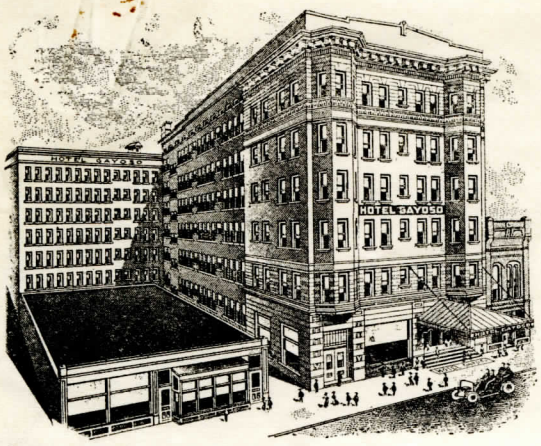
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Mr. E. G. Liebold,
225 Boston Blvd., East,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Liebold:

I have your letter of the 26th. of April, which I appreciate, and am herewith sending you copies of letters which may be of interest to you to read. My investigation - since I saw you - has been done entirely by correspondence, which is so far very unsatisfactory. Those who know much of interest are not inclined to put themselves on record, lest it might give them some trouble in the future, and to accomplish much requires personal interviews - not as a detective but as a diplomat.

One of the copies I cannot give you the name of the writer, which I have obtained under the strictest confidence, as you will appreciate when you read the letter. This man made statements to Mr. Koehler, the manager of the exhibit, stating that he - as well as Booth, had the confidence of Maximillian, and they made their escape from Mexico when Maximillian was executed. Now you will note in his letter he claims to have not been born until 1872, while Maximillian was executed July 20, 1867 or 68. But Mr. Koehler says he is an old man, which I think is a mistake made by this man as to date of birth, and rather indicates his feeble condition. But I will let you judge of this desultory letter, which rather adds an international purpose and conspiracy against the life of Lincoln.

I am also sending you a copy of a letter written me by Mr. Geo. E. Smith, which is self-explanatory, as well as the original of one of the two letters which I have received, and which are self-explanatory. I am also sending copy of postscript to a letter which I have received with reference to Franklin Ruddy, written from authoritative sources.

With my personal regards, and request that you remember me kindly to Mr. Henry Ford, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. L. Bates

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