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Mr. W. B. Penniman,
Glen Echo Circle,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Penniman:

During the past few days I have been going over the books and papers that Mr. Bates used in connection with the D. E. George - Booth matter. I remember that you were on the road and wondered whether you got into Detroit at any time. If you do, I would like very much to have you call me up at Cherry 4880 and I will try to return the hospitality of the evening at your home in Columbus last winter.

You say in the "Sunnyside" that Mr. Bates learned of George's death through the reading of the confession to Mrs. Harper in the papers.

① Do you remember any additional incidents in connection with the coming of Mr. Bates to Enid the first time? ② Do you remember how Mr. Bates first identified the body of D. E. George as his friend John St. Helen? ③ Did you believe that St. Helen and D. E. George was the same man from a recognition of the tin type in Mr. Bates's possession; that is, the tin type of St. Helen? ④ Was the tin type of St. Helen broken and defaced in any manner at the time that you first saw it? ⑤ Mr. Bates claims that the body always belonged to him and that he had written authorization from the Booth family to act as their agent and take care of the body. ⑥ Did you ever see this? As I understand the situation you had the body declared as part of the estate and became administrator of the estate; therefore, the body belonged to you to do with as you pleased. ⑦ How was George E. Smith notified of D. E. George's death? What papers were among D. E. George's effects in the trunk? ⑧ I think you told me last winter that you did not remember of ever seeing any manuscript copy that might be taken for a play. ⑨ Did you ever take any measurements of D. E. George's height after his death. If so, do you remember how tall he was? ⑩ Was there ever any real substantial evidence offered to you to prove that D. E. George was John Wilkes Booth? Your newspaper friends in Enid seemed to think it was merely good material for newspaper feature stories. I hate, like the dickens, Mr. Penniman, to bother you with this thing again, and know of no way to repay you for your past kindness and the requests I am now making unless you do come to Detroit and let me show you some of the city. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for reply and trust that I will hear from you within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

F. V. [Signature]