December 22, 1937

Mr F S Reinhardt, Mgr
Ford Motor Company
Louisville Ky

Dear Mr Reinhardt:

In the Louisville Journal - now the Courier Journal - for January 18, 1867 appeared a story reprinted from the New York Times which quoted a letter from a man by the name of James E Campbell claiming that John Wilkes Booth escaped and was living on the Island of Ceylon. We would like very much to have a photostat of this article.

There are also some stories that appeared in the Journal about the same time in which a man by the name of Sterling King claimed that he, King, and not Booth had killed Lincoln.

I understand that Mr H W Stodghill, of the Journal, is familiar with some of these early stories dealing with Booth, and may be able to give you the exact references and arrange for photostats.

Very truly yours,

F L BLACK

FLB:EGH

Does the Courier Journal have any references to John Wilkes Booth playing in Louisville? I understand that he appeared on some Louisville stage in 1861 or 1863. FLB

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Mr F L Black
The Edison Institute
Dearborn Michigan

Dear Mr Black:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 22nd which was addressed to attention of Mr Reinhardt and given to the writer for handling, in which you requested certain information which appeared in the Louisville Journal on January 18th 1867.

A copy of this issue is attached and designated in red pencil, as the sheet was so large that it was impossible to copy it in one shot. Also you will find attached several copies of the Louisville Journal with the dates shown thereon, containing information pertaining to John Wilkes Booth.

We were unable to find the information as outlined in the postscript of your letter concerning references to John Wilkes Booth playing in Louisville, although a search was made over a period of ten years.

Attached you will also find a copy of the New York Herald of Saturday, April 15 1865, which carries the complete story of the assassination of Lincoln and which we felt confident would be of interest to you.

We regret that we were unable to locate all of the data requested in your letter. If there is any further assistance we can render, please advise.

Yours very truly,

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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Assistant Manager.