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"To observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and actively to encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career."

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Dec. 30, 1942

Dear Mr. Black:

Have been reading your article that appeared on Booth and the assassination some years ago in the Dearborn Independent. In your study of the assassination did you come to the conclusion that there were others involved besides the parties who were caught and tried? This question is asked of me by so many people and I have never made any study of the assassination. Have read some of the literature on the subject, with the none to definite assertions that Stanton and others were mixed up in it, but have not been satisfied that there was any proof for such statements. If not too much trouble I would like to have your views on it.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Pratt

January 6, 1942.

Mr. Harry E. Pratt,
The Abraham Lincoln Association,
First National Bank Building,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

With reference to your letter of December 30, there was a series of seven articles by me in the Dearborn Independent in 1925. Do you have all of them?

In my study of the assassination, I came to the conclusion that all those who had anything to do with the affair were caught. I could never find anything that would point to Stanton or others as being mixed up in it. The evidence brought forward by Eisensheimel and one or two others who have claimed that Secretary Stanton was involved in the plot is wholly circumstantial, as you undoubtedly have found. It has been years since I did this research, and, frankly, I haven't kept it up.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Cordially yours,

Fred L. Black.

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