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Miss Ida Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

You ask about Izola Forrester. There is a long story in connection with ONE MAD ACT.

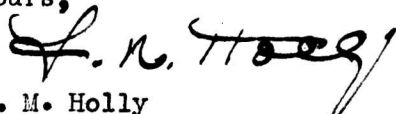
During the life time of Ray Long when he was a publisher with Richard R. Smith, he authorized Miss Forrester to do some research work with her family and in connection with the assassination. He paid my office \$1,000.00 in advance for this work. The book was finished and just at the time it was to be put on the market, the firm went bankrupt. The manuscript was turned over to me and I offered it to a great many publishing houses. They all declined it. Then John S. Clapp, of Hale, Cushman and Flint wanted to take it on, after certain changes were made and ~~research~~ research work done by the author. There was another advance and finally the book got on the market.

It had many excellent reviews and Izola Forrester made an ~~excellent~~ impression wherever she spoke before groups of club women.

Izola has quantities of data and relics from her family proving the various points she makes. There is no definite proof anywhere that certain incidence in connection with the escape have been verified. The marriage certificate is bonafide.

When you come back from your trip, will you let me know what day you would like to see me. I can run over to lunch a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Very sincerely yours,


F. M. Holly

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