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Mr. Fred L. Black,
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Dear Mr. Black:

Your two letters of June 7th and 11th, and the manuscript of "LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION," have been held for my return from vacation. There was no delay, however, in our consideration of the manuscript, as that went forward immediately. I now have the opinions before me, and it is with genuine regret that I am writing you the decision of the House, which is adverse to publication. The manuscript and illustrations are being returned to you by prepaid express today.

We have always been interested in the Booth myths, and it was through the friendly suggestion of William G. Shepherd that we learned of your material. Our interest is as great as ever, and we all think you have done an immense amount of work and done it intelligently.

The decision of the House is based on our inability to solve the publishing problem. We see no way to make the book commercially successful, much as we should like to undertake it otherwise.

When you are in New York some time I hope you will come and see me. I feel we ought to have a personal contact with so important a publication as The Dearborn Independent.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Briggs

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