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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Thank you for the trouble you took in writing me so fully about the review in The Times of The Hidden Lincoln.

Everything that Mr. Herndon says about Mary Lincoln must be taken with many grains of salt. She was a hysterical woman no doubt and very foolish at times, but Mr. Herndon because of his dislike of her was quite incapable of doing her justice, or of telling a story as it was.

As for Booth, he never boarded with Mrs. Sargent. Moreover, he did a little acting in ~~the~~ twelve months before the assassination. Several of those months he was in the Oil Regions of Pennsylvania expecting to get rich. But it is all too complicated to debate. If you are interested in following the Booth story I can refer you to two or three interesting and reliable books.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely

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