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Mr. E. G. Leibold,
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My dear Mr. Leibold:

I have just mailed you by parcel post samples of my nut lock which I own for the United States and Canada, and would be glad to have your company adopt it for use in the manufacture of your cars. Prices for which I can advise you later. But if you manufacture your own nuts or bolts and nuts, should be glad to arrange reasonable royalty for such use.

Kindly advise me on receipt of samples.

Developments in my Boothe story have been such that I have withheld the publication. There has been two books recently published, one in Washington, D.C., by Miss McCarthy, and one by Mr. Campbell of Oklahoma City, Okla., largely in coroboration of my story, while in no statement contradicted.

I have just recently learned that the mother and brother of Franklin Robey, who was killed at the Garret barn instead of Boothe, went to Washington City to identify and

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claim the body of Franklin Robey, the son and brother, obtained an order from Secretary Stanton to Col. Baker for this purpose; on the presenting of this order by the Robeys to Col. Baker, Col. Baker informed them that they could not see the body and unless they left at once, they would be arrested and tried as co-conspirators with the other prisoners, Mrs. Surratt and others who were then in jail. They left immediately and feared for their own safety to mention the matter.

Col. Baker for his connection with the identification of the body of Robey for that of John Wilkes Boothe and his testimony in the John H. Surratt trial, was indicted by the Federal authorities in 32 counts for perjury, and is reported to have died pending this prosecution. I have this matter now being thoroughly investigated and if I get this information properly authenticated, will make my story conclusive of the contentions made in it as well as ~~conclusions~~. complete

I was first for Mr. Ford for President of the U.S. and have lost no opportunity to urge his preferment as president of the U.S. and shall continue this purpose of which

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I will advise with you and his friends later. with reference to the party, if any, to be ~~alive~~. My idea is to take the best principals of both the Democratic and Republican party and let Mr. Ford improve on this by making suggestions of his own, adopting, as I say, the best features of the other two old parties. Call a mass meeting of the American people before whom we will submit a platform such as we or Mr. Ford should adopt and run him not as a Democrat, a Republican or Independent, but appeal to the American voters on the principles announced in this platform. This policy carried out, in my opinion, after an investigation since I first mentioned the matter to you a year or more ago, will sweep Mr. Ford into the Presidency, of the U.S.

Remember me kindly to Mr. Ford and other friends, and with personal regards for yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Finis L. Bates