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Mr F L Black
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Dear Mr Black:

In response to your letter of the 28th instant, I am enclosing herewith photograph of the Booth lot in Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland. I obtained this picture from Captain Oldroyd, and it is the one he hangs up in his collection. I assured him that it would be returned within a short while in good condition. I am keeping the frame in my office until the photograph is returned.

I suggest that you have cut made and keep the picture there until I go to Dearborn which will probably be about a week or ten days from now. This picture shows the west side of the monument facing. As you understand, John Wilkes Booth is buried to the east side of the monument. When Booth's body was removed to Green Mount, President Johnson exacted the promise from Edwin Booth that the grave would bear no marker. Therefore the grave was dug very close to the monument on the east side and the ivy which you see around the monument in the picture which covers all four sides of the monument and was simply lifted up and spread back over the grave of John Wilkes Booth. Captain Oldroyd states that he occasionally has someone to inquire of him where Booth is buried, and he tells them and they reply that he is mistaken; that they have just visited the Booth lot and cannot find his grave there but can find the grave of the other members of the Booth family, and this is the explanation he gives why you do not see the grave of Booth when you visit the cemetery.

Yours very truly,

F. Hunter Creed

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