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Mr George M Battey, Jr
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Dear Mr Battey:

We were very much interested in your letter of September 25th with the enclosed letter from Dr Barton. I have gathered nearly a whole library of material on the assassination and wrote it up in a series of articles for the Dearborn Independent last year. Of course, it was impossible to more than touch on many phases of it in a series of magazine articles. I am quite well acquainted with men in several publishing houses and discussed with them the possibility of bringing this out in book form. They claimed, however, that there would not be sufficient reader interest to pay the publisher. I went ahead for the fun of the thing, rewrote the entire story, carefully annotated it giving all references and sent it along to Dorans, Doubleday-Page and Bobbs-Merrill. They repeated what they had told me earlier.

I have all the trial records and hundreds of newspaper clippings gathered from 1865 on, but have never seen an account of the flight given by David Herold with the exception of the statements he made to the officers on the way ffom the Garrett place up to Washington. You have evidently discovered something new here. Should you be out this way at any time I would be glad indeed to see you. I will try to get in touch with you the next time I am in New York.

Very truly yours

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