August 10th, 1923

Mr. Ernest East
c/o The Mutual Life Insurance Co.
of New York
Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Mr. East:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your kind letter of July 30th, enclosing the letter from Mr. A. Morphew.

It is very interesting and I am glad to have a copy (I am returning the original to you), to put with my large collection of Duff-Armstrong interviews.

Over twenty years ago, my assistant in Springfield, McCann Davis, made a thorough canvass of people then living in Illinois who knew, or claimed to know, something of the trial and of the Almanac. If I am not mistaken (these documents are not at hand) there was an interview with Mr. Morphew. That, of course, I can verify. I am particularly glad to have your interview with Sutton, from whom I feel sure I have nothing. It is a nice little problem, isn't it?

One of these days I think I shall gather all of my material together and have it published for the benefit of future Lincoln students; then I will include your letter, if you do not object.

Thank you very much for thinking of me in this connection.

Yours very truly,

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