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Mrs E Glenn Baxter
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Dear Mrs Baxter:

With reference to your letter of Mardh 4, there is no question in the minds of the directors of the Smithsonian Institution or of our folks here that the chair which is on display at the Lincoln Court House in Greenfield Village is not the one in which the martyred president was sitting at the time he was shot by Booth. We have an affidavit by the former owner, and letters from the War Department supporting this claim.

~~The chair was purchased at an auction sale held in November, 1929, at Washington~~. After having been stored at the Smithsonian for 65 years it was turned over to the widow of the former owner, Blanche Chapman Ford, from whom it was purchased at an auction sale in November, 1929.

The upholstery is the original, and there has been no reason to believe that the stains are not the actual blood stains.

The other boy who visited the Smithsonian last summer must have misunderstood. There are ~~three~~ two other pieces of furniture in the set which are now on display at the Smithsonian, but they were occupied on the night of the assassination by the other members of the President's theater party. a sofa and a chair.