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Mr W F Duckworth Manager
Norfolk Branch
Ford Motor Company
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Dear Sir:

We understand that Mrs Edith Ford Mitchell of Sea Pines, Virginia Beach, claims to have in her possession the couch or sofa which was in the box of the Ford Theater the night Lincoln was assassinated, also the picture of Washington which hung in front of the box. Since we have the chair in which Mr Lincoln was sitting when the fatal shot was fired, we would like to acquire the other furniture if it is obtainable. We understand Mrs Mitchell is not much interested in disposing of these possessions, but might do so at some future time.

Do you have someone who could approach her about them without disclosing the source? We would like a report as to whether she would consider selling them and the price she asks. Of course, if she thinks any Ford people are after them, the price probably will be double or triple.

Very truly yours

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