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EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Fred L. Black
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Dear Mr. Black:

For some time you have been receiving copies of the Lincoln Herald. I have been informed that you have much unpublished information concerning the assassination and the escape of Booth. It may be that because you made this study while in the employment of Mr. Ford, you are prevented from exploiting your knowledge. I know little about the ethics of such a situation.

In any event I am wondering if you do an article for us on this subject for the Lincoln Herald. It would be without pay and only in the interest of history. The article could be in length what you want to make it. It could be any phase of the general subject you would like. We would want it illustrated. If you feel that you are not privileged to divulge any of the information you received while making this study for Mr. Ford, a story by you telling of your experiences in conducting the study, the fun you had, the interesting angles you ran into, etc., etc., would be excellent reading. I visualize you have a splendid article of some type which you can do without any laborious recourse to forgotten notes.

I know it is asking a good deal of you but if you could write such an article, I think it will be a contribution. We would like to have it by November 1st if possible to appear in the December issue or if you cannot get it ready in time, we can make it later. I would much prefer talking to you about this rather than writing. I visualize great possibilities and I hope you can do something for us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Kincaid

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