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Dear Harold:

I have your very interesting letter of February 17. I certainly hope you will be able to find a publisher for the two books you mentioned. It has been my observation that books on the Lincoln assassination have been good sellers up to and including the present time. I think they would make you some money over the long period. Of course, a book on the newsstands now while the trial is in progress would be excellent. I don't have any suggestions, but will keep this in mind, and will try to come up with a suggestion for either a publisher or a financial angel to back them.

I have received much excellent information from Gary Schoener. He is quite a research man, and without his kindly furnishing it to me, I would have been ignorant of many important documents.

This past weekend, I had what looked like a small burglary in my office. I had kept one of my file cabinets locked with both the file cabinet lock and an iron bar. Perhaps someone thought I had some valuablesian the file, as they pried off the bottom part of the file to open the cabinet drawers. Several of my Schoener letters and one or two of yours to me were in the bottom of one of the drawers, but it did not appear that anyone went through them. Nevertheless, it is always possible to stage

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what appears to be a burglary attempt while searching for documents. Fortunately, most of the critical material was in the bank vault. If I learn any more about this matter, I will let you know.

Personally, I don't place any significance on it, and even if were agents for the other side, they didn't get anything of value.

Best personal regards,

Paul M. Rothermel, Jr.

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