

Eustis, Florida, Dec. 26, 1898.

Mr L. J. Weichmann,  
Anderson, Ind.

My Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th of December, 1898, and in reply, I take much pleasure in giving you the information you desire.

You did report to me about eight o'clock on the morning of April 15th 1865, and you communicated to me such facts as had come to your knowledge at that time. You acted as a special officer with my men, going with them to lower Maryland, Baltimore and finally to Canada in pursuit of some of the alleged guilty parties.

In no instance, was any statement made by you in relation to the conspiracy found to be false or incorrect, and very many of your assertions were subsequently corroborated by undoubted testimony of which you did not know the existence. No threats or undue influences of any kind were resorted to by any of us to control your actions.

You performed a manly part all the way through, and did your duty in such a manner as to challenge the admiration of all lovers of the truth.

Let me add that the fact that you were a boarder at Mrs. Surratt's house may have been to you the cause of much personal sacrifice in your worldly prospects, and of much suffering; but, for the sake of justice and in the behalf of the murdered Lincoln, I deem it a most fortunate event that you were there.

Trusting that this will be sufficient for your purposes, I am,

Respectfully yours,

A. C. Richards.

*Supt of Police in  
Washington in 1865.*