

210

# Letters

## TWO ASSASSINATIONS

TO THE EDITOR:

"A New Inquiry Is Needed" by Herbert Mitgang (Dec. 25) is one of the most chilling stories I have ever read; the parallels between the Lincoln and Kennedy assassinations are uncanny.

The message of this article for today seems clear: The mysteries surrounding the murder of President Kennedy may never be completely cleared, any more than were those of President Lincoln. Another investigation of the Kennedy assassination may not supply any more satisfying answers than would one of the Lincoln murder—a century ago.

Let us hope that this article is read, and understood, by those persons, sincere and otherwise, who now clamor for reopening of the Kennedy case. One significant factor: No one member of the Kennedy family has ever requested another inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

LEONARD H. GOLDBERG.

New York.

TO THE EDITOR:

Herbert Mitgang's questions about the Lincoln assassination were intriguing but not substitute for answers about the Kennedy assassination. It is probably too late to answer such legitimate questions as may exist about the former, but it is not too late to answer the many such questions about the latter. Eventually it will be, however, if the people who might continue to investigate persist in ignoring them.

MALCOLM H. BELL.

New York