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The Man

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My dear Mr. Cerf:

Thank you for sending me Philip Van Doren Stern's "The Man Who Killed Lincoln." I have read it with interest. He makes an absorbing story, more dramatically told than ever before, as you say. The attempt to follow Booth's thoughts and emotions through the fortnight in which he played so tragic a role gives a reality to the man and a coherence to the events of the fortnight which they have lacked because of the necessity of historians to weigh the difficult evidence in the case. For my part I am glad of this dramatic presentation.

Two copies of the book have been received by me. I am returning the one sent to the country.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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