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Dear Mr. Candler,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. I hasten to assure you that I will not share your findings with anyone else. Actually, the LBJ/Youngblood reactions and the open door in the Altgens photograph were the subject of much discussion and speculation, in the early days of the case. A number of the critics felt as you do; but the consensus was that this evidence in itself was inconclusive, and the matter was not further pursued. This is in no way intended to discourage you in your thesis, but only for your information.

I am delighted to learn that you are in the process of writing a book. I am, of course, complimented by your wish that I should review your ms. when it is completed. As things now stand, I think I would be willing to read your ms. but I cannot make any firm commitment, as I simply do not know what I will be doing this time next year. I have only few contacts with the publishing world but, depending on the quality of your ms., I might recommend it—but, again, I am not making any commitment at this stage.

You have all my good wishes for the success of your work. Forgive the brevity of this letter but I am under the weather with a bad upper-respiratory infection at the moment. However, I did not wish to delay too long a reply to your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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