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Mr Douglas C McMurtrie
2039 Lewis St
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Dear Mr McMurtrie:

Your letter of April 29th, addressed to the publisher of the Dearborn Independent has been referred to me. The present Dearborn Independent is a small local weekly newspaper. The Dearborn Independent in which my series of articles on John Wilkes Booth appeared is that published by Mr Henry Ford and which went out of existence in 1927. After the series of articles appeared -- in 1925, not 1920 -- I rewrote them including all references and notes. Unfortunately, I have enough material for two volumes, and one of our leading publishers said they were interested if I cut it to one. I have been so terrifically busy that I haven't had time to do this.

Even if the articles, as they appeared in the Dearborn Independent, were made into book form they should contain the references to sources. Such references were left out in the magazine for lack of space.

Very truly yours

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