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DIVISION OF
BOOKKEEPING AND WARRANTS

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Mr. F. Hunter Creech,
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323 Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 3, 1925, making inquiry with regard to the payment of the rewards offered for the capture of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, you are advised as follows:

By the Act of July 28, 1866 (14 Stat. 341), Congress provided an appropriation for the payment of the rewards offered by the President and by the officers of the War Department, in April and May, 1865, for the capture of the assassins of President Lincoln and of the persons who attempted to assassinate Secretary of State, William H. Seward.

This Act specifically named the persons to whom the payments should be made, and the amount each should receive, the distribution of the rewards being as follows:

For the capture of Booth and Herold (Distributed to 34 persons).....	$75,000.
For the capture of Payne (Distributed to 10 persons).....	5,000.
For the capture of Atzerott (Distributed to 9 persons).....	25,000.
	$105,000.

Payment to each person named in the Act of July 28, 1866, above referred to, was made by separate draft of the Treasurer of the United States issued August 9, 1866, on Treasury Warrant No. 7724, dated August 8, 1866, and each of the paid drafts, aggregating the total sum appropriated, is now in the files of the Government.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Division of
Bookkeeping and Warrants.