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Mr F Hunter Creech
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Dear Mr Creech:-

Possibly you will remember that we were telling Dr Barton the day you were last here, about a book "The Bloody Junto" and he expressed a desire to have more information regarding it.

I understand that Franklin Roby, the plantation overseer of Colonel Cox, who helped take care of Booth and Harold on their escape into Southern Maryland, died in 1900 and is buried in the Newton cemetery, not far from Bel Alton. Is there any way that you can confirm this? I would like to have a picture of Roby's grave, if we can find it.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I am writing to Mr A W Neal, an old resident of La Plata. Mr Neal informed me several years ago that old Mary Kelly, who held the lamp when Booth came to Col. Cox's, was living with Mr P R Wills at Bel Alton. If she is still alive, I would like to have her picture. I would also like a picture of the Mudd Home, if that can be obtained.

As you know, the photograph I have of the pages from the Booth notebook is second-hand, that is, a photograph from a reproduction used years ago. Would it be possible to have all the pages photographed at the present time?

Mr J D Randolph, Assistant Chief Clerk of the War Department at Washington, asked several weeks ago for two complete sets of copies of the Booth articles. These were sent him and I have a very nice letter from him about them. He may be of some assistance to you in getting things on the Booth matter. I would also like to have a modern picture of Ford's Theatre.

The Sapiro case has been postponed until September. We will now have enough time to complete all our evidence.

Very truly yours

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