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Mr D L Chambers, Vice Pres
The Bobbs Merrill Company
Indianapolis Indiana

Dear Mr Chambers:

I certainly appreciate very much indeed the kindness of Prof Stephenson and yourself in sending me a copy of the de luxe edition of his "Lincoln."

Complying with your request, I am sending you under separate cover the first five articles dealing with Lincoln's assassination and the disposition of John Wilkes Booth. Enclosed is a proof of the sixth article. As soon as the seventh is ready, I shall forward that also. It was necessary to cut out a lot of interesting material from these articles in order to keep them short enough for the magazine and it was also felt by the Editor that seven articles were sufficient to cover the story for magazine publication.

I was quite anxious to give a biographical sketch of the Booth family and tell something of Booth's life previous to the assassination. There are also the abduction plots and the trial of the conspirators; and one of the most romantic stories in American history - the escape and final capture and trial of John H Surratt. There are also numerous affidavits, some of which are not even mentioned in the series of articles but which are valuable from an historical standpoint.

I spent a week in the Adjutant General's office in the War Department; three weeks in the Congressional Library, several days each in the Boston Public Library, Harvard University Library, New York Public Library, and have gathered quite a collection of books for the Dearborn Publishing Company on Lincoln and for myself personally, from many of which it was possible to gain additional information on both the events leading up to the assassination and the happenings after the crime was committed.

Again let me thank you and tell how much I appreciate your interest in requesting the copies of the Dearborn Independent

containing the series.

Very truly yours

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