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Dear Miss Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of May 13th calling my attention to the program of the performance at the Ford Theatre the night Lincoln was assassinated.

As your friend no doubt knows there are authentic programs of the performance in various Lincoln collections. There are one or two I believe which claim to be stained by Lincoln's blood. The program also has been reproduced and copies are found posing as the originals. Your friend's program will therefore have to stand severest investigation if a collector would pay a fair price for it, ~~considered it~~. I should say the best persons to consult are:-

Mr. Oliver Barrett
Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Ill.
Dr. Louis Warren, First National Bank Bldg. Fort Wayne, Ind.

I am not myself a collector or I certainly would be interested. I have no idea what such a thing, if it has the proper authenticity, as I judge from your letter, would be worth. In these things it all depends on how much the person wants the item.

You might consult the Boston dealer -
Mr. Goodspeed - a dealer in old books and manuscripts -
the best in the trade.

I hope this will be of some use to you. When I have an opportunity to speak of the program to anyone I will be glad to do it.

Very truly yours

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