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Mr J W Connolly
Traffic Department
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Alexandria Va

Dear Mr Connolly:

Some time when one of your road men is in Richmond, Va., I would like to obtain a photostat of an article which appeared in the Richmond Inquirer for September 11, 1873, "A Strange Story - Is Wilkes Booth Still Alive?"

While looking this up, if the Richmond papers can be found for 1858, I would like also to have any stories about John Wilkes Booth that may have appeared at that time. He was playing in Richmond under the name of J Wilkes.

In Ezekiel's "History of the Jews in Richmond" there is also supposed to be a story about the part John Wilkes Booth took at the Hanging of John Brown in 1858. He was a temporary member of the "Richmond Grays" on that occasion. We do not have a copy of this book in the Detroit library. If you can borrow one at either the library in Washington or Richmond, we would appreciate having it long enough to photostat the pages referring to Booth. If you can not borrow the book long enough, copy the story giving us the page numbers and the information appearing on the title page.

Very truly yours,

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