that Mr W J Cameron, Editor of the Dearborn Independent read it over first.

While some of the material used in my Dearborn Independent articles is included it forms a very small proportion of the manuscript. The printed sections have been taken as they stand from the Dearborn Independent stories. I am willing, of course, to make any changes that you may suggest should you decide to issue the book. I still have another typewritten page of copy to add to the preface. In this I give credit to some of the folks at Harvard University and a number of others who have aided me with material. I am also preparing a complete bibliography of all books from which I have quoted. You will note a two-color wood block at the beginning. This was made by Paul Honore for my article in the Dearborn Independent, "Lincoln's Premonitions of Death" part of which is used as Chapter 4. I have the electrotype^s of this and if you think it advisable it can be used as a frontispiece.

With reference to title, I have suggested three, none of which may be particularly good. This is a matter for your judgment.

Pictures: I am submitting a great many more than can be used - again a matter for your judgment. I have placed the notes at the back of each chapter. You may want to have all of them at the back of the book or use the references as foot notes and the longer notes in the back of the book; again your judgment will be followed in this matter.

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Should you decide to publish the book, I will gladly prepare an index from the printer's proof. I suppose if you issue this at all you will expect to bring it out in the fall. Should you do so, I can arrange for reviews by Dr Barton, the Lincoln author, Carl Sandburg, and others whom I know.

Very truly yours

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