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My dear Mr. Bollinger:

I owe you all sorts of apologies for not having more promptly acknowledged the copy of the Garrett letter to General Taylor in regard to the death of John Wilkes Booth. I think as you call ~~it~~ *say it is* an interesting letter and an important one.

Curious how regularly the myth of Booth's escape, his reappearance in the Southwest comes to life and what pleasure people take in writing articles and books on half-information. This letter ought to be widely distributed. Personally I am most glad to have it in the attractive form in which you have written it. Thank you very much for the copy.

What a lively organization your Oakwood Lincoln Club must be.

Very sincerely

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