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Mr. F. L. Black
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My dear Mr. Black:

When Mr. Eisenschiml began his studies which culminated in his recent book, he came here to our Foundation for material and we prepared for him several bibliographies on the subject. Our correspondence with him was very voluminous and we prepared hundreds of photostats.

If you could find a day or two off some time in the near future and could come to Fort Wayne and look over our correspondence with Mr. Eisenschiml and also the hundreds of magazines which we have that deal directly or indirectly on the subject, we think you might be able to pick up quite a lot of material. We would be very glad indeed to cooperate with you here to the fullest extent as there is no single question of Lincolniana which troubles us so much as the continually reappearing question "Did Booth really escape?"

Probably you know that Judge Wilkerson of Kansas City has a manuscript under way which will soon be published to prove conclusively that Booth did escape and I was recently informed that Mr. Eisenschiml in his next work will ask the question: "Who killed Booth, if he was killed?" so I think you will see how timely your discussion will be.

We are very anxious to assist you here in any way we can and if you do not find it convenient to come here, we will, of course, gather such material as we can in the way of notations from bibliographies on the subject and forward them to you.

Very truly yours

Louis A Warren

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