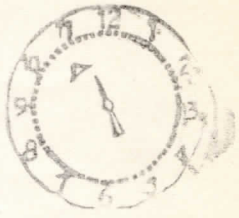
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Sir:

Having a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the John wilkes Booth confessions as recorded by Mr. Finis L. Bates of Memphis, Tennessee, and who now has in his possession the embalmed body of said Booth. I have seen the grave of another body marked "Booth" in the Baltimore Cemetery and the Government reports have a place in the Navy Yards in Washington D.C. while as school children we were taught that the Lincoln assasin was "Lead" in the mad slinging bed of the famous Potomac river which flows serenely by our Capital.

Now we can not resurrect this body but we can - the Bates "mummy" — the one in the Baltimore Cemetery - and if U.S. ("Sams" uncle) is sincere in recording a true history we might obtain the Navy Yard body under strict official surveilance.

Even so, in these days of X Ray Magnifying glasses, finger prints, micrometers and bloodless Surgery we aught to be scientific enough to forever decide this "myth" regardless of any imaginative writing form of sworn Statements conceived in times of passion, selfishness, anger — lass of memory and alas — lass of discrimination!

The Real body of John Wilkes Booth

had enough distinctive marks to check up by — and it would seem that the body that conclusively shows the wounded thumb — the scar over the eye and the fractured bone of lower leg it should satisfy any fair minded person.

I will digress from this to the following questions:

Does not history record that General Grant did leave Washington D.C. on afternoon of day of assasination?

How did Booth get the Pass word T. B. or T. B. Rood?

Who can read Johnsons (Eulogy?) at oath of office ceremonies and doubt the author of this conspiracy?

I have carefully read Mr. F. L. Black's articles — If he wants

to analyze the Bates record
why oh why does he not
pick out all of it and give
that part of the public reading
the Dearborn Independent the
benefit of all Mr. Bates has
laboriously recorded in his
book upon this subject?

For some unknown reason I
have been interested in this Booth
mystery since I first saw the
Bates "mummy" in Enid, Oklahoma
and talked with most all of the
citizens there who had personal
opinions — I recall Mr Penniman
the undertaker as one of the most
sincere advocates then of the
genuineness of this body — albeit
the April 22-1922 Independent

quotes him as writing it is all "bunk" - that won't carry.

However to retrace our steps to the gist of this controversy

Can we not, or you, Mr. Ford, whose influence is so great - in view of the fact that the Reward has never been paid -- is it not worthy of a bed rock haunt to God investigation?

Respectfully yours

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