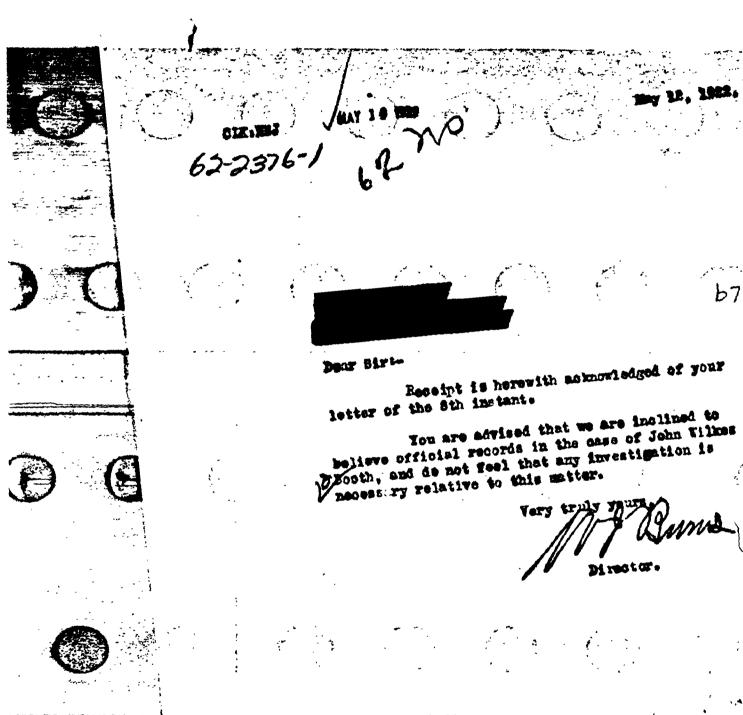
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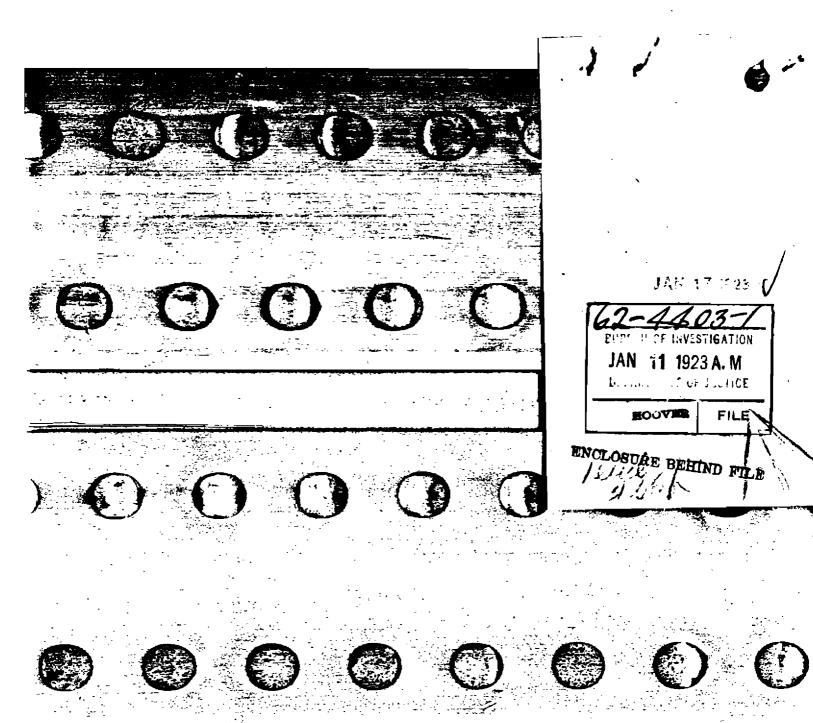
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Very truly yours

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Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation

Washington, P. C.

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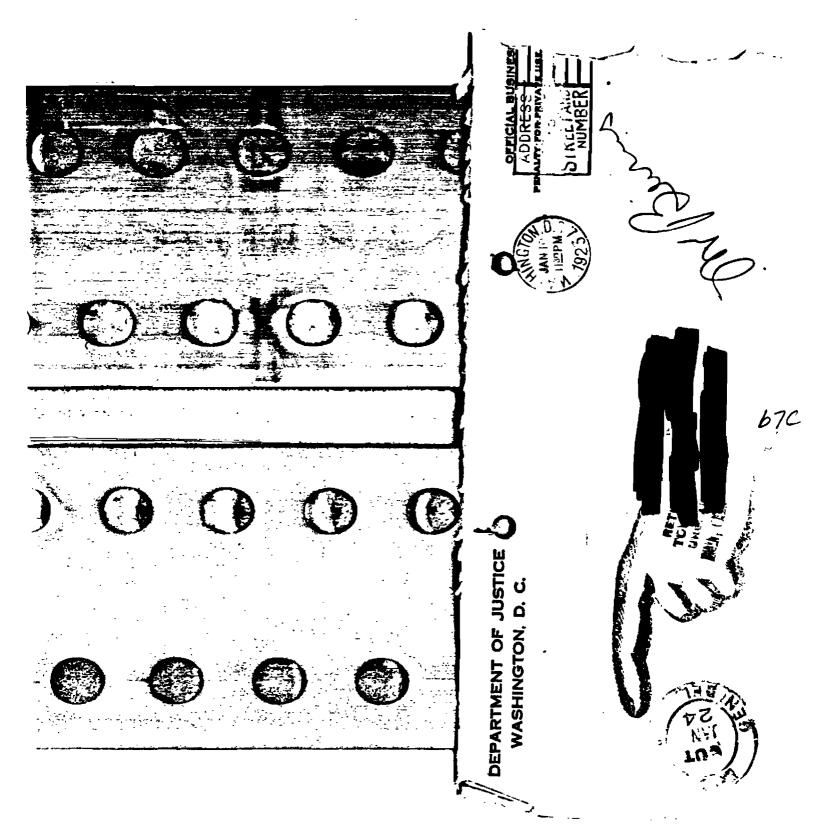
I have gone over with considerable interest the volume entitled "The Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth" by Finis L. Bates of Memphis, Tennessee, submitted by you. The work contains very strong evidence in support of the old belief that Booth did escape and live many years after the assassination of President Lincoln.

This Department has no means of verification other than historic works, as the original case was handled by the military authorities. However, I thank you for calling the matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

Director

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1948

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Sizoo.

The bearer has the left boot which John Wilkes Booth wore on the night of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, and which was later cut from his broken leg by Dr. Madd at Bryantown, Maryland. It is important that the writing itside the boot be photographed through infra-red film or other means to make it legible. So far no laboratory has ever examined the boot in any way. A photograph of this writing on the boot will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Irving C. Root Superintendent.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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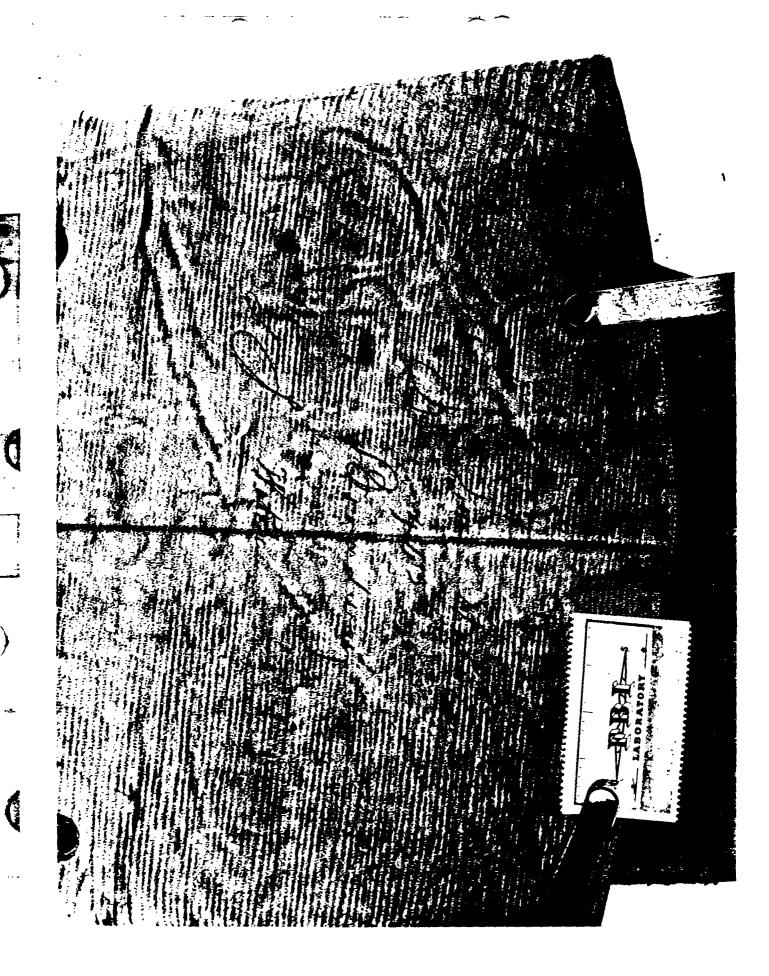
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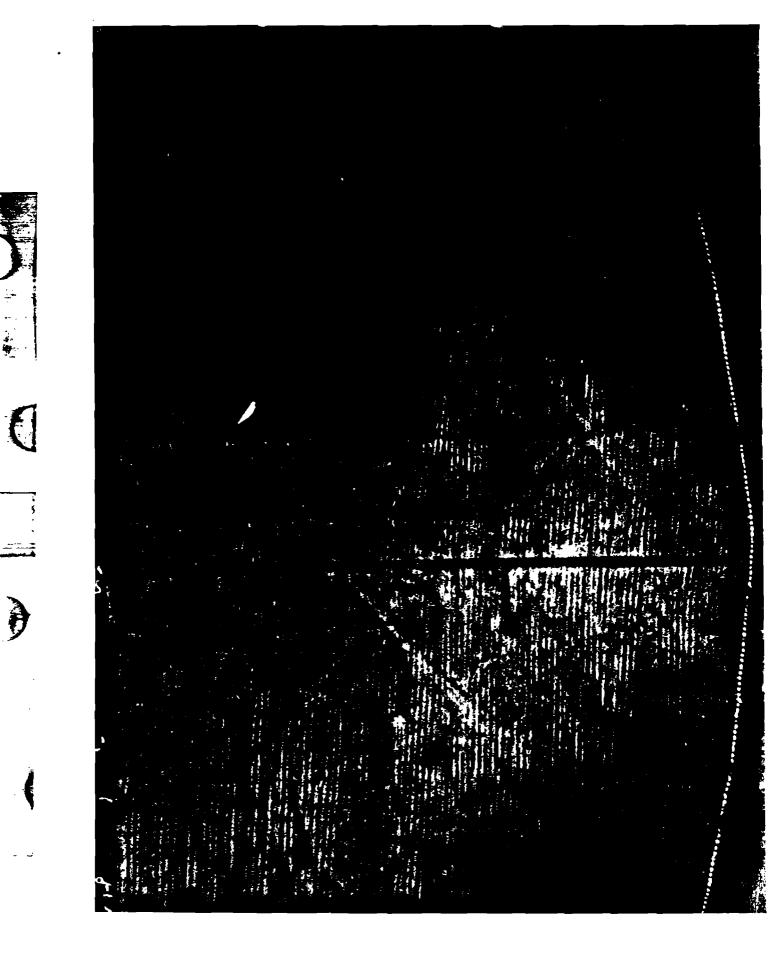
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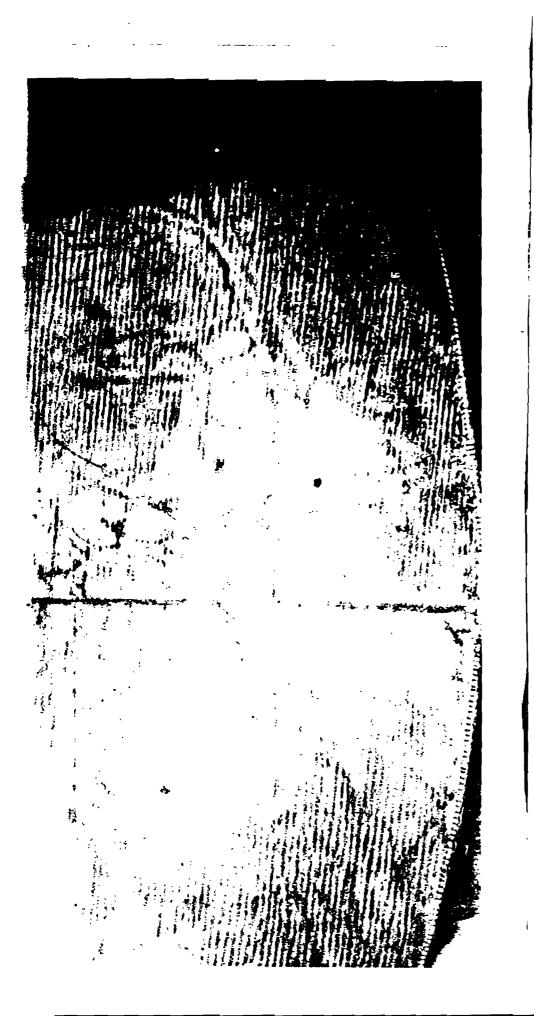
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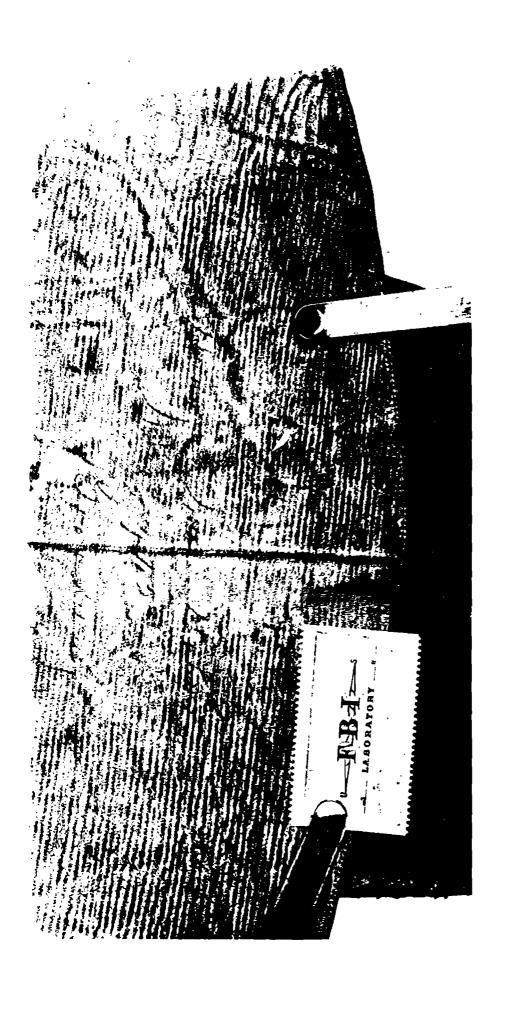




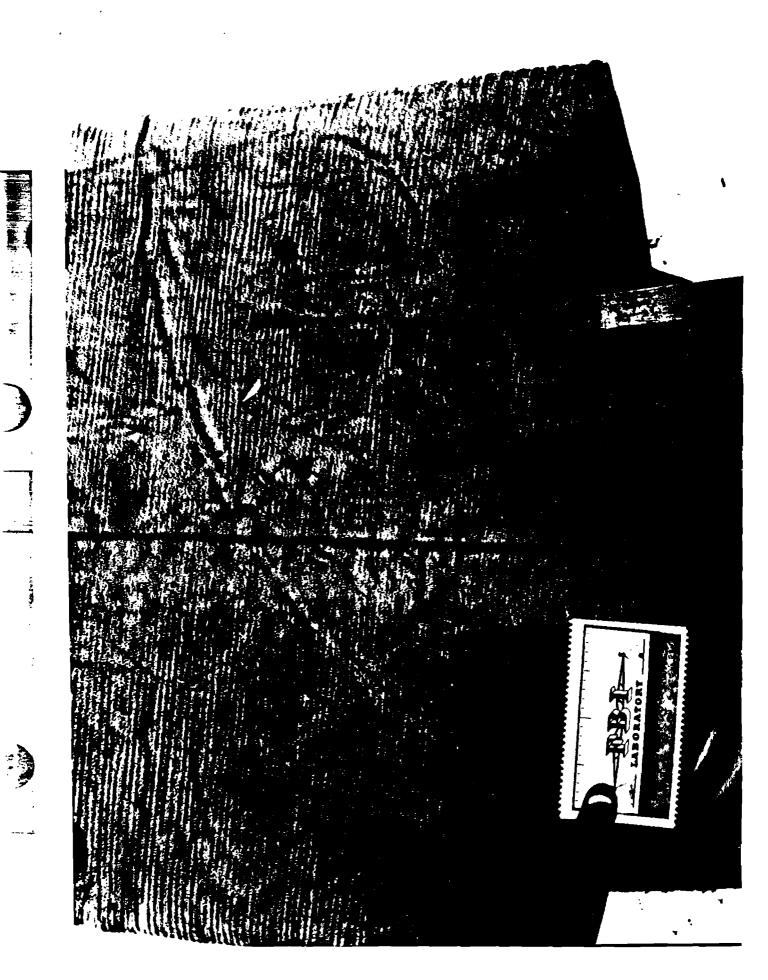








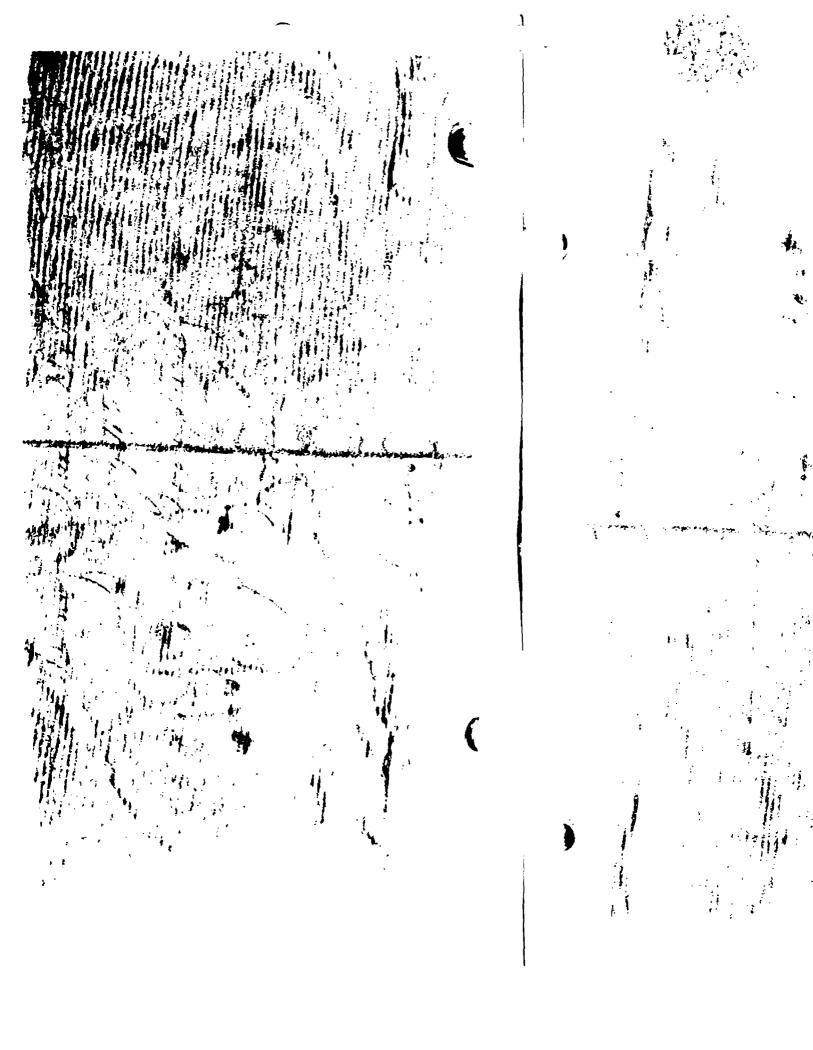


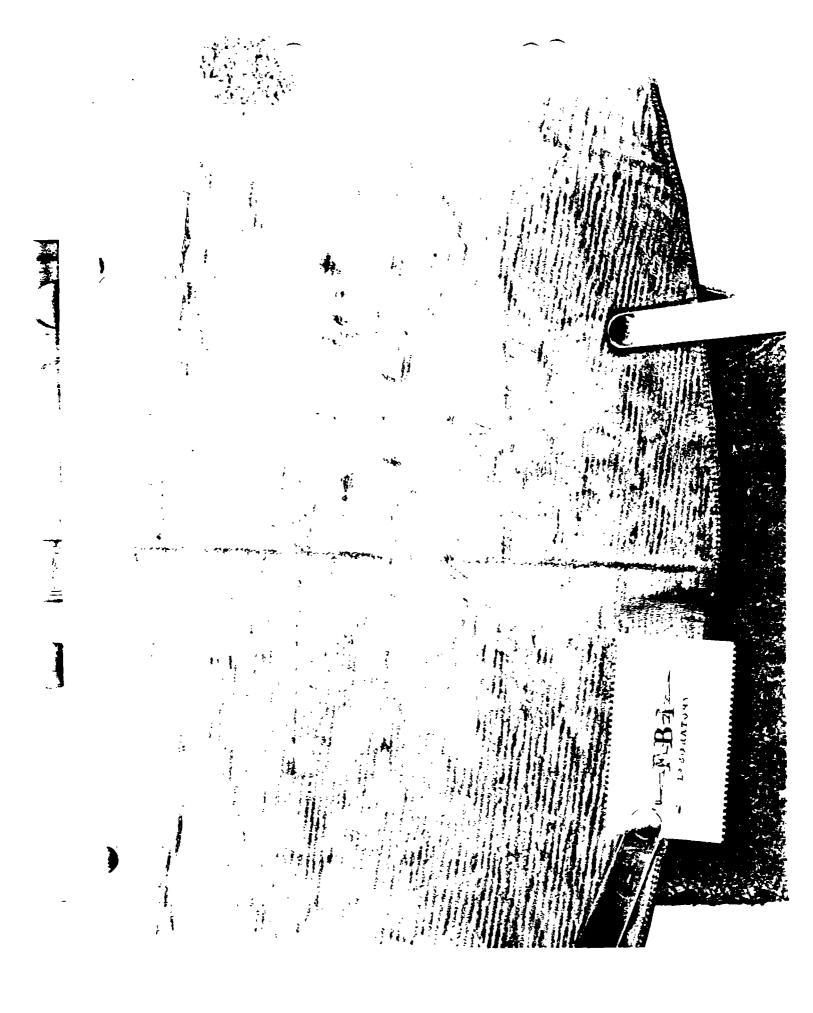












REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent
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There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the evidence Heted below which was personally delivered to the laboratory by Mr. Stanley W. McClure, of your office, on Movember 24, 1948. This report confirm and supplements an oral report given to Mr. McClure on Movember 26, 1948.

Re: JOHN WILKES BOOTH BOOT

John Edgar Hoover, Directo FBI FILE NO. 45-21674-1

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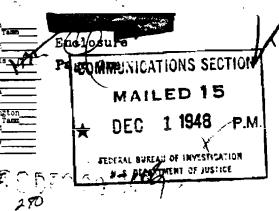
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Kl Left boot of John Wilkes Booth containing partially legible handwriting on the inside.

Result of Exemination:

The left boot of John Wilkes Booth was photographed by the use of ultra-violet and infra-red light in an effort to develop the partially legible handwriting appearing on the inside leather.

While it was not possible to read any of the writing with certainty, it does appear that the top line is composed of three & words, the first of which is HEMRY. The second line appears to consist of the numbers 465; the third line BROADMAY, and the bottom



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The enclosed photographs may assist you in developing this information further.

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May 14, 1973

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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On March 12, 1969, on a visit to the Museum under Ford's Theater, I took a close-up Polaroid picture of John Wilkes Booth's boot enclosed in its glass case. Inside the boot I noticed a faint name of the maker, and because it was so much like the famed Washington leather retailer Lutz I wondered whether the New York bootmaker and the Washington leather people might have been anciently related.

Recently, in an attempt to find out what ever happened to Laura Keene and the Baltimore gambler named Lutz she supposedly married, I telephoned Mr. at Ford's Theater, to refresh my memory on the name that I saw in Booth's boot.

Without telling me that the boot now has a wooden circular "stretcher" in the top that prevents seeing into it (I had to make a trip into Washington to ascertain this very important fact) seemed unwilling to go behind an F.B.I. report that was made in 1948 regarding the boot in which it was stated that the only readable words were "Henry 465 Broadway. J. Wilkes." Will you please check your work papers on your inspection of the boot and see why your experts didn't see what Dr. Samuel A. Mudd said he saw in the boot in his statement of Apr. 21, 1865 -- i.e., "Henry Luz, Maker, 445 Broadway, J. Wilkes?"

Also, I should certaikly appreciate it if you will reveal the reason you were checking on John Wilkes Booth's boot eighty-three years after Booth's death.

Cordially yours,

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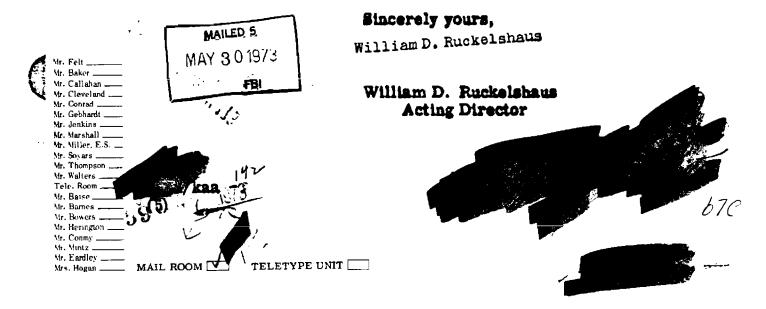


Your letter making inquiry relative to the examination of the left boot of John Wilkes Booth by the FBI Laboratory has been received.

For your information, this examination was conducted for the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior in keeping with our policy of performing Laboratory examinations for other agencies of the U.S. Government.

The inability to completely discern the original inscription in this boot at the time of the examination may be attributed to the aormal deterioration and fading of ink impressions with the passage of time, which in this instance was a period of some eighty-three years. Factors such as the nature of the ink, humidity, heat, writing surface and other conditions may influence the rate and extent of this natural fading.

I hope the above information has been helpful to you.



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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

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Mr. Clarence Kelly

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Technical Analysis Laboratory

Dear Mr. Kelly

We have recently had numerous questions from Lincoln researchers, and those wishing to learn more about the Lincoln assassination, concerning the diary of John Wilkes Booth () Several pages were cut out of the diary, probably some time before the trial of the conspirators found guilty of the assassination.

In order to put to rest any question about the possibility of invisible writing in the diary, and especially to ensure the preservation of this historical document, we are asking that your laboratory examine it. We would like you to use any technology presently available that would not damage the document, by which we could discover anything out of the ordinary in it.

If anything is discovered, we would like to have photographs of such a discovery which we could make revailable to researchers, thus avoiding more handling of the diary.

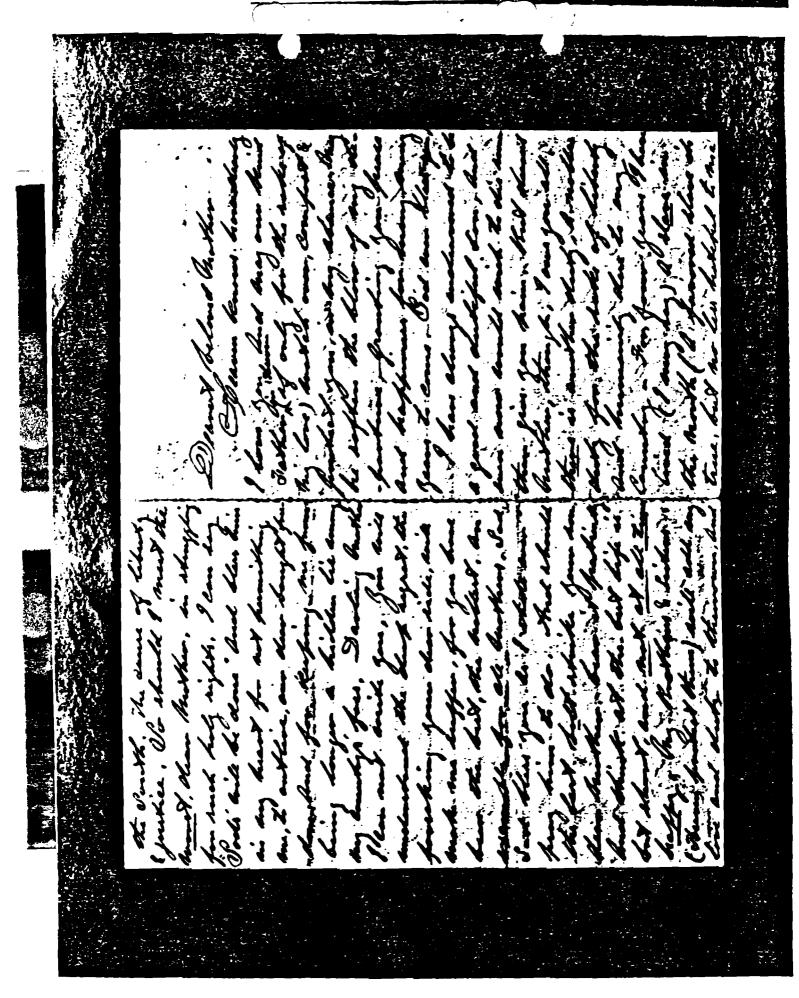
We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

Regional Director, National Capital Region

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<u> VEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.</u>

With reference to the memorandum of Mr. Mulcahy ditedGandy July 19, 1939 and my convergation with Mr. Tracy on that date, regarding the desire of the of the Washington Post to secure material for a story on wanted notices, I desire to advise that I talked with the on that date. What she wanted was copies of old style and hew wanted notices, to serve as a basis for her story. After a rather thorough search of the Bureau files, it was found that no old wanted notices could he located, and it so happened that while talking with on other matters I asked him if he had any via He stated he did and would forward them to the Bureau. Photographic reproductions were made and copies of the old wanted notices issued for the apprehension of John Wilkes Booth, Ora, Frank and Oscar Lewis were given to Copies of

these are attached for record purposes and juture reference.

A photographic reproduction of one of the old wanted 67C notices issued for Grover\Cleveland\Bergdoll was furnished together with I. O. and wanted notice issued for Louis Buchalter, and flyers issued for the apprehension of John Dillinger and "Baby Face" (Nelson, also composite views of John Dillinger. In addition a photograph of the artist's conception of the Lindbergh kidnapper was furnished her, with a photograph of Hauptmann. A wanted notice and I. O. were given her on Angelo Talcone, since he was apprehended through the I. O., and the same applies with the I. O. and I. I. on Frank Grigware. Likewise the I. O. and attached statement on , together with data Henry Herman Burris were given from the FBI Law Enforcement Builevin on Grover M. Wowell.

Samueld be pointed out that stated that the wanted notices which he had forwarded down, could be used in any way the Bureau desired, they could be used for illustrative purposes in newspapers or magazines. RECORDED

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Respectfully.

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L. B. Nichols. AUG 12 1939.

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\$30,000 REWARD

DESCRIPTION

JOHN WILKES BOOTH!

Who Assassinated the PRESIDENT on the Evening of April 14th, 1865.

Height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 160 pounds; compact built; hair jet black, inclined to curl, medium length, payted behind; eyes black, and heavy dark eye-brows; wears a large scal ring on little finger; when pilking inclines his head forward; looks down.

Description of the Person who Attempted to Assassinate Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State.

Height 6 feet I inch; hair black, thick, full and straight; no beard, nor appearance of brand; checks ind on the jaws; face moderately full; 22 or 25 years of age; eyes, color not known—large eyes, not prominent; brows not heavy, but dark; face not large, but rather round; complexion healthy; none straight and well formed, medium size; mouth small; lips thin; upper lip protrucked when he talked; thin pointed and prominent; head medium size; neck about, and of medium length; heads soft and small; fingers throug; shows no signs of lard labor; broad shoulders; inper wais; straight figure; strong-lobking man; manner not gentlementy, but vulgar; Overent double-broasted, color mixed of pink and grey spots, small—was a sack overests, posters in side and one on the breast, with lappells or flaps; panis labor, common stuff; new bearty boots; waise small and thin, inclined to tenot,

The Common Council of Washington, D. C., have offered a reward of \$20,000 for the arrest and conviction of these Assessins, in addition to which I will pay \$10,000.

L. C. BAKER,

Colonel and Agent War Department

BTU 20. 1865

Of our late beloved President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

will be paid for the apprehension of Diffiel C. HARROLD, another of Rooth's accomplices.

EIBERAL REWARDS will be paid for any information that shall conduce to the arrest of either the above-named criminals, or their accomplices.

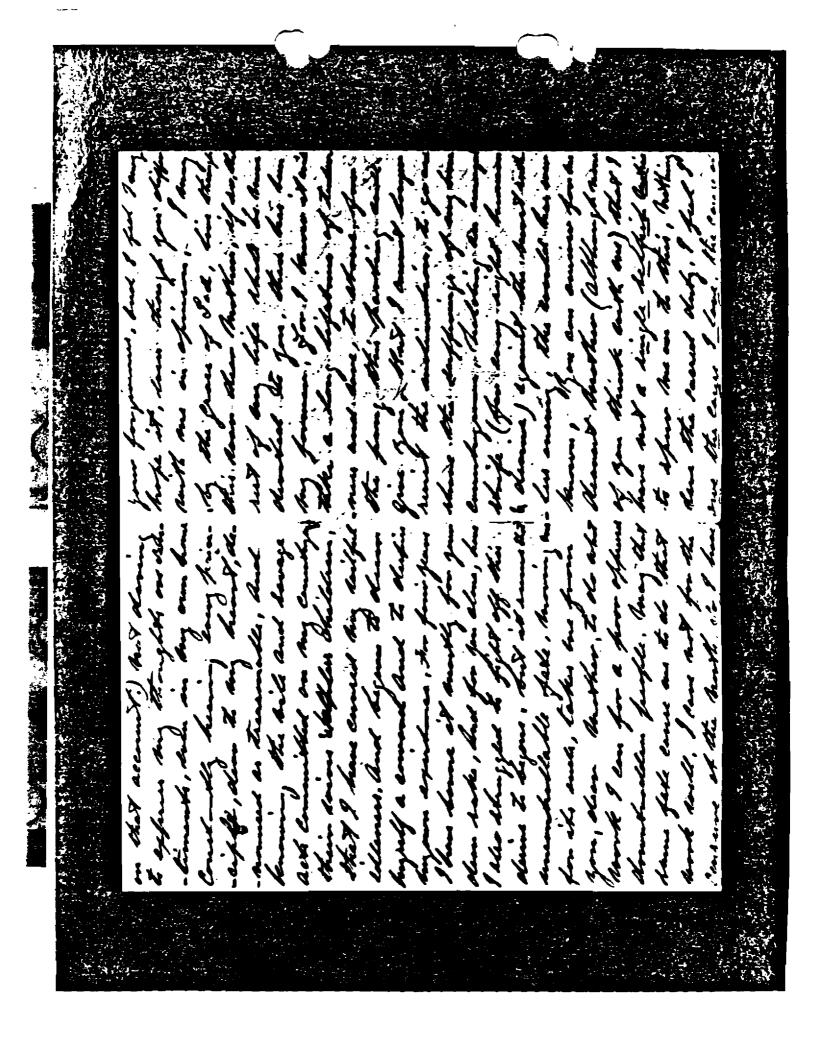
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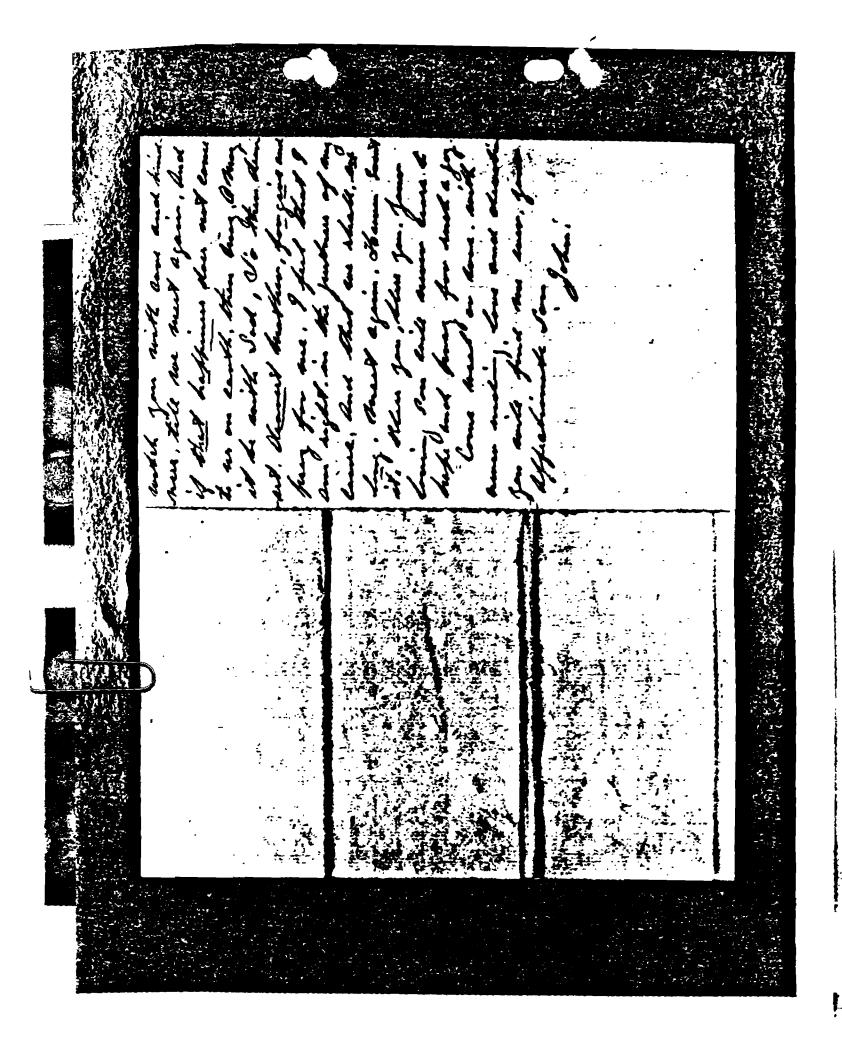
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All good citizens are exhirted to aid public fastire on this occasion. Every man should elimiter y own conscience charged with this solemn duty, and rest neither night nor day notif it be accomplished.

EDWIN M. STARTON, Secretary of

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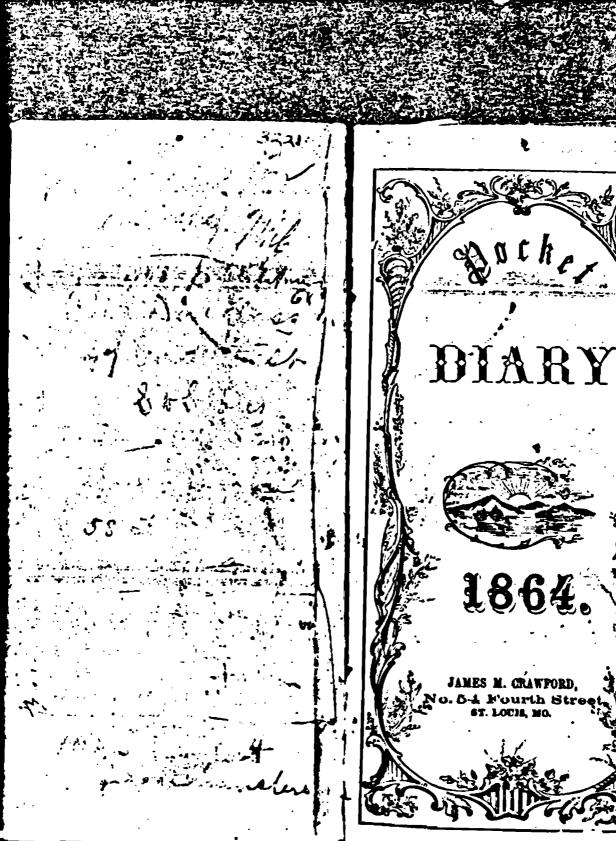
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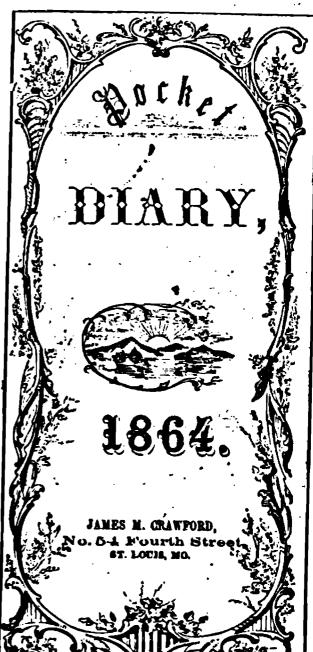
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BANE CERCE, DRAFF, or ORDER FOR MONEY, payable at right or on demand, over \$30
Bill of Sale of Vessel, consideration not over \$500, Over \$500 and not over \$1,000
For every additional \$1,000, or part thereof, \$0 cents more.
Bill of Lading, or Receipt for any goods for foreign export, (except to British North America,)
Boxp for the performance of the duties of office, er of indemnity for the payment of money 80
Boxes in legal proceedings, and for purposes not otherwise provided for
CERTIFICATE OF STOCE, in incorporated company S. CERTIFICATE OF PROFITS, in incorporated company.
if for \$10 and not over \$50.
by any port warden or marine surveyor 25
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, \$100 or less.
(Certificate of measurement or weight of animals, wood, coal, or other articles, Certificate of Record
of Deed, or acknowledgement thereof, by attest- ing witness, require no stamp.)
CEARTER PARTS, of vessel or steamer not over 160
Over 150 and not over 200 tons
Over 800 and not over 600 tons

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l	If in note of three or more, each bill of each set,
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LEASE, (or assignment of same,) of real estate, not over & Jears LOTTERT THERES. - Every ticket, (whole or fractional,) retail price of which is \$1 or less..... Exceeding \$1, for every dollar or part thereof, \$0 cents piore. Manuscr, of vessel's earge for foreign port, (except 🚞 to British North America,) if registered tonnage Over 800 and not over 600 tons...... \$ 00 Over 800 tons...... 6 00 MORTGAGE, OF PERSONAL BOND for payment of any definite sum of money, upon every \$200, or fractional part thereof 10 PASSAGE TICKER, to foreign port, (except British North America,) costing \$30 or less..... Over \$30..... 1 00 Power or Arrower, to sell or transfer any scrip, or certificate of profits of any corporation or association, not exceeding \$50..... To sell or transfer any stock, bond, or scrip, or for the collection of interest or dividends thereon, (except as above,)..... To collect rents..... To vote by proxy for officers of any corporation or acciety, (except religious, charitable, literary societies, or public cometeries,)..... To sail or rent real estate, or to perform any other PROBLEM OF WILL, OF Letters of Administration, value of estate not over \$2,500..... Over 5,000 and not over 20,000...... 2 00 Over 20,000 and not over 50,000..... 5 00 Over 50,000 and not over 100,000....... 10 60 Over 100,000 and not over 150,000...... 20 00 For every additional \$50,000, or part thereof, \$10 PROTEST, of mote, check, draft, &c..... Treasureme Duraces, when charge for first two words is 20 cents or less.......

STAMP DUTIES.

WARRHOUSE RECEIPT, the property stored.
WITHDRAWAL from bonded warehouse.

Wairs, or other original process, for beginning suits, (except before a Justice of the Peace, or commenced by the United States or any State).

PROPRIETARY, Medicines, Performery, Re., cach package retailed at not over 25 cents, I cent; over 25 and not over 50 cents, 2 cents; over 50 and not over 75 cents, 8 cents; over 75 cents and not over \$1.00, 4 cents. Every additional 50 cents, or part thereof, 2 cents more.

PLAYING CARDS, price not over 18 cents each pack, I cent; over 18 and not over 25 cents, 2 cents; over 25 and not over 30 cents, 8 cents; over 30 and not over 36 cents, 4 cents; over 36 cents, 5 cents.

§7 The indiscriminate use of all kinds of stamps (except postage or proprietary) is permitted, care being taken to affix a stamp or stamps of the proper amount.

Documents made in any foreign country, to be used in the United States, shall pay the same duty as when made here. The party to whom the same is issued, or by whom it is used, shall affix thereon the proper stamp, before using.

No deed, or morigage of real estate, shall be required to pay a stamp duty of over \$1,000 in any event.

Powers of Attorney, or other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pendons, require no stamp; neither do warrants of attorney accompanying a bond or note when such bond or note shall be stamped; and whenever any bond or note shall be secured by mortgage, but one stamp duty is required, provided the stamp duty placed thereon is the highest rate required for said instrument, or either of them.

No document signed or issued prior to June 1st, 1808, without being stamped, shall be invalid for that reason; but it shall not be admitted or used in any court until it shall have been stamped, and the initials of the person using, and the date when it is used, placed thereon.

A TABLE OF STAMP DUTIES

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INLAND BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ETC. &

SECTION &— And he is Archer emerted. That Section One Bundered and Ten he and hereby is amended as follows: Any memorated and the heek, receipt, or other written or printed evidence of an amount of money to be paid on demand or at a time designated shall be considered as a promisery note within the meaning of that Section, and shall be stamped accordingly; and that Scholme B, billowing said Section, he and is hereby amended so that any inland hill of exchange, draft, or order for the payment of any sam of money exceeding twenty dollars, otherwise than at eight or on demand, and any promisery note, shall have a stamp or stamps affixed therous denoting a duty, upon every sum of two hundred dollars or any fractional part therous, as follows—

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BATES OF POSTAGE

Letters to any part of the United Status, & cents for each 1-2 ounce or part thereof.

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ADVERTISED LATTERS, I come in addition to the regular

Valuable Lerrens may be regardered on application at the office of mailing, and the payment of a registration he not exceeding 20 conts.

THANSLEHT NEWSPAPERS, Periodicals, Pamphlets, Blanks, Proof Sheets, Book Manuscripts, and all sualishis printed station, (except circulars and books,) 2 cents for each and every 4 punces. Double these rates are charged for Books.

Unstaled Cinculate, (to one address,) not exceeding \$ in number, 2 cents, and in the same proportion for a greater number.

SEEDS, COTTENES, ROOTS, &C., S conts for each & sences or less quantity.

ALL PACKAGES of Mail Matter not charged with letter postage must be so arranged that the same can be concenically examined by Postmariers; if not, letter postage will be charged.

No PACKAGE will be forwarded by small which weight ever i pounds.

ALL POSTAGE MATTER, for delivery within the United States, must be Parram by stamps (except duly certified latters of soldiers and sallors); otherwise, double the above rates will be charged on delivery.

WHELE METERPERS, (one copy only,) sent to noted Subscribers within the County where printed and published, free.

INTERES TO CAMADA and other British Borth American Provinces, when not over \$,000 miles, 30 cents for each 1-2 cents. When over \$,000 miles, 15 cents. Prepayment

LETTERS TO CREAT BRITAIN ON IRRIAND, 24 conts. Propayment optional.

Latters to France, 16 cents for each 1-4 cents. Propayment optional.

Letrice to order Founds Countains vary in this according to the route by which they are sent, and the proper information can be obtained of any Perimeter in the United States.



In the year 1864 there will be Two Eclipses; both of the Sun.

An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, October 30.

Invisible at either of the above-mentioned places: (New York, St. Louis, and San Francisco.) Visible to Central and South America, and South-western Africa.

DIFFERENCE OF TIME.

WHEN IT IS 12 O'CLOC	K AT NEW YORK IT IS:
At Boston	12 minutes past 12.
At Portland, Ma	16 minutes past 12.
At Philadelphia, Pa	55 minutes past 11.
At Baltimore, Md	50 minutes past 11.
At Richmond, Va	46 minutes past 11.
At Buffalo, N. Y.	40 minutes pest 11.
At Charleston, S. C	26 minutes past 11.
At Pittaburg, Pa	25 minutes past 11.
At Wheeling, Va	
At Cleveland, Ohio	80 minutes past 11.
At Augusta, Ga	2) minutes past 11.
At Detroit, Mich	34 minutes past 11
At Columbus, Ohio	34 minutes past 11.
At Cincinneti, Ohio	20 minutes past 11.
At Indianapolis, Ind	14 minutes past 11.
At Louisville, Ky	14 minutes past 11.
At Chicago, Ill	6 minutes past 11.
At New Orleans, La.	66 minutes past 10.
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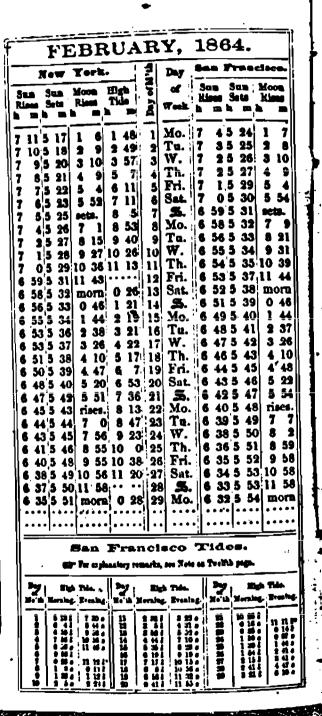
SAN FRANCISCO.

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SAN PRANCISCO TIDES.

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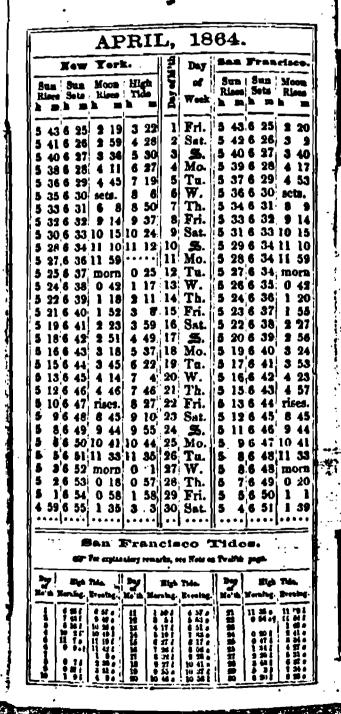
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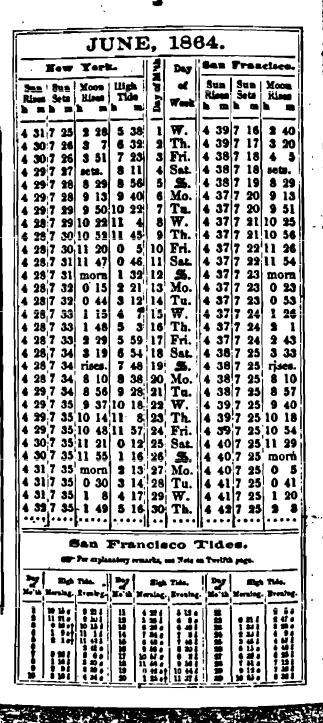
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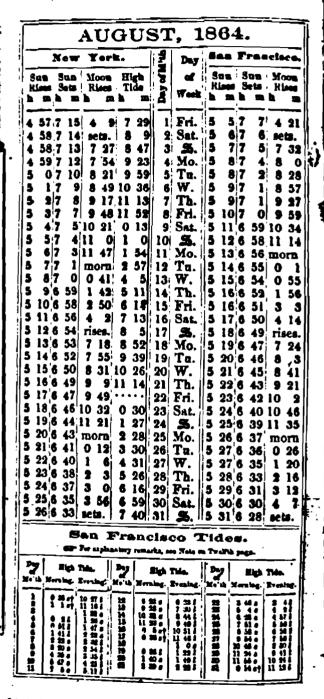
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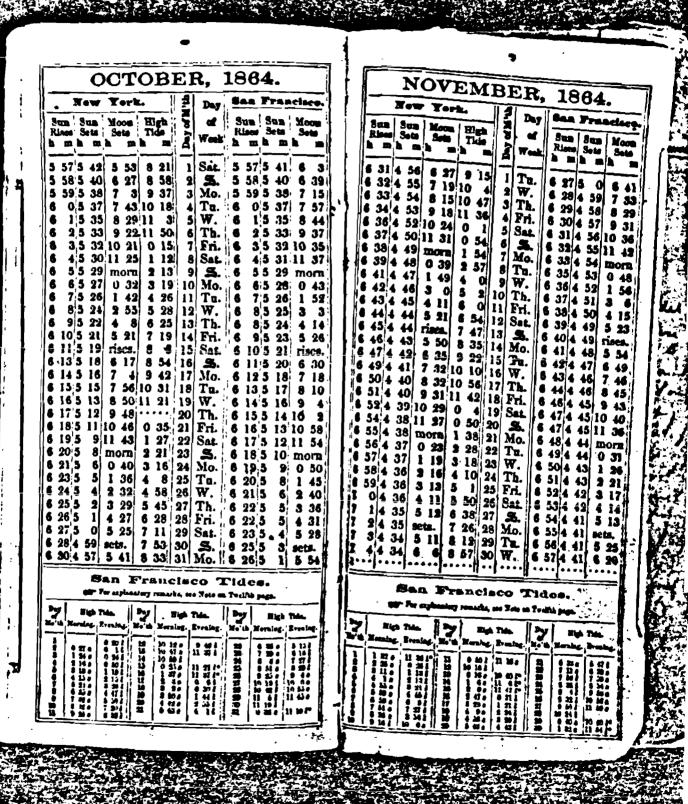
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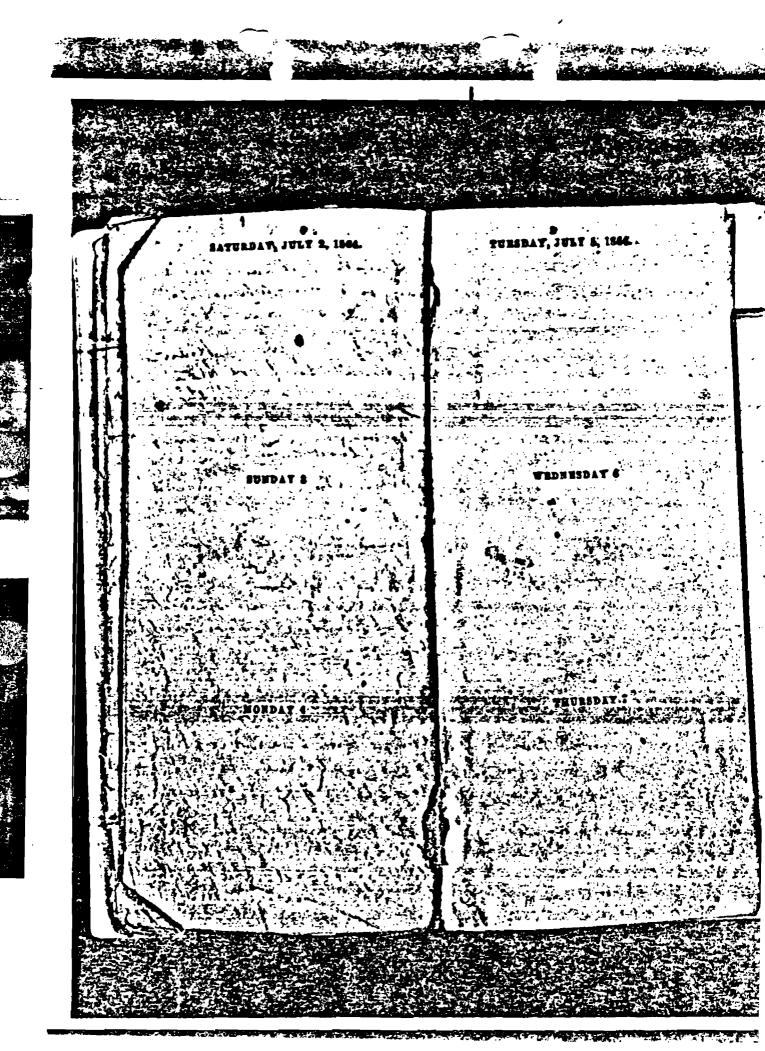
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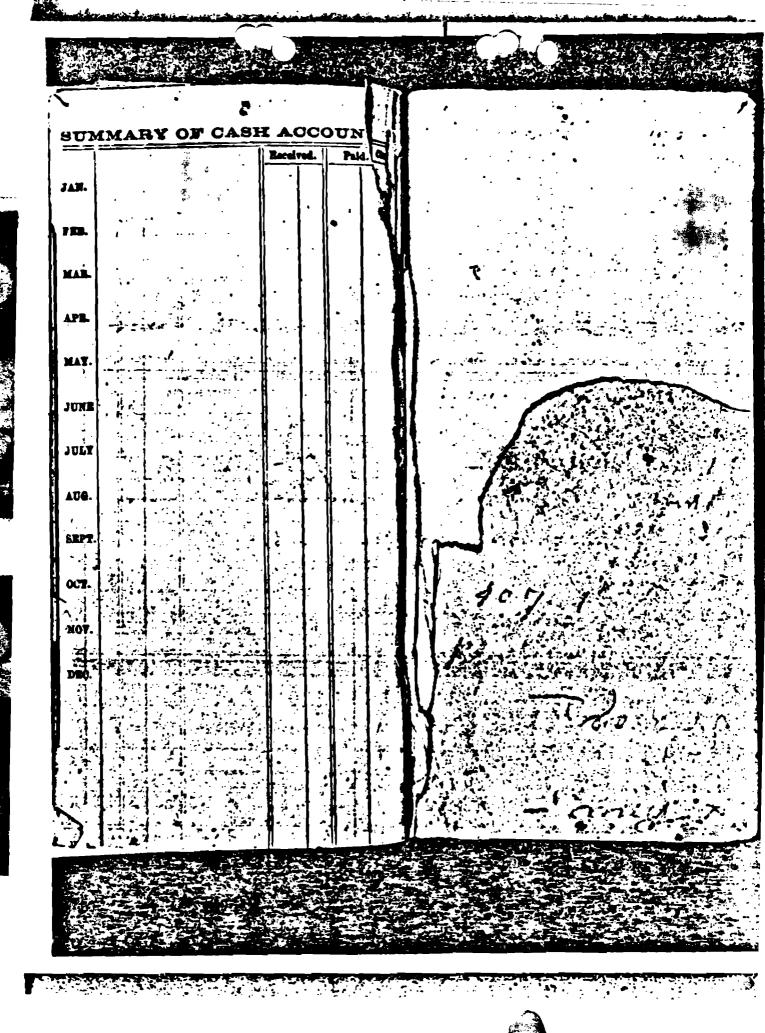
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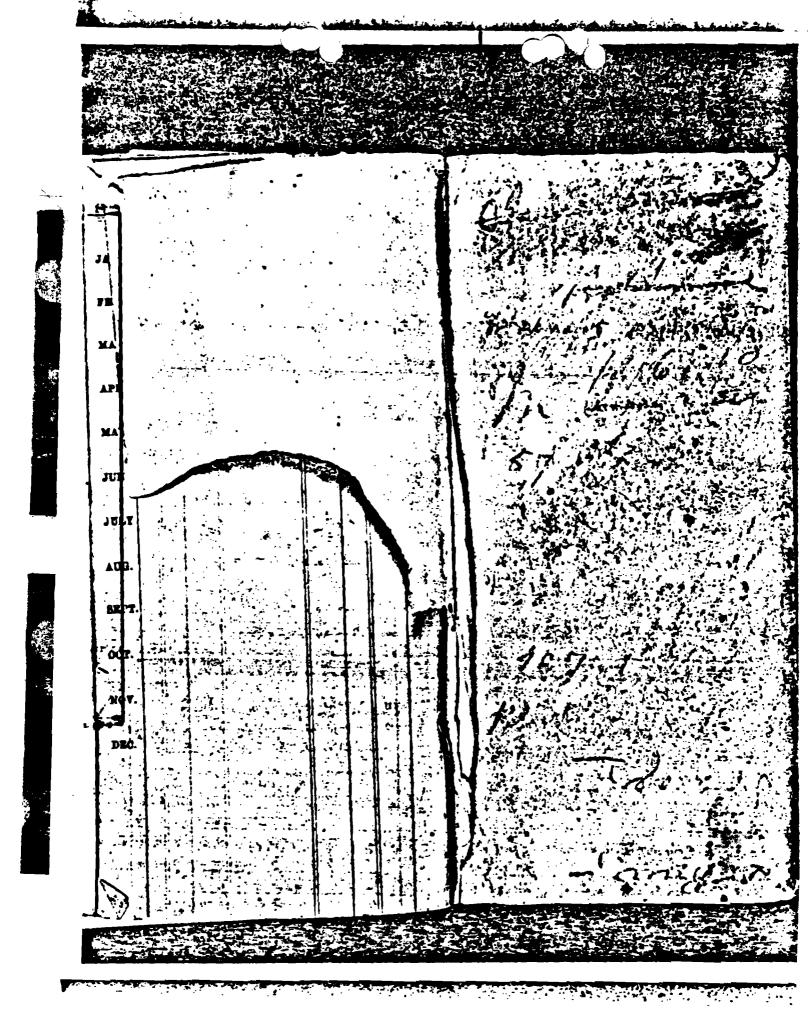
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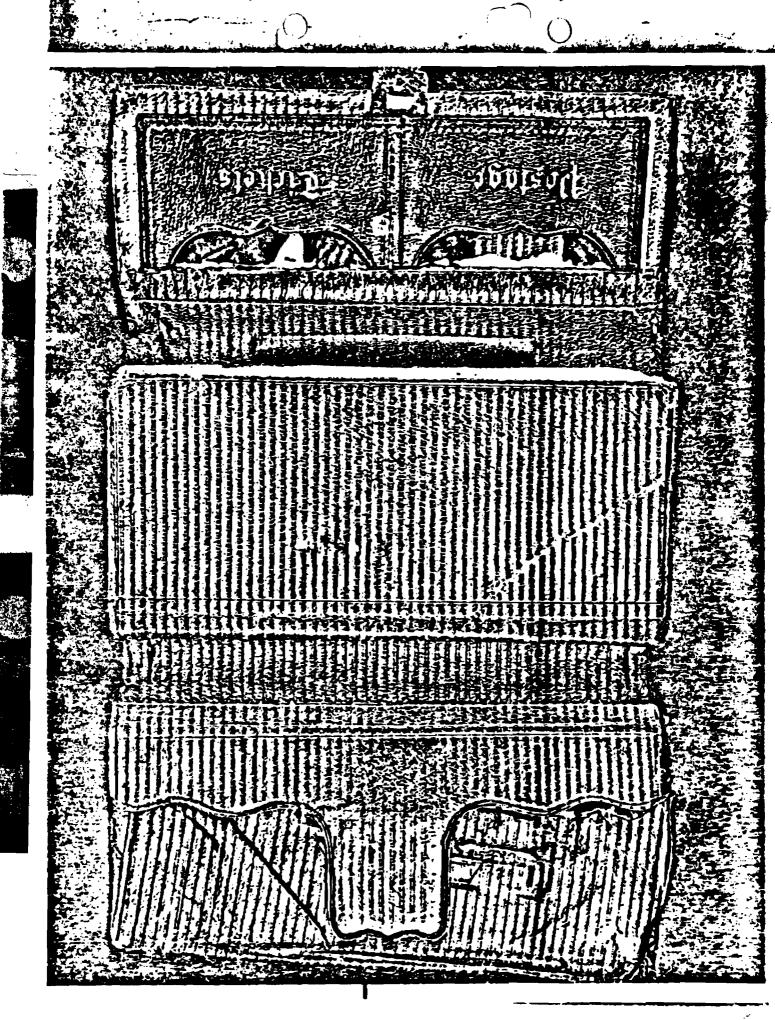
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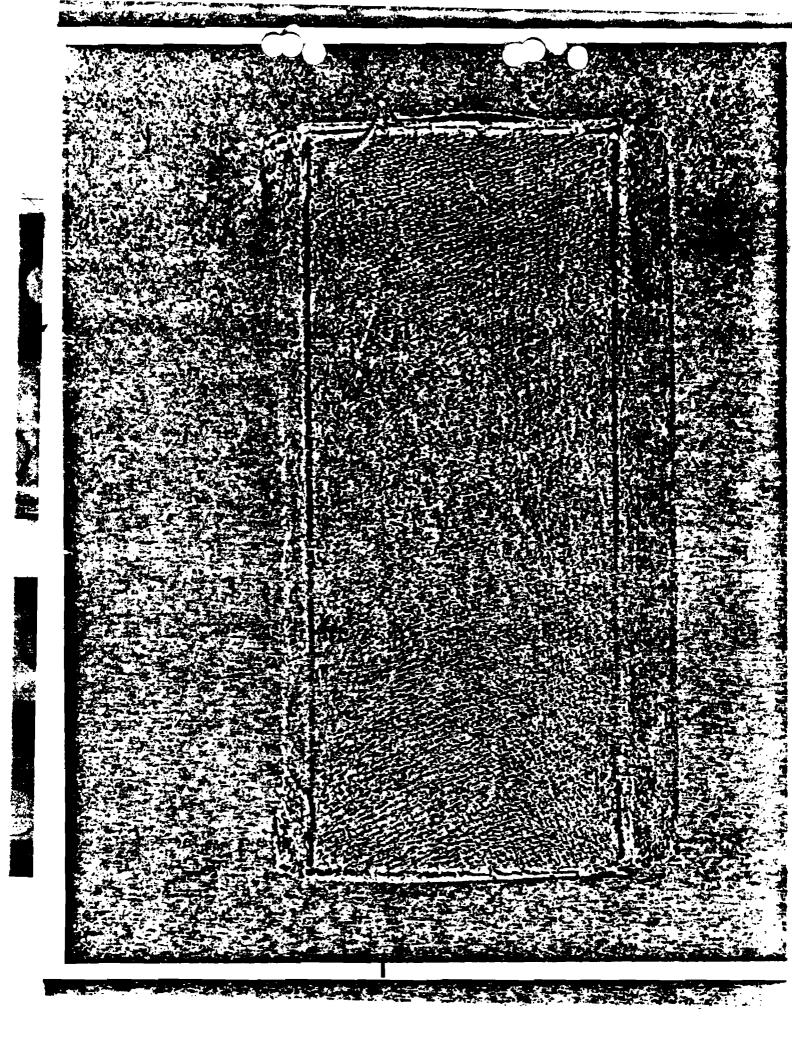
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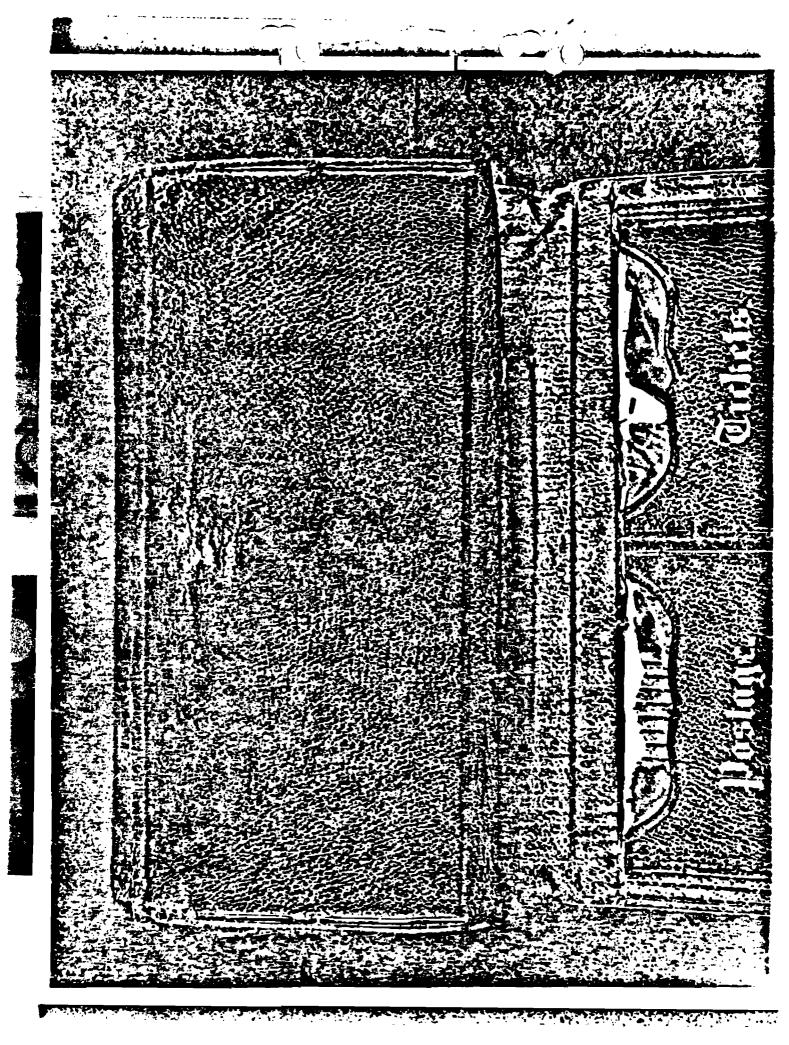
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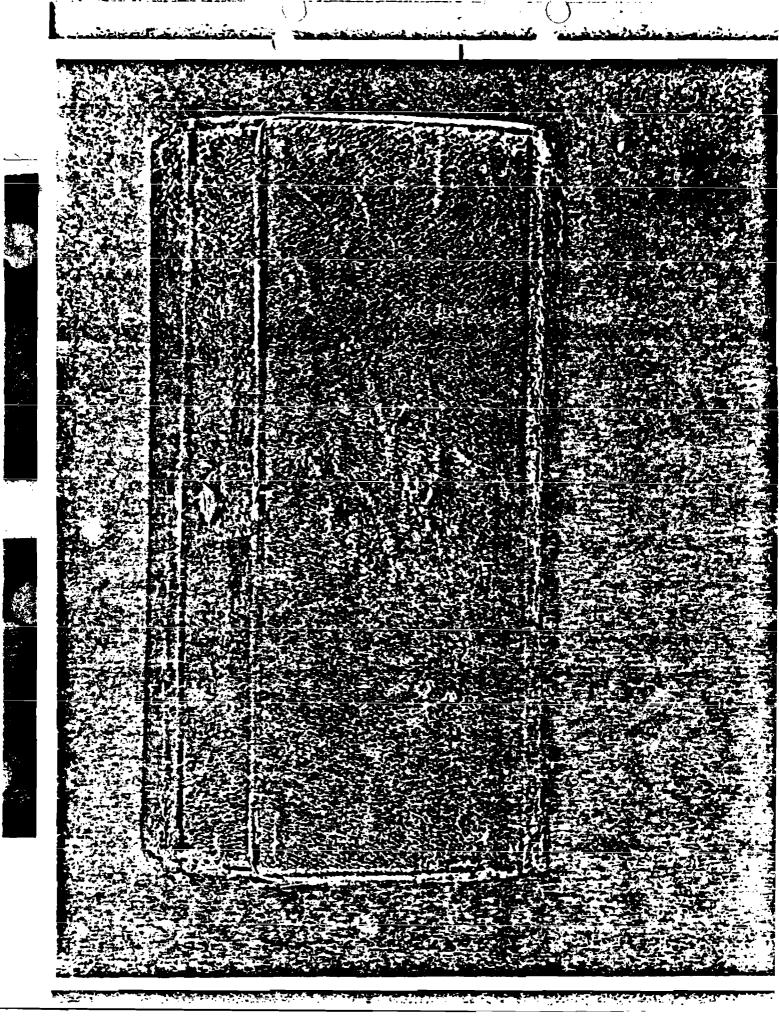


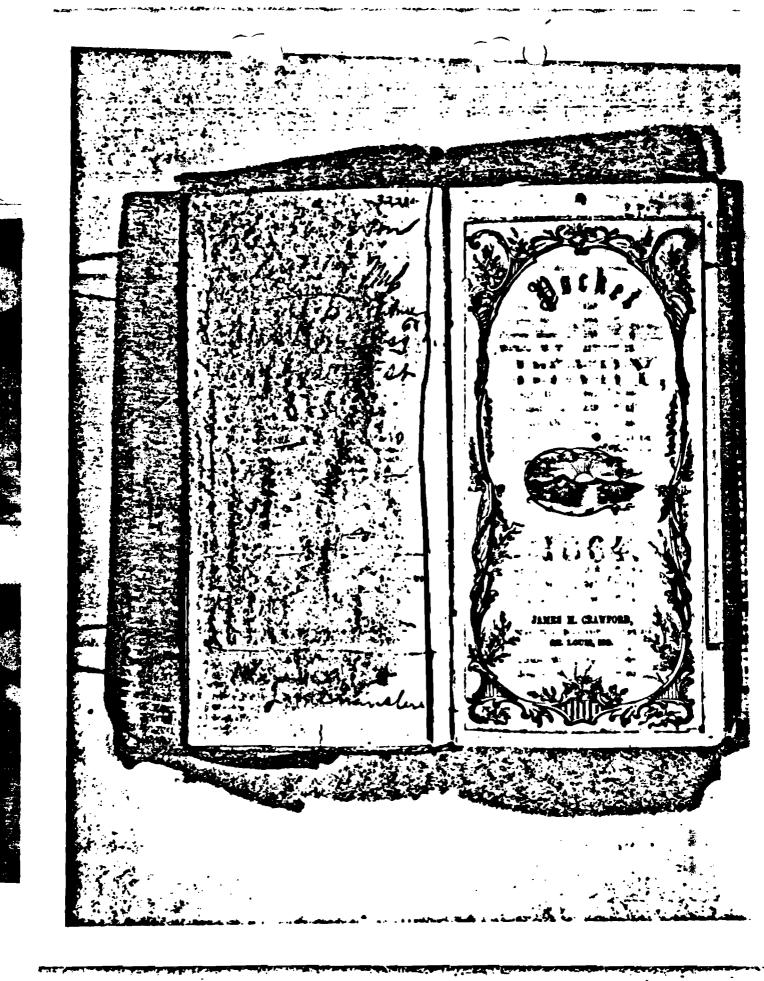


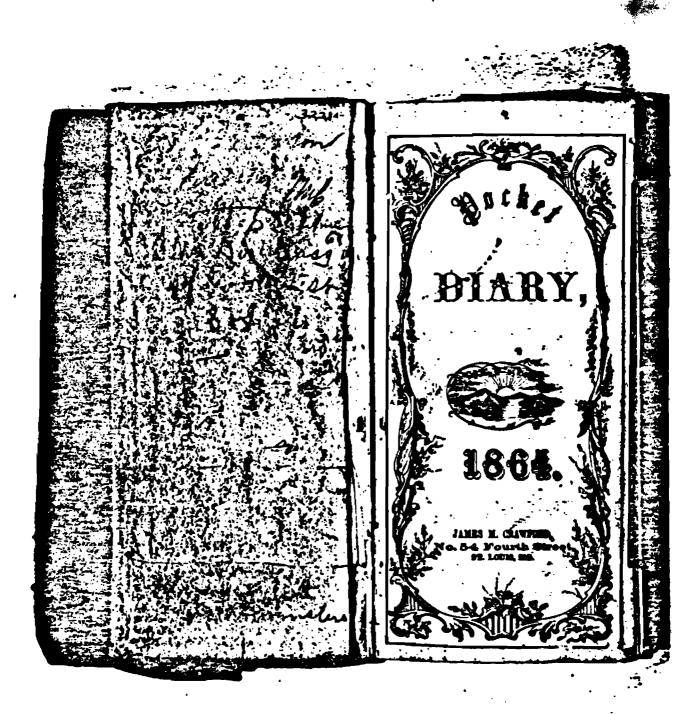




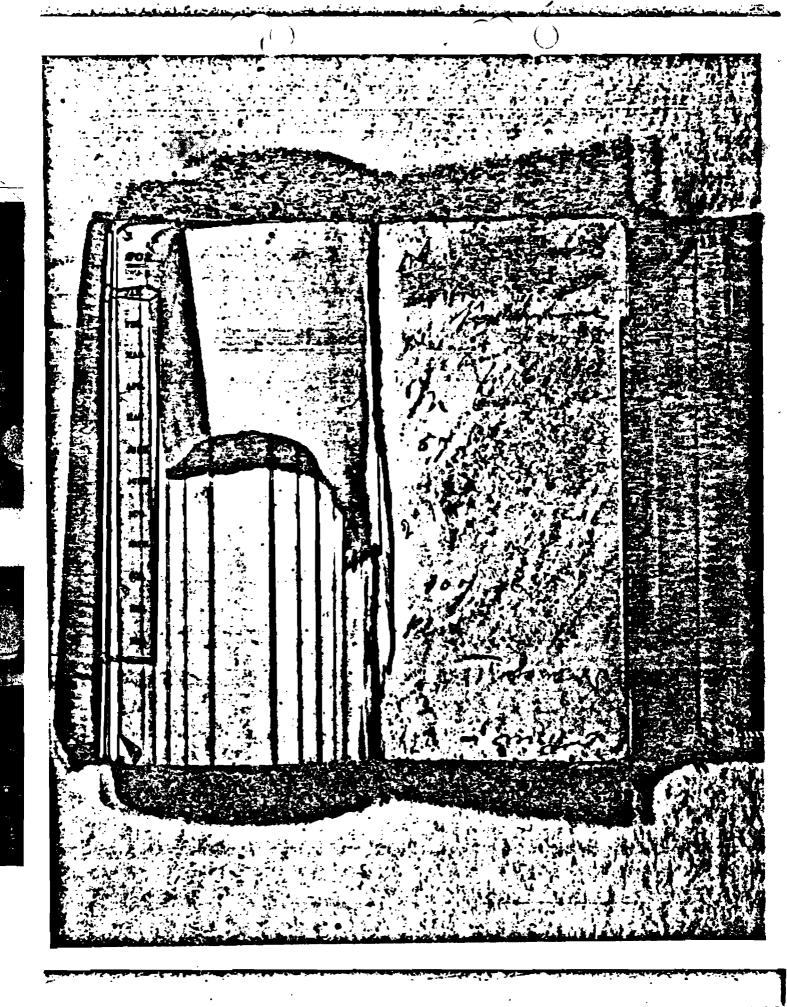


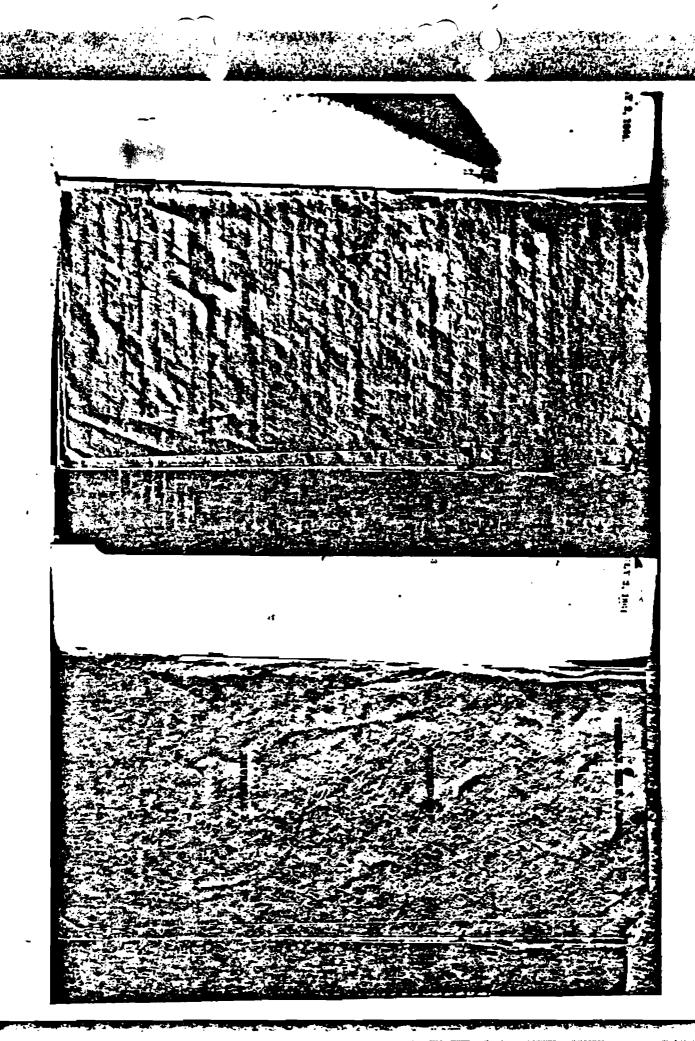


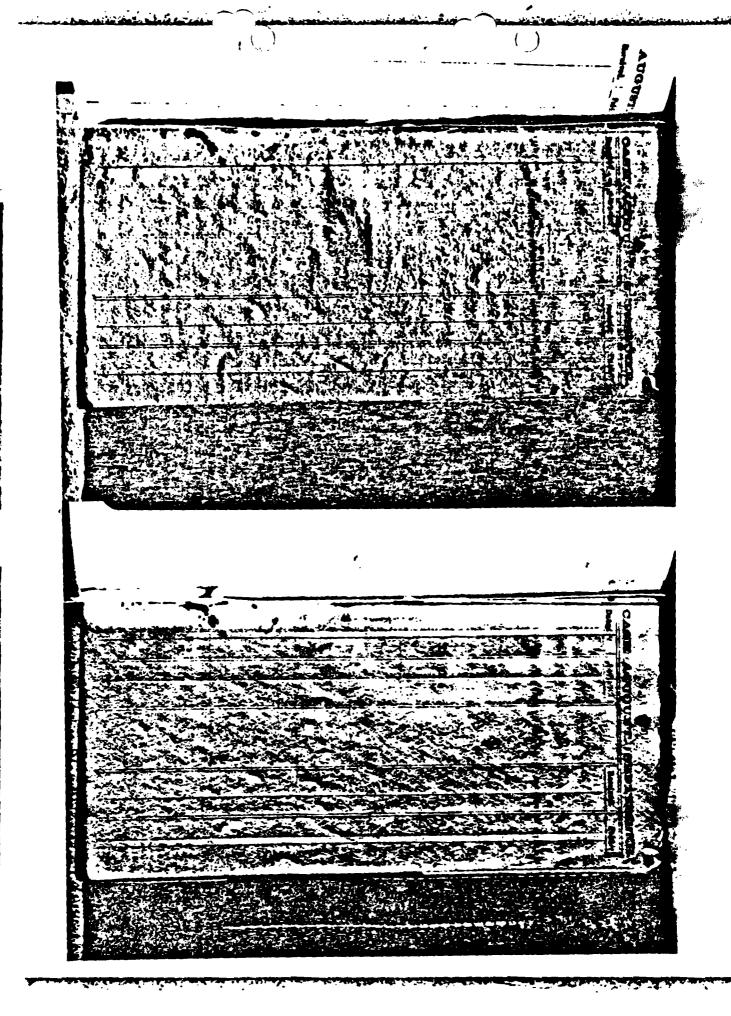


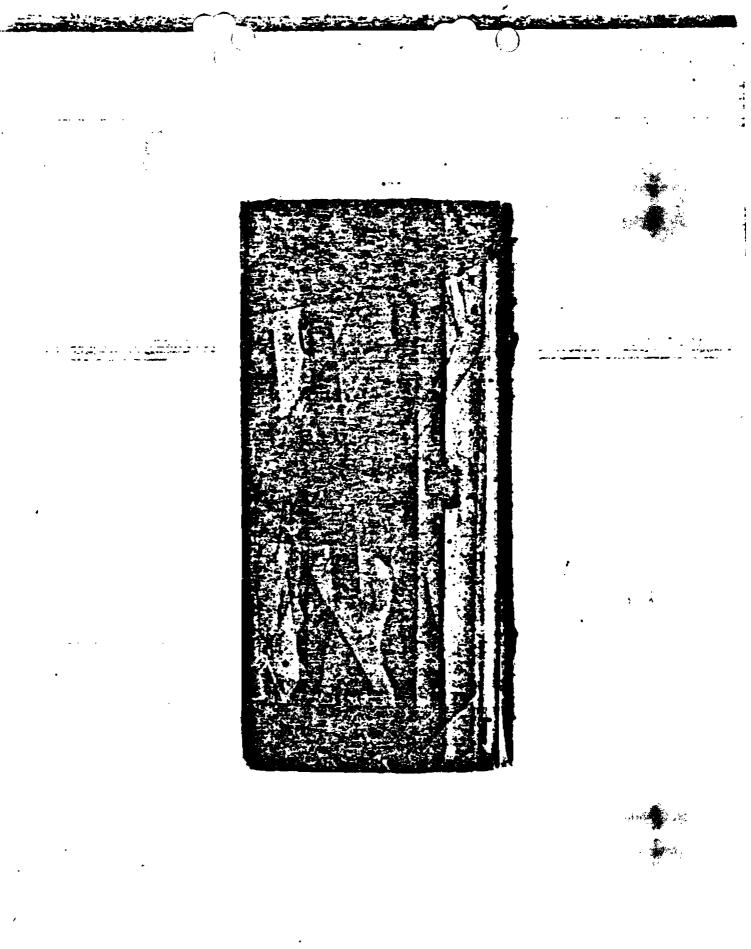


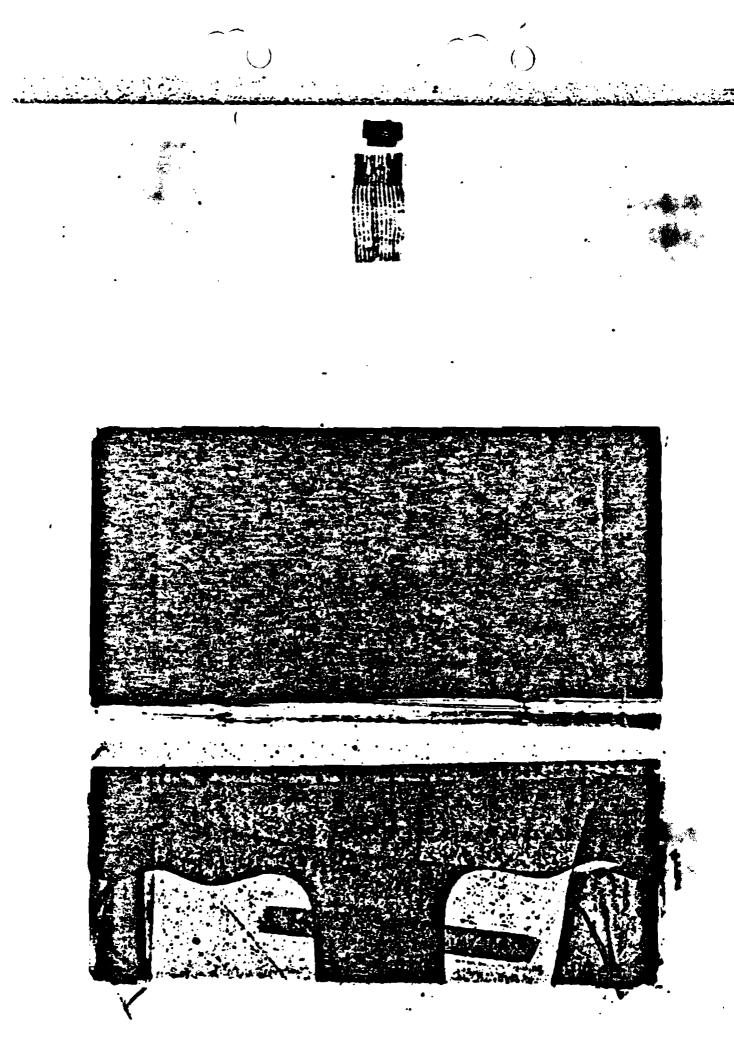
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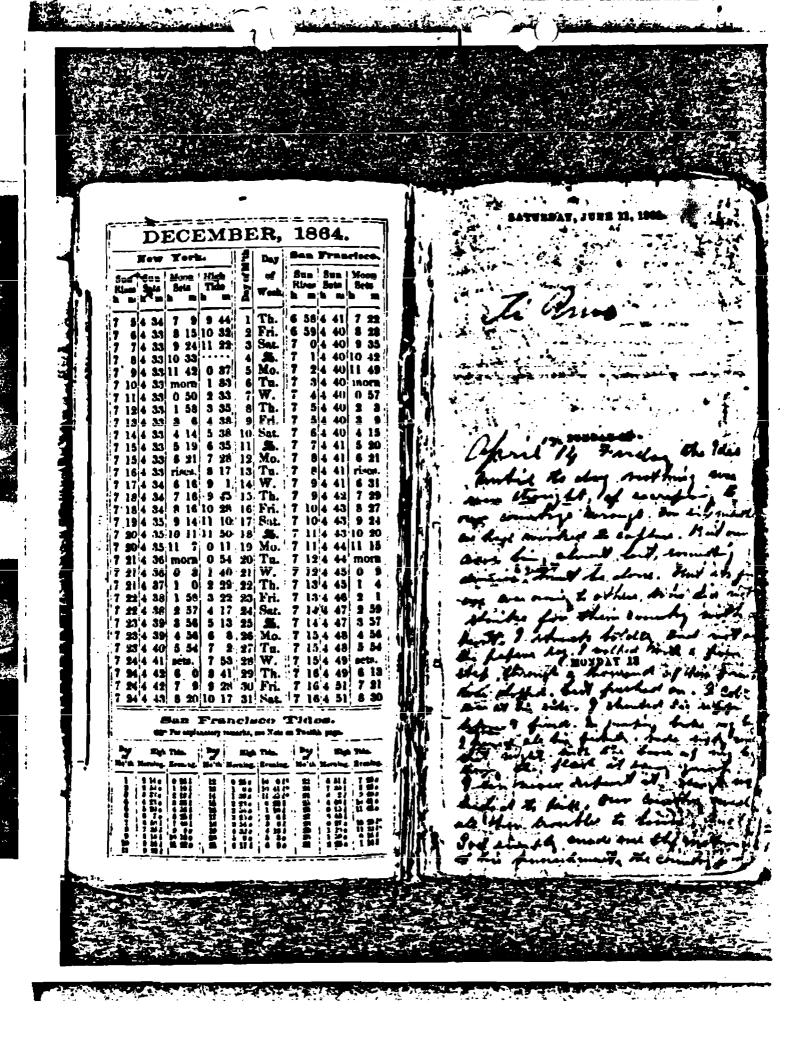


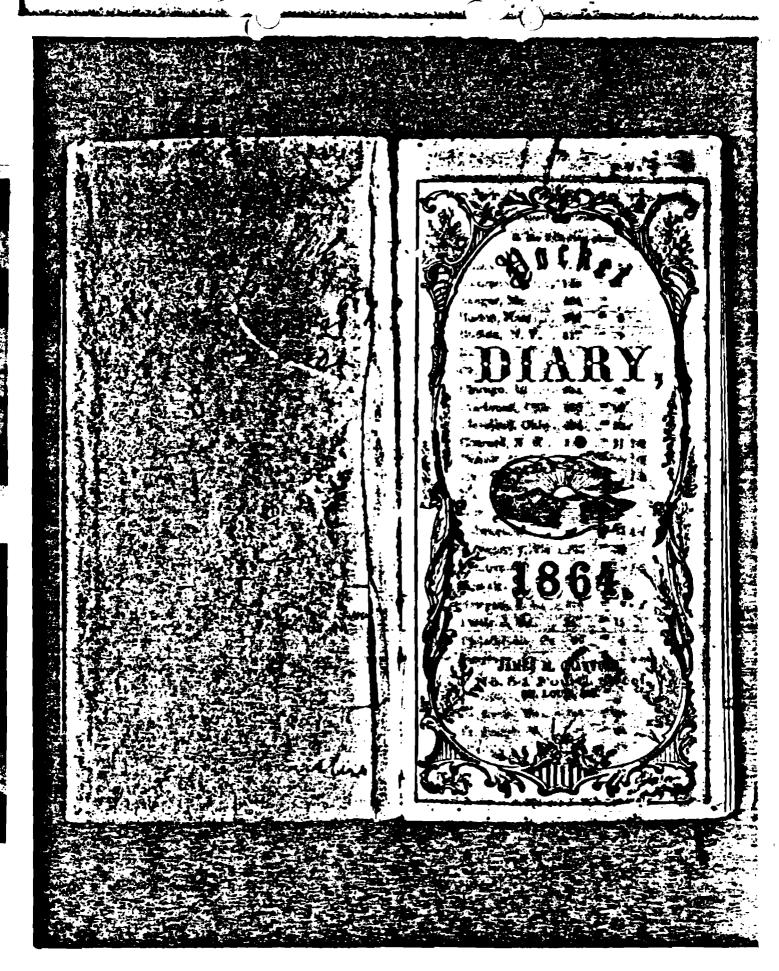




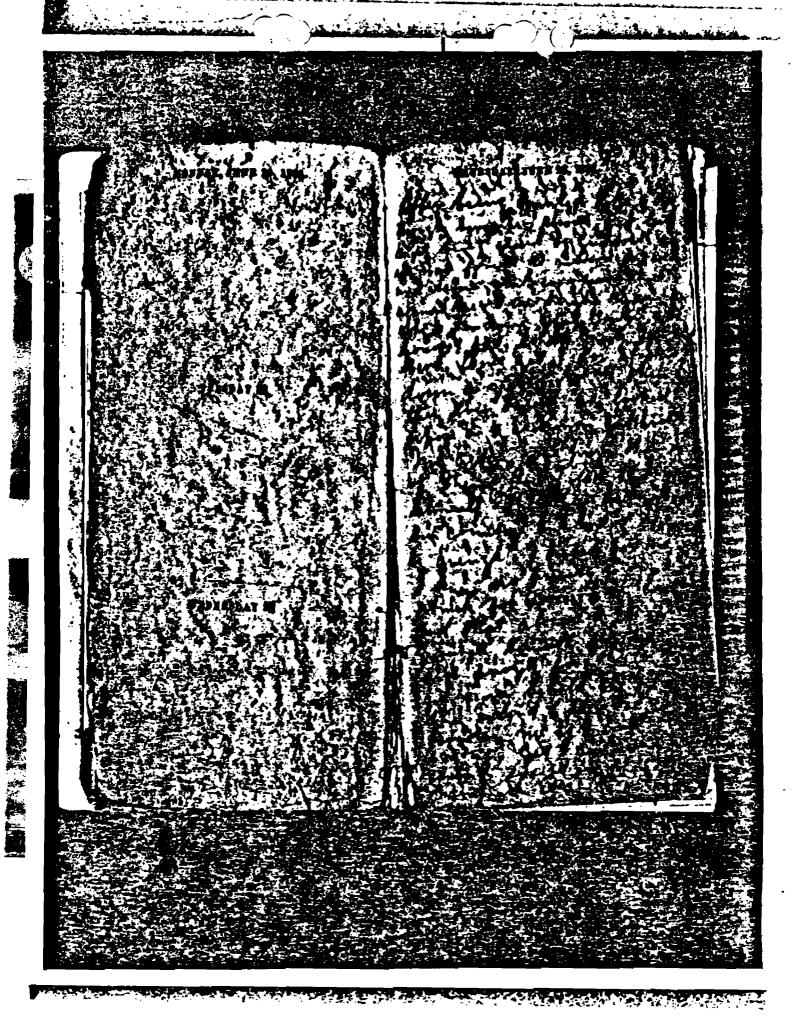


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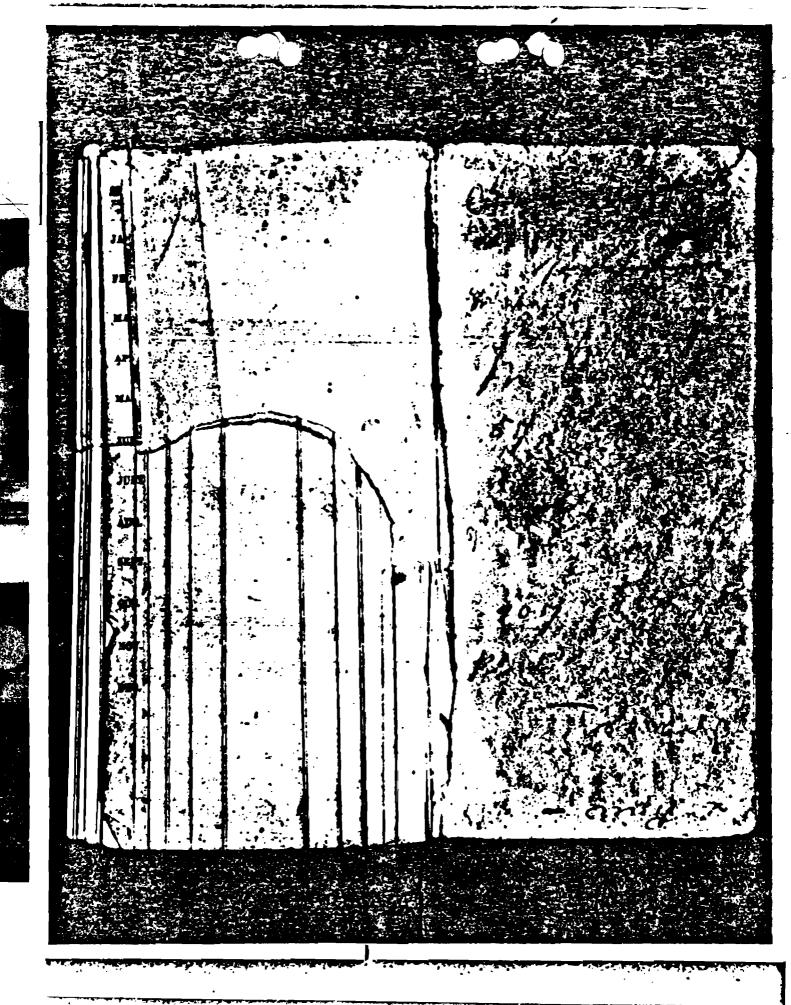


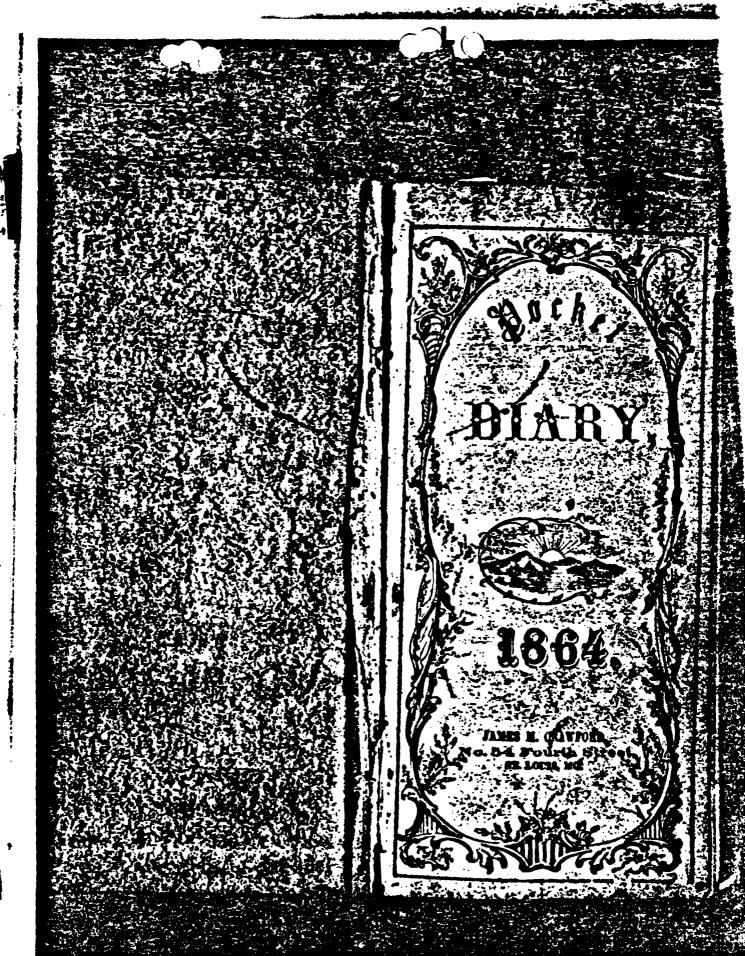


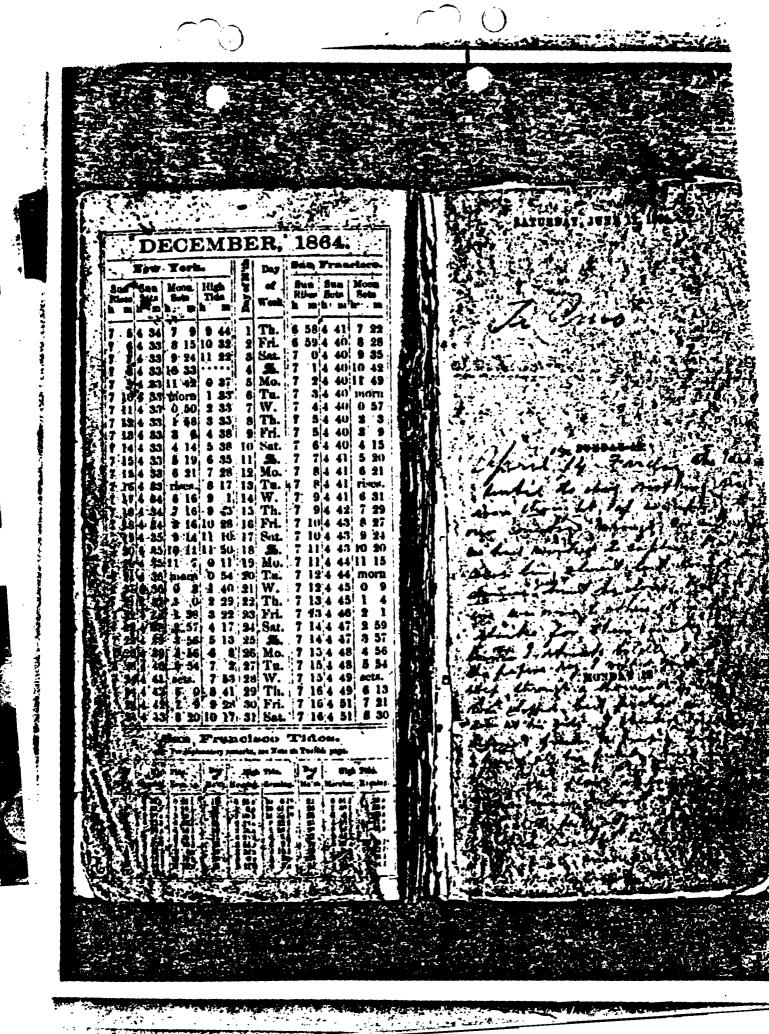
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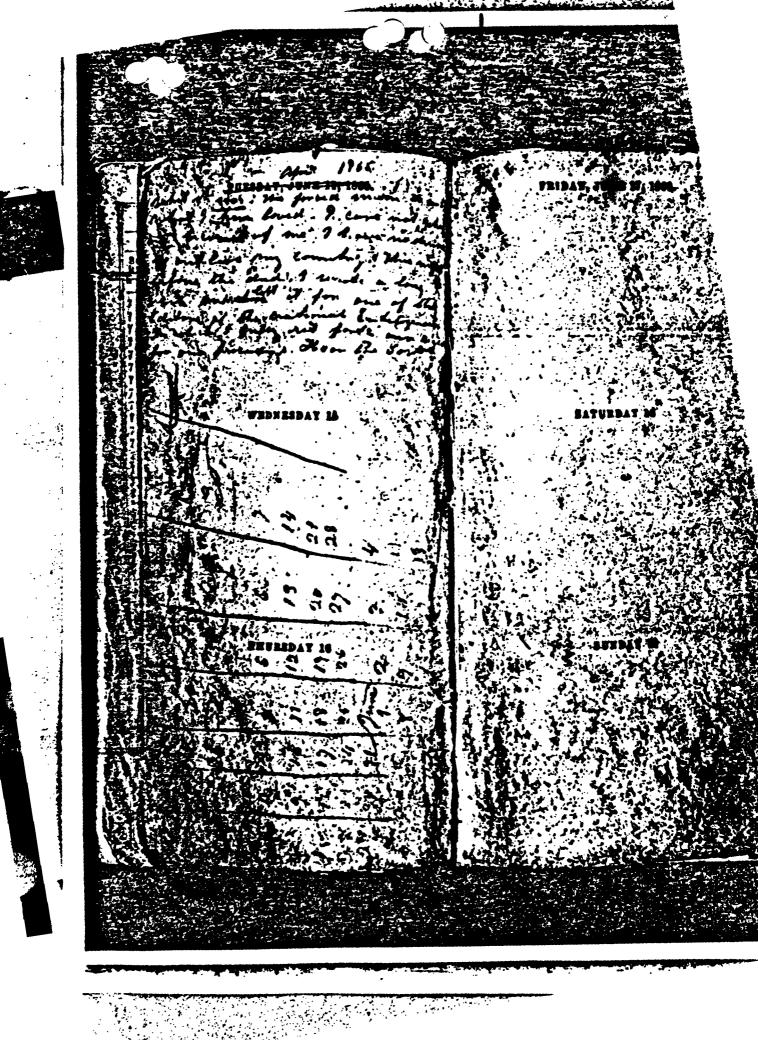


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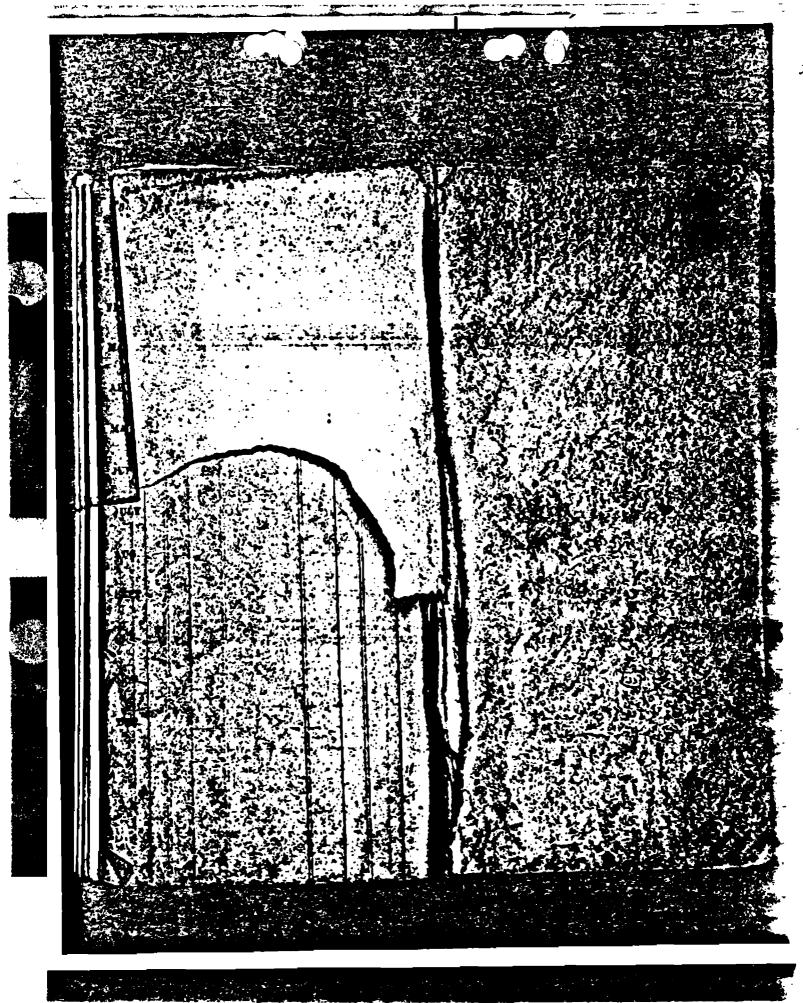


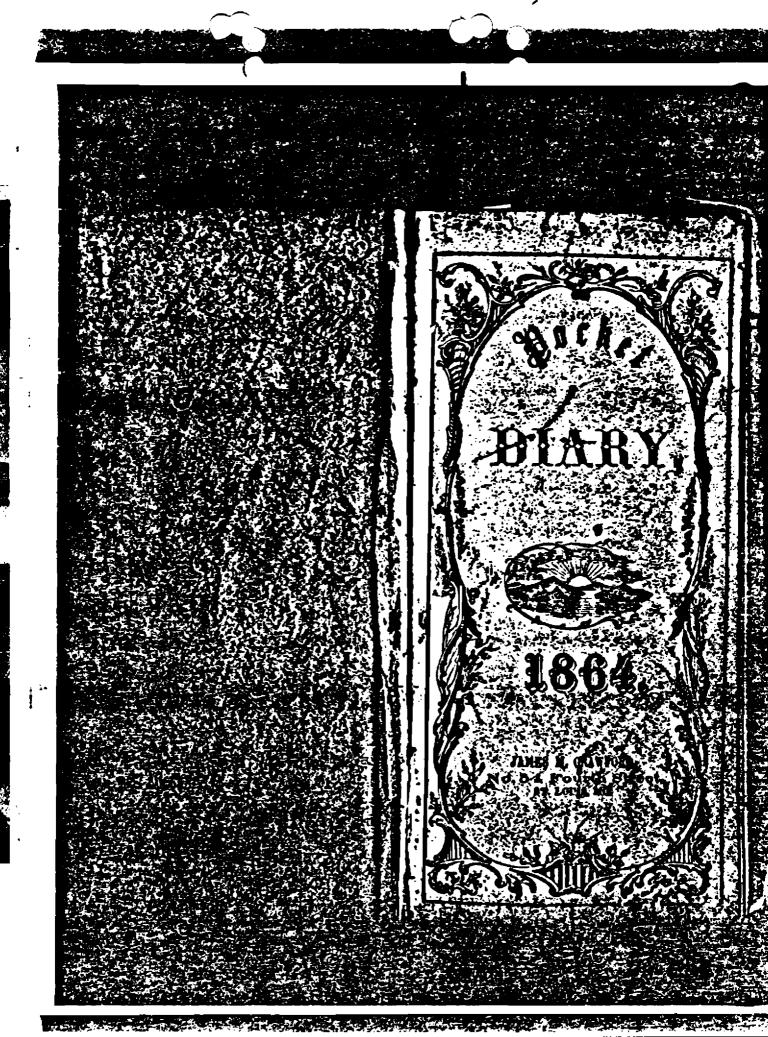


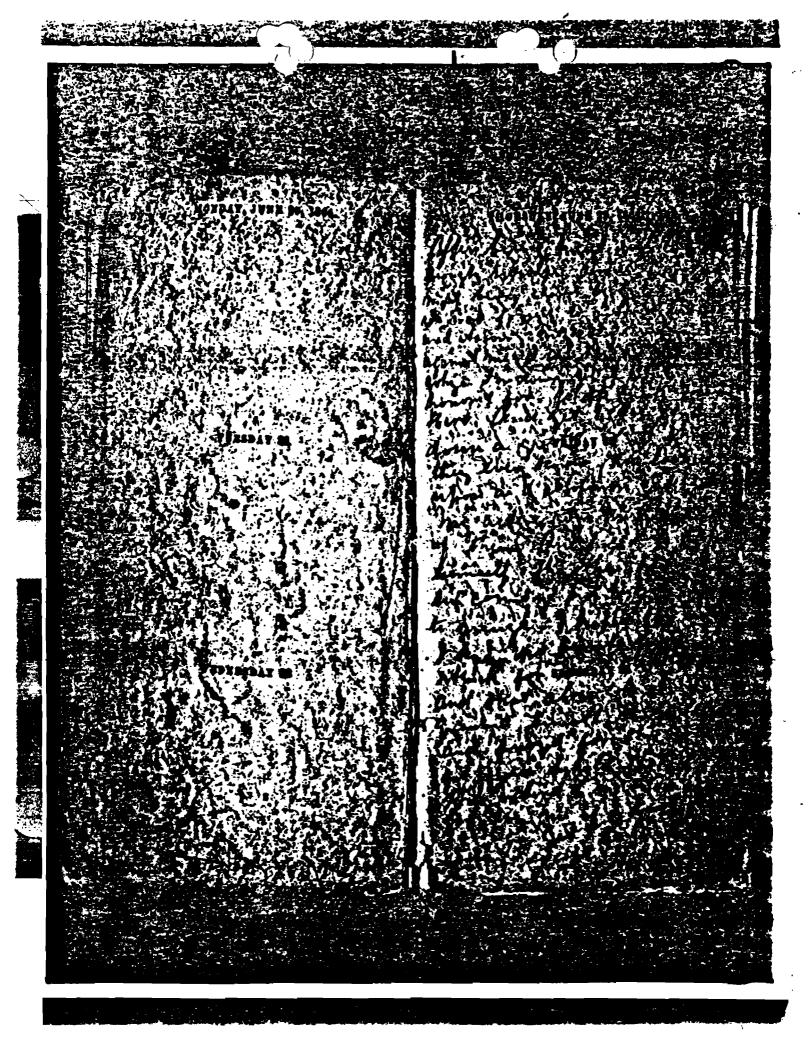


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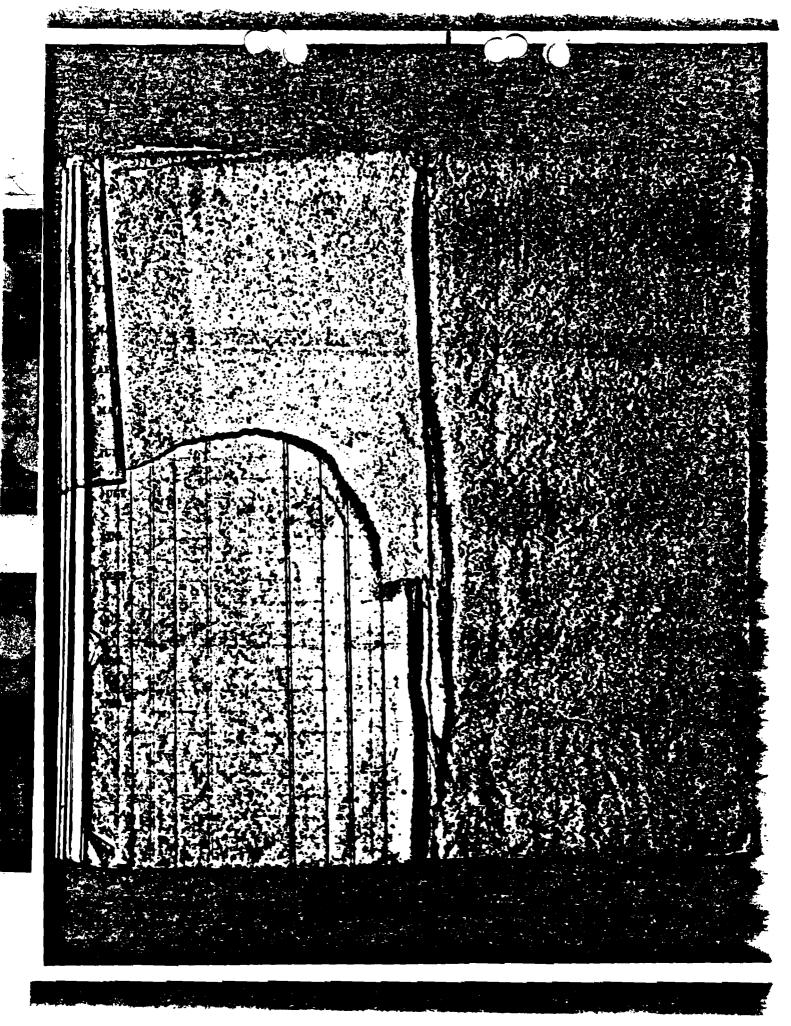
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION 1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W. WASHINGTON, D. C: 20248

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Clarence Kelly Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20005

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

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This office has requested the loan from the National Archives of two letters written by John Wilkes Booth. We hope, through the services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be able to authenticate the Booth diary in the Ford's Theatre collection by a comparative analysis of the handwriting.

Regional Curator Gordon Gay has been working with the FBI on an earlier project involving a detailed examination of the Booth diary. We have discussed with your staff the possibility of the handwriting analysis while the diary is in your hands. At this time, we wish to request your assistance in such a study.

As soon as we get clearance from the Archives for the loan of the booth letters, we will be in contact to further discuss this project.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region

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Memorandum

Mr. Kelleher

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On 5/19/77, Gordon Gay of the Department of Interior, National Park Service, National Capitol Region, Washington, D. C., furnished to the FBI Laboratory a diary purportedly belonging to John Wilkes Booth. The Department of Interior requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the diary in a effort to determine if it contained any invisible writing, alterations or other characteristics which would be considered unusual.

A thorough forensic photographic examination was conducted of the entire diary. Some of the special techniques utilized included, ultraviolet reflectance, visible fluorescence with ultraviolet excitation, reflected infrared, infrared luminescence, and x-ray. In addition, the diary was also examined for indented writings. The only unaccountable indented writings were found on a page captioned "cash account September." This page was preceded by a single missing page. The limited text of the indented writings noted could not be determined. The only examination remaining to be completed by the Laboratory is the comparison of the writings in the diary with pages of purported known writings of John Wilkes Booth. These purported known writings were also furnished to the Laboratory by the National Park Service.

As a result of the examination of the diary, no invisible writings obliterations, alterations or other unusual characteristics were found. There were portions of the writings that have been obliterated or worn away through age and wear and tear on the diary itself.

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In order to state absolutely whether or not any secret writings existed in the diary, other examination techniques would have to be utilized which would be destructive to the diary.

In summation, all appropriate and non-destructive examination techniques have been utilized and nothing of any value has been found.

The above information relating to the examination of the diary was orally furnished to Mr. Gay and on this date Mrs. Pam West, of the National Park Service advised the Laboratory that the Ford Theater Museum curator had been interviewed by Mr. Les Whitten. The resulting information published in the Washington Post on this date is in fact reasonably accurate and was a result of that interview.

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Director's Sec'y _

As a result of two articles published in the 8/3/77 Washington Post an inquiry was received from WRC-TV (NBC affiliate-ch 4) concerning the FBI's "investigation" of the John Wilkes Booth diary.

It was jointly decided between us and Skip Larson of the National Park Service that no one should be allowed to photograph or handle the diary because of its condition, however we could furnish black and white photographs if requested.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., 8/3/77, Mr. Larson and Mike Harmon, both of the Ford's Theater Museum, National Park Service and Kelly Burke, Reporter' WRC visited the laboratory and discussed captioned matter with the examiner, SA Barry L. Mones. Mones provided a few enlargements of the diary, explaining what each was and made it clear to Mr. Burke that the FBI was not investigating this matter but merely providing laboratory assistance because of the historical value atthe specific request of the Department of Interior, National Park Service. ST 11/ REC-72015 - 2/6208 -

Mr. Harmon wanted to know if it would be possible to match any loose pages with the cut remaining portions in the diary. He was advised that while a predetermination as to the value of the examination could not be made it certainly should not be ruled out if the pages became available.

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All three individuals clearly understood that short of destructive testing, all forensic examinations of the diary revealed nothing of significance or value and that in probability there was no visible writing in the diary. Mr. Burke was most thankful for our assistance and the photographs, expressing that he had a 5:00 deadline.

Mr. Larson advised that a letter from his office to us will be forthcoming giving us blanket permission to release any photographs requested in this matter.

Recommendation: None. Information only.

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Re memorandums dated 8/4/77 and 8/9/77.

PURPOSE:

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To advise of a telephone call from to the FBI inquiring of the status of the John Wilkes Booth Diary examination.

DETAILS:

At 11 a.m., 8/11/77, a phone call was received in the Special Photographic Unit by SA Joseph M. Avignone, Document Section, Laboratory.

The caller identified himself as a newspaper article written by Haynes Johnson, Washington Post, 8/3/77, relating to captioned matter. Make had called for SA Barry L. Mones who was on eight hours of annual leave. Avignone took the call and explained that Mones was not at work and would be back tommorrow. started asking Avignone questions about the captioned matter and Avignone explained that the case was assigned to Mones and Mones had conducted the examinations and Avignone had no first hand knowledge of the results of the examination. Avignone told to call Mones back on Friday, 8/12/77. inquired "Why is the report taking so long?". Avignone stated that the wording of question implied that that report was taking too long and that he (Avignone) had no basis to share his opinion. asked Avignone when opinion. asked Avignone when would be receiving a copy of the report. Avignone asked Avignone when sha<u>re his</u>

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RE: LINCOLN ASSASSINATION

that he did not know that would receive advised a copy of the report since this was a submission from the 👍 Interior Department and that the report to Avignone's knowledge would be sent to the Interior Department. continued with questions regarding the results and Avignone again tried to explain that Mon<u>es and</u> not Avignone was conducting the examination and stated something to the effect that that's the trouble with the government. the further rambled on about that he knew that the FBI had gotten the diary back from the Interior Department after Jack Anderson's column had appeared and that we conducted the handwriting examination from the diary and had returned the diary to the Interior Department. Avignone attempted to explain that handwriting comparisons can be made from high quality photographs but interrupted and stated that he has talked to handwriting experts all over the country and he knows for a fact that comparisons can not be made from photographs. At this point Avignone stated "Sir, you're wrong -I'm not going to argue with you anymore - I don't want to quibble about this matter - Call back tommorrow and talk to Mones -It has been my pleasure talking to you - Goodbye." At this point the telephone conversation was terminated.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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FROM : T. Kelly

SUBJECT: LINCOLN ASSASSINATION

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Reference memorandum in this matter, 8/4/77.

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DETAILS:

At 11:00 a.m., 8/5/77, a phone call was forwarded from the FBI Press Office to SA Barry L. Mones, Document Section, Laboratory.

The caller identified himself as a newspaper article written by Haynes a newspaper article written by Haynes Johnson, Mashington Post, 2/3/77, relating to captioned matter. in very rapid succession, began asking questions relating to what and how the FBI Laboratory reached its findings concerning the JOHN WILKES BOOTH diary. He wanted verification about the number of missing pages, any areas of abrasion or obliteration, and a page which he claimed was chemically eradicpess.

SA Mones did not provide with any information other than that which is already public knowledge.

control of the purported missing 10 pages from the diary but that they are in the hands of an elderly descendant of the Stanton family.

stated that the pages should be made available for comparison to authenticate with the diary and said that he believes that they may become available in the near future. He stated that the descendant in possession of the pages is hesitant at this time because he fears of possible reprisals against

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him when the "truth" is known. Stated that he personally has already been "blackmailed and threatened" but is only interested in this matter because he wants to see the truth come out while others such as Sunn Films are in it for the money and publicity.

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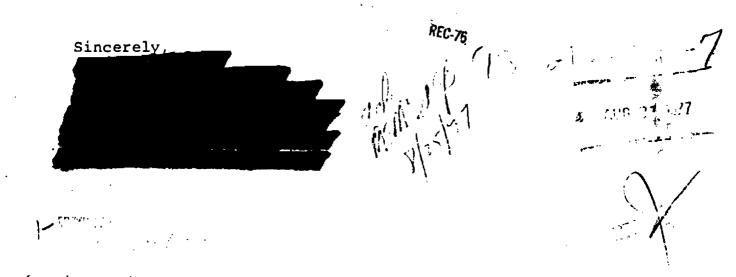
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Dear Director Kelley:

Several years ago I prepared a research paper for a history course which covered the possibility of Edwin McMasters Stanton's involvement in the conspiracy to murder President Lincoln; the apparent key to the puzzle appeared to lie in the missing pages which had been cut or torn from the assassin's diary. I now have learned from a recent Jack Anderson column that Mr. Joseph Lynch of Worthington, Massachuetts had discovered that he believes to be the missing pages, and that they have been turned over to the Bureau for scientific examination.

My interest is apparent. If copies of the pages or their content are available, I would appreciate a copy. If you prefer not to release them directly, can you furnish me with Mr. Lynch's address so that I may communicate with him directly.



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August 25, 1977



Dear

Your letter of August 15th concerning an examination of the John Wilkes Booth diary has been brought to my attention.

The FBI Laboratory has been requested by the United States Department of Interior to conduct an examination concerning the authenticity of the Booth diary. This examination is yet to be completed and there is no information available at this time. When the examination has been completed, the results will be sent directly to the United States Department of Interior. You should contact them at the following address for any additional information desired:

> United States Department of Interior National Park Service National Capitol Region 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20242

The missing pages you refer to have not been submitted to the FBI for examination and we are not aware of their whereabouts.

I hope this information has been of assistance

to you.

REC-76 DE-80 Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Kelleher, Jr. Assistant Director

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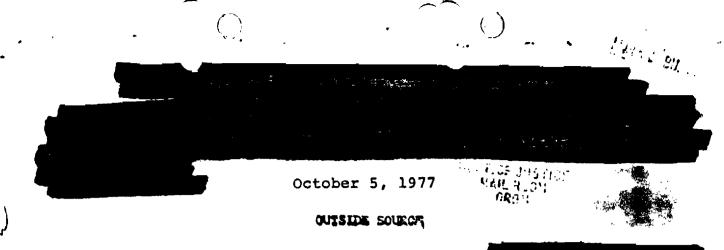
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Honorable Griffin Bell Attorney General of the United States Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am enclosing a photostat of a newspaper article with regato the purported discovery of eighteen pages of John Wilkes Boot diary among the effects of an heir of Edwin M. Stanton, Lincoln' Secretary of War.

This diary had been seized as evidence by the Government and the original diary now lies in "Ford's Theater" in Washington.

There is no question pages were ripped from the diary and the first head of the Secret Service, Lafayette Baker, testified the diary was substantially intact when he turned it over to the Secretary of War.

Jack Anderson recently wrote an article indicating these purported missing pages are being examined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for authenticity.

First, it infuriates me to think Stanton's heirs have mater: stolen from the Federal Government valued at between one quarter a million dollars. Secondly, since if this property were stolen from the Government, it is Government property and should be ret to the Government.

I am a Lincoln assassination conspiracy buff and feel the Government is under an obligation to secure these pages and that they should be made public. It is a pity that the assassination of our Sixteenth President is stary clouded in mystery.

Very truly yours,

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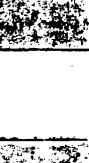
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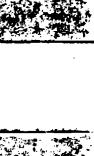
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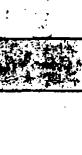
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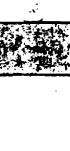
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He say he was in Washington, D.C., at a Cir. I.V. type gun show, when he heard around in Americana collector who had a und the missing pages from Booth's dea. It took me nearly six weeks to track Lynch down," Balsiger says. After alling dealers from New York in E. John, he finally got well back He and Lynch began negotiations over the material. And here, Teachash't already the story becomes too complex to unitary at this writing. This the escence

India arr sould Lynch estimated the came of the material at a quarter of a million to a million dollars, and that Lynch, acting as the middleman for the hors, first public price of a quarter million of his Lynch denies this. The Stanton hoirs, he says, didn't want to deal with anyone. "So far as they were concerned, the diary was a blank spot on everyone concerned," he says. That is, Stanton clearly was implicated as the master conspirator. How would you like to be known as a direct of cendant of the man who had Father abraham stain?

In the end, I vach sold to the house company a transcript of the supposed diary, made from his tape recorded descriptions. The price was somewhere between \$1000 and \$10,000. The movie company claims to have done exhaustive work into authenticating the pages. They were evaluated by

had be in turned up. New material is alwassing in turned up. New material is alwassing in turned up. New material is alwassing in turned, he met Lynch. Balsiger and other people from the movie company. One of them asked for, and got, permission to photograph the original Breth diary on display in the museum. There had been rumors, among the nordes of Lincoln assassination conspiracy builts that Booties diary contained invisible.

position that, limition lives the positionent decided to protect itself. "We asked the FRI to examine inediary in our possession to alleviate any future uncertainty as to its authenticity, or any questions pertaining to 'hidden' writing." That was done. The diary is now back in its case in Ford's Theater.

The FBI has never looked at the "missing pages" from the diary. As Hermon says: "Being a cautious historian, I have to say this: The burden of historical proof rests on Lynch. If a guy says, 'Hey. I have the documents that say Mary Lincoln did it.' it's the burden of that person to produce the documents in question. The only way anybody's going to be able to determine their authenticity is when they become public documents subject to public scrutiny and examination."

Harmon's a Civil War bull himself He recalls being fascinated by an event a year ago. Lincoln's wa'let had been sealed inside a box maintained at the Smithsonian. It was opened during the bicentennial celebration. Guess what they found.

Five dollars - in Confederate

money.



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Your communication of October 5th to the Attorney General was referred to FBI Headquarters for acknowledgment and received on October 14th.

The FBI Laboratory was requested by the U. S. Department of the Interior to conduct an examination concerning the authenticity of the diary maintained by John Wilkes Booth. This examination was just recently completed and the results have been sent directly to the Department of the Interior.

If you desire additional information regarding this examination of the Booth diary, you should communicate with the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Capitol Region, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20242.

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Andrew J. Decker, Jr. Assistant Director Records Management Division

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August 8, 1977

Mr. Clarence Kelley
Director
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Attention: Mr. Barry Mones, Technical Analysis Laboratory

Dear Mr. Kelley:

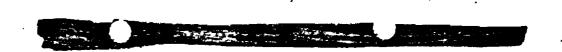
I note in the Les Whitten story (copy enclosed) in the Washington Post for August 3, 1977, that your check of the John Wilkes Booth diary is still in progress. It is hoped that your sophisticated methods will raise some of the writing that does not appear to the eye. I send you here two pictures (made under special light) which show some of this writing. Please return these pictures.

There is also some writing opposite the calendar, faint at the top and slightly clearer toward the bottom. This appears to be a list of names. Perhaps this is beyond recovery by any means but the writing is there, clearly so. I am sorry that I do not have a picture of this page to send to you.

There is a growing controversy that your report can settle easily: how many pages (or sheets) are missing from the Booth diary? As you will note, this document is not properly a diary but rather is an 1864 memorandum book with spaced dates, presumably beginning with Friday, January 1, and ending with Sunday, December 31. It is alleged that eighteen of the missing pages have been located in the hands of a Stanton heir. It would be most helpful for future research for you to state in your report just which pages or sheets - are not now in this memorandum book. You could, for example, note either the missing pages or the pages that are there in chronological order. Either way will permit historians to reconstruct the memorandum book and to make comparisons with the "missing pages" if these are every released for such a purpose.

As I urged in my letter of June 23, every page should be photographed even if scanners reveal nothing. This will avoid mythmakers coming back later with doctored pictures or making a claim that the FBI missed something or deliberately withheld material as part of "a conspiracy." This is no idle fear as you can see from the editorial in the Civil War Times for August 1977 (copy enclosed)

A claim has been made that the diary (the one you are checking) was forged by the Government as part of a "cover-up." For



this reason historians are anxious that your report be definite in comparing the writing in the diary with the "To whom it may concern" letter and the "Dearest beloved mother" letter. This is the last chance for an answer, one way or the other. We are advised that the diary will never again be made available for such a purpose.

I am sorry to bother you on these points - all of which you are no doubt doing and doing well. Still, so much history rides on the documentation of what you do and how you do it.



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Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

The FBI has quietly entered the investigation of another presidential assassination — this one the 112-year-old shooting of Abraham Lincoln while he watched a performance at Ford's Theater in Washington.

In many respects, the 1865 murder of Lincoln remains even more con-troversial than the 1963 killing of President John F. Kennedy. Murky questions hang over both tragedies.

The belated FBI inquiry into Lincoin's death may help to resolve such mysteries as these: Was Lincoln the victim of a secret conspiracy reaching into his own cabinet? Was Frederick Douglass, the Martin Luther King Jr. of the Lincoln era, also marked for murder? Did the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, actually escape and leave another man's body in his place?

New light on these questions is contained in some 18 pages that mysteriously disappeared from Booth's diary but may now have turned up. The diary reportedly was delivered intact to Lincoln's arrogant Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, who has been linked by rumors to the assassination plot.

When the diary was later introduced into the Andrew Johnson Impeachment hearings, it was missing some pages that had been neatly excised. Now an indefatigable American expert, Joseph Lynch of Worthington, Mass., has found what appears to be the missing pages.

He made the discovery while appraising some historical artifacts belonging to Stanton's heirs. The pages were locked in a box in the attic. The heirs had never opened the box; in

fact, they had no key.

The pages give a fascinating account, presumably written by Booth, of his intrigues with Lincoln intimates shortly before the assassination. Some of the most prominent politicians of the period, including Stanton, are implicated.

Referring to a plot perhaps unrelated to the murder. Booth allegedly writes that he may be working for the Secretary of War himself. At another point, he declares: "I swear that I shall lay the body of this tyrant dead upon the altar of Mars." Apparently, Lincoln is the "tyrant," and "Mars," the god of war, could have been a code name for Stanton.

For years, the Booth diary, shorn of its mysterious pages, has been on display at Ford's Theater museum. But the Interior Department, which runs the museum, has now turned over the diary to the FBI. Its handwriting experts, with their ultraviolet scanners, microscopes and other detection devices, are trying to determine whether the diary itself is genuine.

They have made two important tentative discoveries. The diary contains no writing in invisibile ink, as some people have suspected for more than a century. The text also hasn't been altered, as others have thought. But the big question, whether the diary is entirely in Booth's handwriting, remains to be settled.

The FBI's findings may establish whether the 18 newly discovered pages are authentic. Lynch gained considerable credibility by insisting that the missing pages were lined. Most experts had thought the diary was unlined. But the museum's curator, Michael Harman, has now in- the answers."

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Along with the missing diary; Lynch also found hundreds of intriguing items in the possessi the Stanton heirs. One is a lette newspaper, in which Booth repor outlined why he killed Lincoln.

A film company, Sunn Classi also been investigating the Lincsassination for a feature movie "The Lincoln Conspiracy." One researchers, Lawrence Moons Alexandria, Va., has turned up missing Booth letters and other Mooney believes he has evidence Booth escaped and that another : body was put in his place.

Another researcher, Prof. Ray of Indiana State University, ha. produced material which he be shows Booth escaped at Garrett's where most experts believe h. been killed by pursuing troops.

Still another ingredient has be jected into the mystery by Lyn has discovered what looks lik name of Frederick Douglass, a leader, in the Booth diary. This the possibility that Booth may ha tended to kill Douglass, too.

Meanwhile, Curator Harman. government expert on the assa. tion, is taking an historian's car view about the renewed contro-"It's the original can of worms said. "The government didn't cor a thorough investigation at the t. don't know whether we'll ever ,

By Charles Rodri:

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Behind the Tres Civil War limes August 1977 ZANEAT EMPTOR

Within a few weeks you are going to get very excited. From your radio, your newspaper, and seemingly every other minute on your television, you are going to be bombarded by a media blitz for a new motion picture. "New film proves conspiracy in Lincoln assassination," they will say: "Researchers have advanced the Lincoln assassination study more in a one-year crash investigation than it has been advanced in the previous 112 years"; "calls for joint Senate-House assassination committee to re-examine Lincoln's death"; "With the historical discoveries we've made, our film will make Watergate look like kindergarten plotting."

The new film, "The Lincoln Conspiracy," is produced by Sunn Classic Pictures, makers of a recent film on Noah's Ark and several wildlife movies. It presents a scenario which, if true, does indeed make events surrounding the Watergate break-in pale into insignificance. "The Lincoln Conspiracy" does nothing less than charge that there were four separate groups conspiring against Lincoln; that Secretary of War Edwin McM. Stanton and Lafayette Baker were deeply involved: that Booth was a tool of all four groups; that Stanton tried to replace Booth with a Confederate Captain James W. Boyd; that it was Boyd, not Booth, who was killed in the dark hours of April 26, 1865, at the Garrett farm in Virginia; that Booth escaped r to freedom while Boyd's body was identified and buried as Booth's; that Stanton and other high officials, finding incriminating evidence against them in Booth's diary, conspired to suppress this evidence; that Baker was later killed to silence him, and much more.

Space does not allow telling of the whole story. Briefly, however, Confederate leaders in Canada want Lincoln out of the way, and feel that kidnapping him may get Southern prisoners freed to continue the fight. Northern cotton speculators don't want their profits cut by a lenient peace with the Confederacy. New York financiers feel the same, and the Radicals in Congress want an opportunity to ride roughshod over the conquered states. All four groups want Lincoln kidnapped or killed for their own ends. All work through Booth, Stanton and Baker know of the plots—are involved with one or more groups them-'selves—and Baker acts as liaison with Booth. Booth makes several kidnapping attempts and fails. Disillusioned with the actor, the Radicals want a change. Baker and Stanton get Caprain James W. Boyd-a ruthless character-out of Old Capitol Prison in Washington and put him in Booth's place. While Boyd schemes, a resentful Booth changes his plans to murder, and finally kills Lincoln on April 14, just as Boyd is ready with his own plot, which included spiriting Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson, and Secretary of State William Seward, aboard a Chaffey Shipping Company vessel to be born away to Bloodsworth Island in the Chesapeake where they would be killed.

Booth attempts to escape in company with one Edward Henson over an unguarded toute left open for Boyd Baker immediately sends Boyd and young David Heroldan accomplice of Booth's who is captured on April 15 and coerced into giving aid—out to catch the assassin. But the Boyd, fearing that Baker will betray him, decides to escape himself, but he and Herold are trapped at the Garrer farm. Herold is taken, and Boyd slain. Since Boyd bore ... remarkable resemblance to Booth, he is at first mistake:: for the assassin. When the error is discovered, the Wa Department covers it up rather than reveal that the wrong man is dead. Thus begins the cover-up, which Stantor completes by hiding Booth's diary and excising from it eighteen pages which incriminate scores of prominen-Northerners, And Booth escapes to West Virginia and eventually, Europe.

It is an incredible story if true, and the way Sunn Classingoes about trying to prove it is equally incredible.

There is a special technique to this sort of thing. It has been around a long time, and has been used most effect tively in recent years by Ench von Däniken in his "Charlo" of the Gods" books. The formula is simple. To present theory that no reputable authority has ever accepted, first attack the authorities. Sunn does this with a vengeance claiming that traditional historians of Lincoln's murder have perpetuated the cover-up by slavishly accepting the official government version of the assassination conspiracy. "Seldom has a traditional historian questioned the government's statements or acquired primary resource material from the heits of those who lived during the assassina tion period," claims a Sunn spokesman. As a result, Sunn went after "findings overlooked by historians or suppressed by them because new revelations could be embarrassing to some of the established historical writers on the subject." And whatever they looked for they found-in abundance.

Next must come the hint of a continuing conspiracy to keep the truth from coming out. Thus, when it came to filming the picture, Sunn went to Savannah instead of doing it on location in Washington. "Our film," they say, "which rewrites the history of the Lincoln assassination, rattles a lot of skeletons in family and official closets. We wanted to keep a low profile until we finished filming." In a separate statement, Sunn maintains that a book by one of their consultants, Theodore Roscoe's Web of Conspiracy, "came under open attack by the Federal secret service... and the publisher was forced to let the book go." Can this possibly be the same Web of Conspiracy that was condensed for a Reader's Digest anthology and later served as the basis for a CBS TV documentary?

Next comes the presentation, and with it the repeated and insistent statement of startling revelations, one building upon another. Repetition brings familiarity, and familiarity breeds belief. Fit then the supposition has been stated often enough, it is cepted or fact, and presto! we have spacemen building cutes in South America, a voracious triangle of ocean off Bermuda that swallows ships like anchovies, and a massive plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln and cover up the crime.

It is a twentieth century technique, and thus it is fitting that it be coupled with another modern "invention" in the making of "The Lincoln Conspiracy," "Sunn uses computers to help make movies," proudly proclaims the publicity release. After extensive demographic surveys are made, sample audiences are polled on "which scenes offered the greatest enjoyment, which scenes were the most interesting, and which scenes they wanted longest." Essentially the audience tells what it likes best, and that is what Sunn gives them. This is fine for a fictional drama, but when applied to the presentation of what purports to be history, the result can be disastrous. No society can afford to have its understanding of its own past determined by market research on what people want to believe. Winston Churchill once remarked of the legendary King Arthur that, if he hadn't really lived, nevertheless "he should have." Application of market research to history reverses that somewhat. If the studies indicate that most people would prefer that King Arthur had really lived. then he did. The implications are frightening.

But all of this pales when compared to the real meat of the story, the startling and extensive new evidence upon which the film is based. All such courageous, trailblazing endeavors must have a host of evidentiary materials overlooked by "traditional historians." "The Lincoln Conspiracy" has them in abundance.

The most interesting items, of course, are the purported missing pages from Booth's diary, supposedly taken out by Stanton: In the first place, it was not a "diary," but an appointment book. Booth's was not a diarist's temperament. He wasn't even a good correspondent. Secondly, Sunn's promotional campaign is headlined with the claim that "Sunn's research turns up Booth's missing diary pages." Not so. The pages were found by a Massachusetts manuscript dealer in the hands of a Stanton descendant. Sunn merely located the dealer. But—and this is important-neither Sunn nor anyone else has seen the actual pages. Only the dealer has seen them, and he furnished a transcript to Sunn. For complicated reasons, the owner of the originals is reluctant to release them for authentication. Meanwhile, the manuscript dealer has shown copies of the transcripts to a few experts, and the best that can be said at this point is that no serious anachronisms have been found to disprove authenticity. Nevertheless, until some unimpeachable authority such as the Library of Congress authenticates the original pages, basing any historical claims upon what is found in the transcript is irresponsible. And incidentally, the National Park Service the next treate thirty-six leaves missing from the small book in their custody, not eighteen as is usually stated.

Having dispensed with the diary, about which no defini-

evidence product support the scenario of "The Lincoln Conspiracy, sabout this evidence, certain ironclad conclusions are inescapable.

First, from several sources they have resurrected the old canard that Booth escaped capture and lived out his days in disguise and seclusion. The evidence for these oftrepeated claims has been put to the test by Chauncey Black of the Dearborn Independent, George S. Bryan in The Great American Myth, Otto Eisenchiml in The Shadow of Lincoln's Death, and a number of other investigators. The consensus is that all such claims are spurious.

Far more fascinating is the story of Captain James W. Boyd, who we are told was mistaken for Booth. A collec-



Sunn Classic Pictures photograph purporting to be Captain James W. Boyd.

tion of Boyd's papers is offered the his involvement in the kidnapping scheme and hid timely death and mis-identification. There is a grain of truth here. In February 1865 Captain J.W., Boyd, formerly Captain of Co. F., 6th Tennessee Infantry, was in Old Capitol Prison, and he was released on War Department orders. It is documented by his signed Oath of Allegiance, now in the National Archives in Washington. An interesting document this is. It shows that at the time of his release Boyd, a native of Madison County, Tennessee, was gray-haired, blue-eyed, and 6 feet-2 inches tall. The 1860 census for Madison County indicates that in 1865, Boyd would have been about 42 years of age.

We are asked to believe that this man was passed off not only to friends, but also to intimate family members, as John Wilkes Booth, a black-haired, brown-eyed, 5 foot-8 inch, 26-year-old! Six inches difference in height; sixteen years in age; gray hair instead of black; blue eyes rather than brown. It strains credulity beyond the limits of reason to assert that Boyd could pass for Booth with anyone. Sunn does offer a purported photo of Boyd which shows a man somewhat like Booth, but in no way corresponding with the description of J.W. Boyd. And curiously enough, the man in the photo is dressed in a Federal uniform, a private's at that.

Equally interesting are the papers of the New York shipping firm of Chaffey and Biggs. It is claimed that Booth and Lafayette Baker had a long standing connection with this firm, and that it was to supply the ship for the original kidnapping and murder plot. The firm does business, we are told, at 178 ½ Water Street.

The errors here are legion. First, no New York City directory for the years 1844-1865 lists any firm such as thatter in shipping or any other business. Further, all references found to businesses at 1781/2 Water Street are for Martin Bates, furrier and importer. This includes the year 1853, when documents in the Chaffey papers show that firm doing business at that address. In New York City's tax records there is no account of this firm, and in the New York Times's daily listing of shipping in and out of the port of New York for the years of the Civil War, there is not a single vessel mentioned which is registered to Chaffey. This for a company which regularly ships into and our of New York! Add to this the fact that the Chaffey correspondence—at least that which we've seen—is written, not in a letter book, but in an account ledger; that the ledger paper bears a British and not an American watermark; and that the handwriting is poor and in places illegible in an era when mercantile firms employed scribes specifically for their penmanship—add all this together and it is not hard to conclude that Chaffey and Biggs never existed, and that the papers of this spectral firm are clumsy

Much the same can be said for the Lafayette Baker papers, which Sunn calls "journals and cipher-coded manuscripts detailing the Lincoln kidnap-assassination conspiracy plot and cover-up." At the outset it is enough say that A. W. In a notorious har and scoundrel that anything he sai build be unacceptable as evidence unless extensively corroborated. But internal evidence in the purported Baker journal makes certain that its information is a fabrication, and probably not by Baker.

We are asked to believe that, according to Baker, Stanton and his henchmen feared that Lincoln would not be reelected in 1864. Rather than have Democrat George McClellan take the Presidency, they would kidnap Lincoln, Vice President Hamlin, and Secretary of State Seward prior to the inauguration. Then the Committee on the Conduct of the War, controlled by Radicals, would appoint an interim president who would announce that McClellan could not take office. When Lincoln won the election, however, the plotters retained their plans, for they feared Lincoln would be too lenient on the South. Only this time it was Lincoln, Seward, and Vice President Andrew Johnson who were to be kidnapped, and ultimately killed.

Implicit in Baker's statement is a belief on Stanton's part that in the event of the death or disability of the President and Vice-President, the office would fall to the Secretary of State as senior cabinet officer. Equally implicit is the supposition that Andrew Johnson would deal leniently with the conquered South. Well, there are problems with this plot. First, Johnson, so far as anyone knew at this time, was in the Radical Republican camp; his denunciations of the leadership of the Confederacy and shrill calls for their execution were well known. More important, it is impossible to reconcile such blatant ignorance of statutory and Constitutional provisions governing presidential succession with Edwin M. Stanton's prior position as Attorney General in the cabinet of James Buchanan and his reputation as a Constitutional lawyer. The succession in 1865—as it had been since 1792—provided that the Presidency would pass to the President pro tempore of the Senate in the event of the death or disability of both the President and Vice-President. Lafavette S. Foster of Connecticut would automatically have become President (interestingly, this order of succession changed in 1886 to include cabinet officers in the succession order). Seward would never have entered the picture—which Stanton would have known. Stanton would also have known that, constitutionally, the Committee on the Conduct of the War could not have been empowered to appoint an interim President, Stanton would have known this, but the creator of this document obviously did not, and he consequently stuck his foot in it up to the hip.

Andrew Potter's papers dissolve even quicker under scrutiny. We are asked to believe that National Detective Police agent Potter smuggled these papers out of his organization's files. Among them is his account of the discovery that the man thought to be Booth was actually Captain Boyd, and the decision to cover the mistake to avoid embarrassment. In the light of what has already been shown about the supposed Boyd-Booth identification, Potter's statement is obviously false. It is made the less believable by the photograph of Potter in Sunn's pub-

licity package. It shows a more than 30 years old dressed in clothing which aid one into zogue until the 1880's. If this is Potter, then putting the best light on it, we must believe that Andrew was a trusted secret agent at age fifteen!

With the George W. Julian Papers, we have a real gem.

With the George W. Julian Papers, we have a real gem. Julian, an organizer of the Republican Party, stood among the foremost Radicals. He kept a diary during the war and after, a diary which his daughter loaned to historian Claude Bowers when he was researching his classic study of Reconstruction, The Tragic Era. When Bowers finished with the diaries, Julian's daughter destroyed the portions covering the Civil War and donated the temainder to the Indiana State Library. However, Sunn claims that they have a transcript of the 1865 portion of the diary that Bowers made before it was destroyed. And in the entry for April 24, 1865, there is an eight paragraph account of a meeting in Stanton's office in which Stanton and several others speak in panicked tones of what is in Booth's diary, which they have just received. Stanton gives the book to his trusted henchman Thomas Eckert with orders that it be kept safe and shown to no one. Note, this is April 24, two days before Booth—or Boyd, if you will—is killed. It is claimed that the diary was found in Booth's abandoned coat, and rushed to the War Department.

There are several problems here. First, a search of the Claude Bowers Papers at Indiana University reveals no correspondence to indicate that Bowers kept a transcript of the Julian diary of any portion of it. Second, anyone who has read The Trugic Era knows that Bowers was a rabid anti-Radical. The book pours venom on Stanton, Ben Wade, and others. If Bowers really had such a diary account revealing a Radical involvement with Booth and a cover-up, it is inconceivable that he would not have used it in his book. And the reason he did not use this entry is because he had the genuine April 24, 1865 entry before him. And anyone who is interested can read it today. Simply find a copy of the Indiana Magazine of History for December 1915, which contains an article titled "George W. Julian's Journal." Therein, interestingly enough, is an entry for April 24, 1865, the same date as in Sunn's alleged transcript. Only this entry has but one paragraph, and instead of recounting conspiracy and coverup, it describes a meeting of the Committee on the Conduct of the War. Instead of recording a meeting at Stanton's office, it tells of an audience with President Johnson during which Julian was "mortified" at the President's bad grammar (page 337). Obviously the fabricator of the more lurid version of the Julian diary didn't do his or her homework, else this earlier publication of the April 24 entry would have prevented the blundering forgery which is a major piece of evidence in Sunn's version of the conspiracy.

This sort of thing goes on and on. The film "proves" for us the old legend that Booth married Izola D'arcy. Further we are told that Booth and his wife lived on his farm near Harpers Ferry, and that it is to this farm that

tax books for a cessfully escaping in 1865. The title and tax books for a area, however, show no transaction whatever that have Booth owning land. There is a state ment by Michael O'Laughlen in which he details the involved in the massive plot and what was planned. The statement comes from the Osborn Oldroyd collection, ware told. Oldroyd, an eminent collector of Lincolnian kept inventories of his Lincoln items. Some are with he papers in the University of Chicago Library, and nowher do they mention such a statement by O'Laughlen.

And there is testimony taken from the sister of Dav Herold, who fled with Booth and was later hanged wit the other conspirators. It is supposedly suppressed test mony which backs up the contention that Herold w. never with Booth on the escape. Rather, he was riditwith Boyd in an attempt to find Booth. Well, the cred bility of this one doesn't last beyond the first sentence The initial question asked of Herold's sister is wheth or not her husband is Edward C. Nelson. She says "yes Yet church and census records verify that her husbar was really Frederick M. Nelson! Is it not reasonable ! expect that after thirteen years of marriage Mrs. Nelso would know her husband's given name? Additional erro abound in this obviously bogus testimony. Oh, yes, at in the revelation from Mrs. Edward Nelson-or was Frederick?—is the tantalizing fact that her brother Dav-Herold kept a diary in 1865 and that a relation of he had it. Since this is the only hint to date of a Herold diar and since it comes from a suspect document, any date Herold diary which may hereafter come to light must ce tainly be viewed with caution.

Sunn's story line claims that David Herold was capture only the day after the assassination and then sent off wil Boyd to capture Booth. To support this they cite a rewiposter for Booth, Surratt and Herold, in which the phoof Herold is the same as a later view in which he is han cuffed after his capture at the Garrett farm on April 2 The conclusion is that this photo was taken April 1. Otherwise, how would the government have a photo -Herold, in irons, to put on a wanted poster issued da before his capture? While superficially persuasive, the claim, too, dissolves under scrutiny. There are at least to known versions of the reward poster dated April 20. addition to the version at which Sunn points its finge there is a poster which shows Herold as an adolesce schoolboy, and a photograph purporting to be John Sutt. which is obviously erroneous. This is the poster distribute by Luther B. Baker at the behest of Lafayette C. Bak: The Sunn version of the poster—though they don't me tion this—has a photograph of John Surratt taken approximately 1867. The second poster—with the la Surratt photograph and the post-capture Herold phograph-was undoubtedly a response to the clamor I "souvenirs" of the century's greatest crime. In sho Sunn's claim is based on a poster that postdates the hufor the assassins by many months, possibly years.

It must be apparent by now that virtually all of the







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Reward poster with a photograph of Herold as an adolescent and an erroneous photograph of John Surratt.

startling claims in the film are based upon documents which, if not outright forgeries, are so highly suspect as to make them inadmissable as evidence in any serious investigation. While Sunn has uncarthed a mass of documentary evidence, little would withstand the scrutiny of serious historians.

Just who had this material, and why, may never be known. There have been forgers and charlatans working in the field of Lincolniana ever since his death. Joseph Cosey produced some very well known Lincoln forgeries in the early 1900's. And the famous Minor collection of spurious documents relating to Lincoln and Ann Rutledge dates back to 1928. There have been many faked photos of Lincoln in death. It should hardly be surprising, then, that a lot of documents relating to the assassination have been manufactured. Americans do love a conspiracy, and in the case of Lincoln's death someone wanted one bad







War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865.

\$100,000 REWARD!

Reward poster showing post—capture photograph of David Herold and 1867 photograph of John Surratt.

enough to invent data supporting a plot of monumental proportions. We may never know the identity of the person or persons who concocted the material that Sunn has found, or when it was done. Indeed, the work is so clumsily amateurish that its authorship should charitably be left anonymous. One should not criticize Sunn Classic Pictures over much for using this material. Pictures are their business, not history. Given the material to make a box office hit with blockbusting revelations, they simply have not questioned their evidence too closely.

One might suppose that the point of all this is to advise the readers of CWTI nor to pay good money to see "The Lincoln Conspiracy" when it comes to your theater. Not so. Go and see it. See it twice. Take your friends and your family. Watch it carefully. You will literally see history in the making. Look with a rateful eye and an open mind: there is, after all, the remote possibility that they really have something. The picture is based on far more documents than we can discuss here, and there is always the chance that they have turned up worthwhile new material; after all, only last year the "lost" manuscript account of the assassination by Louis J. Weichmann—undeniably genuine—finally came out in print.

But watch for the innuendo, the stretched truth. Keep in mind the evidence that the film is based upon, and what has been shown here about the evidence. Then decide for yourself. That is the point of this editorial. To urge you not to walk out of that theater unquestioningly accepting what you have seen as being the truth. Because once that happens, then we have all begun to lose touch with our past—and without that there can be no sure grip on the future.

And then, if there is anyone who still buys what this film has to offer. Boy! can I make you a deal on the Brooklyn Bridge.

William C. Davis

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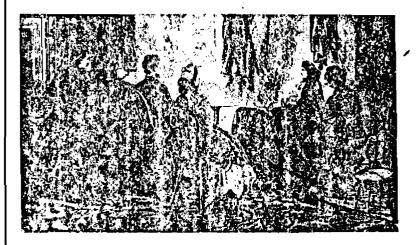
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Woodcut by Albert Berghaus of Booth shooting Lincoln at Ford's Theater.



Matthew Brady photo of

Now, About Those 18 'Missing

Now, dear reader, here's a proposition: Every day you've got to determine, if you read us at all, what's true, what's false, and, as in most cases, what lies inconclusively in between. Witness today.

Elsewhere in these pages, you'll find a column by our colleagues, Jack Anderson and Lex Whitten. It begins with the riveting words: "The FBI has quietly entered the investigation of another presidential assassination—this one the 112-year-old shooting of Abraham Lincoln..." The column goes on to say: "The belated FBI inquiry into Lincoln's death may help to resolve such mysteries as these: Was Lincoln the victim of a secret conspiracy reaching into his own cabinet? ..." Credit for this monumental investigation ("new light on these questions") is given to "some 13 pages that mysteriously disappeared item Booth's diary but may now have turned up." And: "Now an indefatigable American expert, Joseph Lynch of Worthington, Mass., has found what appears to be the missing pages."

Not having much else to report in this most normal summer since the '50s, which is to say dull, aside from the recent discovery of that long-extinct prehistoric monster, the plesiosaurus, from the murky depths of the southern seas off New Zealand, or a sociological examination of the deeper significance of the latest phenomenon, the film "Star Wars," we turn now to that burning question—not who killed Kennedy, but who killed Lincoln. And also how that subject happens to surface in the presa this lirst week of August, '77.

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The American expert, Joseph Lynch, lists his address as P.O. Box 72, Worthington, Mass, His phone, the operator says, has been disconnected. A day of indefatigable tracking led from Worthington, Mass., to Salt

Lake City, Utah, and ended at the Steamboat Square Book Shop in Albany, N.Y., where Mr. Lynch was said to receive messages. "He's a very private man who jealously guards his privacy," the proprietor said, cautiously. Mr. Lynch maintains a phone in the Albany area, but it, too, is unlisted. Finally, late in the day, after more enterprising investigative reporting, the clusive Mr. Lynch himself was on the phone.

"I'm always interested in the subject of, shall we say, Americana, the artifacts of history," he pronounced, in a Brooklyn accent. "One might call me a dealer-collector. In general, I know a lot about American history. It's the thing I liked best in school. I'm not a liberal in my politics. No one's ever accused me of being a Communist. If anything, I'm conservative in my views, I'm totally smateur, I admit. My education is limited to high school and the business arena, as we know it—making a living from one day to next. I'm not Charlie Big Bucks, sither."

Mr. Lynch then proceeded to tell the following story:

Some 3½ years ago, he was conducting an inventory and appraisal of papers in the possession of heirs of Edwin M. Stanton, Lincoln's secretary of war. As is his custom, he read out a description of various letters and manuscript pages into a tape recorder. Among the papers were some 18 pages of handwriting, which seemed to have been torn from a diary. In checking into the contents, he determined that these were the missing pages from John Wilkes Booth's diary. No matter how. He did.

In the course of his work, he happened to mention his discovery to another dealer, who in turn passed it on to another, who in turn . . . Anyway, you get the picture: The word was out.

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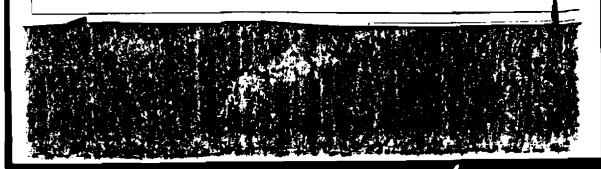
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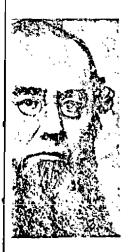
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Brady photo of Stanton.

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er, described as "an investi" by the company, was doing

the gumshoe work that all reporter-researcher investigators must do when he stumbled on a lead.

He says he was in Washington, D.C., at a Civil War type gun show, when he heard about an Americana collector who had found the missing pages from Booth's diary. "It took me nearly six weeks to track Lynch down," Balsiger says. After calling dealers from New York to Buston, he finally got a call back. He and Lynch began negotiations over the material. And here, if it hasn't already, the story becomes too complex to unravel at this writing. But the essence:

Balsiger says Lynch estimated the value of the material at a quarter of a million to a million dollars, and that Lynch, acting as the middleman for the heirs, first put a price of a quarter million on it, Lynch denies this. The Stanton heirs, he says, didn't want to deal with anyone. "So far as they were concerned, the diany was a black spot on everyone concerned," he says. That is, Stanton clearly was implicated as the master con-spirator. How would you like to be known as a direct descendant of the man who had Father Abraham slain?

In the end, Lynch soid to the movie company a transcript of the supposed diary, made from his tape-recorded descriptions. The price was somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The movie company claims to have done exhaustive work into authenticating the expansive wink into authenticating incompages. They were evaluated "by historical experts," and by other means. Voice analyses were performed on numerous taped interviews "using the "ychological stress evaluator (PSE), a "truth" machine used by law-enforcement agencies and the CIA."

Now you must understand one fact: At this point, no one has seen those newly found pages. No one has met the Stanton heirs. No one, aside from Louch, knows who they are, or where they ive And they aren't talking. Too much bad publicity, too much embarrassment to the old (amily name.

"And what about that FBI investigation?" you ask. Read on, Denouement to come.

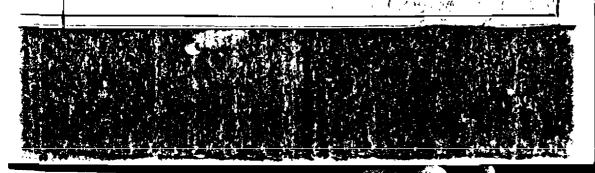
Sometime last fall, Michael (Mike) Harmon, curator of the Ford's Theater hiuseum. got a call, it might be worth his time to contact a film company, Sunn Classic, in Salt Lake City, he was told. Secms new material on the Lincoln assassination had been turned up. New material is always turning up, but Harmon made the call. In time, he met Lynch, Balsiger and other people from the movie company. One of them asked for, and got, permission to photograph the original Booth diary on display in the museum.
There had been rumors, among the hordes
of Lincoln assassination conspiracy buffs,
that Booth's diary contained "invisible" writing. The keys to the case.

After that, Harmon says, the government decided to protect itself, "We asked the FBI to examine the diary in our possession to alleviate any future uncertainty as to its authenticity, or any questions pertaining to 'hidden' writing." That was done. The diary is now back in its case in Ford's Theater.

The FBI has never looked at the "missing pages" from the diary. As Harmon eays:
"Being a cautious historian, I have to say this: The burden of historical proof rests on Lynch. If a guy says, 'Hey, I have the docu-ments that say Mary Lincoln did it,' it's the burden of that person to produce the docu-ments in question. The only way anybody's going to be able to determine their authenticity is when they become public documents subject to public (crutiny and examination.

Harmon's a Civil War buff himself, He re calls being fascinated by an event a ye ago. Lincoln's wallet had been sealed inside a hox maintained at the Smithsonian. It was pened during the bicentennial celebration. Guess what they found

Five dollars-in Confederate money.



Hospital Cost Curb Passes Senate Panel

By Victor Cohn Washington Post Staff Wriffr

President Carter's plan to bring hospital costs under control passed its first hurdle vesterday when a Senate committee voted even tougher limits on hospital and medical spending inan he proposed,

The Carter proposal for an approximate 9 per ceut limit on annual in-creases in hospital revenues was adopted 9 to 3 in somewhat altered form by the Senate Human Resources Committee.

Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. called the committee action "a dramatic first step toward checking the reckless in-creases" that have seen hospital costs rising by 15 per cent yearly.

But the cost control plan must still be acted on by the Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means and Commerce committees. In none of these three has it even emerged from health subcommittees.

This makes it virtually sure that no controls could go into effect by Oct. 1, the President's target date.

The version passed yesterday—shaped largely by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and his health subcommittee staff-would add two important provisions to the administration plan.

One is a proposed two-year moraterum on hospital building or expansion except in states that adopt statewide plans providing for such expansion. The administration had proposed limiting such building to \$2.5 billion worth in the two years, a sharp reduc-tion from an expected \$7 billion worth without a lid.

Yesterday's version would also prevent doctors from adding equip-ment worth more than \$150,000 to their offices without state health planning agency approval.

The committee bill would also:

· Force hospitals to make financial statements including profits and losses in all departments, available to consumers as well as to the HEW sec-

 Attempt to discourage private hospitals from transferring or "dump. ing" nonpaying patients into public

 Allow hospitals to increase rates and revenues by more than 9 per cent if agreements with nonsupervisory. low-income workers call for larger wage boosts. Unions have persuaded the administration to accept this compromise even though it and other ex-ceptions might raise the limit on revnues to 10 to 11 per cent.

President Carter in April said hospital cost controls could save \$2 billion the first year. He called this start on health cost control essential if the nation is to afford adequate national health insurance.

House Continues to Insist On Tough Abortion Stand:

> By Spencer Rich Washington Post Staff Writer

The House, insisting on a tough antiabortion position, voted 238 to 182 last night to ban all government funding of abortions except to save the life of the mother.

The issue now goes back to the Senate to determine whether the Senate will take the House language or continue to demand softer language with more exceptions.

The vote came on an amendment to the final House-Senate compromise version of the \$50.1 billion appropriations bill for the departments of Labor and Health. Education and Weifare for fiscal 1978.

The House, in initially passing the hill had banned all federal funding of abortions but the Senate had substantially weakened it. The Senate allowed exceptions for situations where the life of the mother was threatened, where pregnancy resulted from rape or incest or where the woman's doctor considered abortion "medically necessary" for whatever physical or psychological reason.

In conference, where all other differences between the two bills were settled, there was a complete impasse on abortion and House floor manager Daniel Flood (D-Pa.) went back to the House last night for re-endorsement of a strict House position.

Flood said, "A large vote for it this time will send a clear message to the other body" that the House

isn't gothg to back down on tough language, which is favored by the Carter administration.

Rep. Henry H, de (R-III.), author of the original House amendment, said. "A fetus is a human life. . . abortion kills human life." He s. id the Supreme Court had ruled that "even though abortion is legal, there is no constitutional right to have it paid for by public funds." The bill affects only those women, about 250,000 to 300,000 a year, who have abortions funded by the Medicaid program for low-income women, it doesn't prevent enjone from having an abortion if she can pay with her own funds.

Reps. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio). David Obey (D-Wis.), Patricia Schroeder (D Colo.) and several others all argued that the House ban is so tight that it wouldn't allow for abortions even in situations where the fetus wa-known to be seriously defective or where the pregnancy would damage the health of the woman, even if not directly threatening her life.

Stokes and others argued it would deprive women of the right to abortion simply because they can't pay for it.
Stokes said the provision would

"force . . . women to continue pregnancies even when they know they are carrying a deformed or diseased fetus, asserting that according to HEW predictions there would be 292,000 illegal abortions, 25,000 illegal nesses or injuries and 250 deaths.

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Department Of Energy Established

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As finally passed, the bill gives the commission power to set the price of new natural gas but authorizes the secretary to make proposals and to set reasonable time limits for the commission to make a decision.

The commission would also set wholesale interstate electricity rates and would share with the secretary limited pricing powers over domestic crude oil. (Oil prices were basically set by a 1975 law and under the pend-ing energy bill would be taxed up to the world price.)

The power to set gas prices would be crucial to carrying out a coherent national energy policy if Congress approves Carter's proposal to continue price controls over new natural gas and extend them to intrastate as well as interstate gas.

Carter and Schlesinger issued state ments praising Congress for swift action on the reorganization.

The new Energy Department would acquire energy functions from four Cabinet departments and one inde-

pendent regulatory agency.

From the Interior Department it would take regional marketing functions ofer electric power, now handled by the Bureau of Reclamation and Interior's four regional power adminis-trations; coal development and energy data programs, now in the Burcau of Alines; and control over the rate of energy production on the public lands, now in the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM would retain responsibility for actual leasing of public lands.

The new department would also be

Couple Convicted for Feeding Lye to Baby

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2 (UPI)— Lehts Mae Veal, 19 is to be sen-tenced Sept. 8 for feeding her 5-weekold haby caustic lye in a plot to blackmail a babyfood company. Her hus-band, Eddie. 20. also has been con-victed and is to be sentenced Aug. 18.

The couple complained in April, 1975, that after they fed a can of baby food to their daughter, Jeanette, she

began to vomit blood.

Investigators later said that the Veals had spiked the baby food with drain cleaner, a caustle lye solution that burned the infant's mouth and throat, intending to sue the baby food company and collect clamages. The child was placed in a foster home.

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The House had written in a "sunset" provision requiring that the depart ment go out of existence by the enment go out of existence by the end of 1982 unless Congress extended its life. The administration opposed this arguing that it would prevent long-range planning. The conferees settled on a provision that merely directs the President to make a comprehensive review of the department's performance and report on it to Congress by Jan. 15, 1982.

Insulation Plan Approved In 1st House Energy Vote

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local suppliers. But federal officials could keep utilities out of the lending or installing business if it were considered anti-competitive. Utilities that were in the business of installing insulation as of April 20, when President Carter delivered his energy message. could continue.

The bill requires state governors to compile lists of lending institutions and insulation suppliers in each area for the benefit of residents. The close rote appeared due to the argument made by flepublicans that governors might he tempted to list only their political supporters.

In other actions, all subject to reconsideration before passage of the bill later in the week, the House:

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August 25, 1977

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I would like to thank you for your suggestions and interests in our examination of the John Wilkes Booth : "diary".

The two photographs you so kindly furnished are being returned herewith as you requested.

When our examination is completed the results will be furnished by official report to the Department of Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley Director

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AUTHENTICATION OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH'S DIARY YOUR NO.

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Two letters written by JOHN WILKES BOOTH

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- 15. Photograph of open diary, depicting two pages, left page headed "DECEMBER, 1864," showing remaining cut edges of missing pages (close-up of No. 2).
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- 17. Photograph of open diary depicting two pages, left page headed "MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1864."
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- 122. Infrared reflectance photograph of inside of back cover (8" by 10" negative).
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- 124 and 125. Indented writing photographs from page headed "TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1864." (Two 5" by 7" negatives showing two different lighting angles have been printed side by side.)
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- 134. Black and white transparency showing page entitled "SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1864" and print showing page entitled "FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1864." (The transparency is an enlargement of negative #75. The print is an enlargement of negative #77. They should be enlarged to as nearly the same size as is possible.)

The order of photographs 135 through 366 is similar to that of photographs 1 through 60. They are grouped according to the particular photographic technique used to produce them.

- 135 through 192. Infrared reflectance photographs of the whole diary in sequence.
- 193 through 250. Infrared luminescence photographs of the whole diary in sequence.
- 251 through 308. Ultra-violet reflectance photographs of the whole diary in sequence.
- 309 through 366. Visible flourescence with ultra-violet illumination of the whole diary in sequence.

The following photographs are depictions of the known handwriting of JOHN WILKES BOOTH received from the National Archives:

- 367. Two pages from letter beginning "Dearest beloved Mother ..."
- 368. Two pages from letter beginning "on that account ...
- 369. Final page of letter beginning "watch you with ..." 🐉
- 370. First page of letter beginning "My Dear Sir ..."
- 371. Second page of letter beginning "say country right ..."
- 372. Third page of letter beginning "Knows no one would
- 373. Fourth page of letter beginning "Republican party. Strange ..."
- 374. Fifth page of letter beginning "never bestowed upon ..."
- 375. Sixth page of letter beginning "the entire world could ..."

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June 23, 1977

Mr. Clarence Kelly Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20005

Attn: Mr. Barry Mones

Dear Sir:

At the request of a group of Lincoln scholars, the National Park Service has sent the famous John Wilkes Booth diary to you for special light photography and for handwriting analysis. I am not certain what information you were given about this request. My purpose here is to give you the background and to explain why the matter is of great historical importance.

Last year Sunn Classics Productions, a Schick Razor Company affiliate, decided to make a film about the murder of President Lincoln. As part of their research, this firm sent one of its technical advisors to Washington and the National Park Service gave him permission to photograph the diary under special light conditions. The film company thus had a monopoly on the pictures and we were concerned that they might distort the results for sensational or commercial reasons - there being no independent and respected source to which serious historians could resort as a check. This was not an idle fear as we knew that some of the documents being used by the film company were of questionable authenticity.

It is our hope that you will use the most sophisticated means to photograph each and every page (from cover to cover) of this diary to bring up whatever is there or to demonstrate that nothing is there that can be recaptured by such means. This will preclude a claim that the privately made photographs brought up writing not found by the FBI in "scanning." Thus negative information is as important as positive information. Every picture you make (and they should all be preserved) may help to prevent subsequent distortion of history for sensational purposes.

Since this matter arose, there have been many suggestions that the Booth diary is a forgery designed to assist in a "cover up." This needs to be settled, one way or the other. For purposes of comparison, two known Booth documents are available in National Archives: the "To whom it may concern letter" and the letter Booth wrote to his mother explaining his motives for planning to kidnap the President. These letters will be made available to you on request. We realize that you cannot be asked to say that any of these documents are in the hand of Booth. For historical purposes, it will suffice for you to state whether or not they are in the same hand. The authenticity of the two National Archives documents is not in dispute (both are signed) nor is any dispute likely to be raised. So your analysis will be definitive

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I am sure that your standard procedures call for keeping a detailed record of what you did and how. It is likely that requests will be made by scholars and by colleges and universities for information to back up your report to the National Park Service. The Booth diary will never again be made available for analysis - indeed, it took intervention as high as the Vice President to persuade the National Park Service to make it available for your analysis.



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1-Mr. Mones

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October 3, 1977

Hr. J. Dunning

Acting Regional Director

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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DEMINATION OF JOHN WILKES

FOOTH'S DIARY

YOUR NO.

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Clarence M. Kelley Director

Reference:

Re:

Letters 5/19/77 and 6/3/77

Examination requested:

Document

Specimen received 5/19/77 under cover of letter dated 5/19/77 (D-770520035 PH):

Diary of John Wilkes Booth

Specimen received 6/15/77 under cover of letter dated 6/3/77 (D-770615073 PH):

Two letters written by JOHN WILKES BOOTH

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Result of examination:

The diary is identified as a "Pocket Diary, 1864, James M. Crawford, No. 54 Fourth Street, St. Louis, Mo." The diary is contained in a leatherbound folder approximately 6 1/16" X 9 1/8" when fully opened. It is trifold design with a large pocket inside the front cover and pockets for postage, tickets and a holder for a writing instrument inside the back cover. The diary is glued in place in the middle section. Beneath it is another large pocket. All of the pockets were lined with a fabric. There is an impression in the center pocket, possibly from a coin, measuring approximately 11/16 of an inch.

The first twenty-four pages are mechanically printed with miscellaneous information. Between the inside front cover and the first page of this miscellaneous information there have been two sheets (four pages) cut out. There are sixty dated diary pages beginning with the page printed "Saturday June 11, 1864" and ending with the page headed "Thursday December 29, 1864." There are two additional pages dated "Memoranda" and eighteen pages headed "Cash Account."

1864 was a leap year and each sheet in the diary contains six dates. Assuming that the first missing sheet was headed January 1, 1864 and the last printed date on the bottom of the last missing sheet was Friday 10, then there would be 162 days, divided by six dates per sheet, accounting for 27 missing sheets or 54 pages. These 27 sheets are between the last page of miscellaneous printed information and the first page of the diary headed Saturday June 11, 1864. Twenty-five of the edges of these pages are visible and have been cut. There are two additional sheets (four pages) of which the edges are not observable. Those edges may have been obscured by the laminating of the respective connecting pages.

Each packet of pages making up the diary consists of eight sheets (sixteen pages). On the first page of most of the packets a consecutive number can be seen on the lower portion of the inside bound edge. The number two appears on the remaining portion of the first missing page. The second, third and fourth remaining packet edges are accounted for, totaling twenty-four sheets or forty-eight pages. The first sheet of the fifth packet is also present for a total of twenty-five sheets (fifty pages). The next two sheets of packet number five, which are missing, and of which the edges are not visible, were originally connected with the two packet pages headed June 23 and June 29.

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It was noted that many of the remaining edges of the group of twenty-five missing sheets contain portions of handwriting which in addition to the cut edges would assist in any future examinations relating to these missing pages.

The sheet (two pages) headed Sunday July 17, 1864 has been torn out. The next missing portion of the diary is the top 1 1/2" of the sheet which would be headed Wednesday August 10, 1864. The side of this sheet representing Saturday August 13 contains some very limited lead markings. The sheets headed Monday August 22 and August 28 have been torn out. The sheet headed December 9 has also been removed.

Between the Memoranda sheets following the dated pages and the pages headed "Cash Account - January" there are three additional sheets torn out. There is a cash account sheet for February/March cut out; a cash account sheet for April/May torn out; the top portion of the cash account sheet for May/June removed and the cash account sheet for August/September cut out.

Between the summary of cash account page in the back of the diary and the rear cover there are three torn out sheets, a half torn out sheet and a full torn out sheet, respectively. In total, there are forty-three full sheets (eighty-six pages) missing from the diary.

The inside front cover which contains handwriting, exhibits characteristics of normal wear and abrasion. While the paper surface is raised, it is believed that most of the abrasion was the result of items carried within the pockets of the diary. While a positive conclusion could not be reached in this regard there is no indication of any intentional erasures or obliteration.

Most of the text on the inside front cover is extremely faint, and the content of some of the visible text is open to interpretation. The only handwriting which is clear enough to be beyond question is the wording and numerals "3221; 420; 6; Douglass; 7 St.; 58; ard; sers." In order to provide a more complete and coherent description of the questionable text, one interpretation is as follows: "3221; Mf., 420 P between 6 & 7; Douglass 47 South St., St. Louis, mo; 58 L; vard; J. Chanslers."

The brown semicircular mark on the inside cover and the title page of the diary is a stain of unknown origin. There are additional stairs throughout the diary of unknown origin.

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The inside of the back cover also exhibits characteristics of wear and abrasion. Several lines have been crossed through. The only text that could positively be determined are the numbers 57 and 407. Other wording and numerals exist however, a reasonable interpretation of their content cannot be derived from the remaining portions alone.

What appears to be text on the diary page headed Friday June 17, 1864 is actually transferred text from the surrounding pages. Most of this text is from the page headed June 26. Additionally, in at least one location, parts of the text from the page headed Tuesday June 14, have transferred directly to the page headed Friday June 17.

This transference is exhibited on all of the laminated pages. The primary cause for this transference from page to page has to do with the fact that the original writing produced indentations on one side of the pages and raised characteristics on the reverse sides. Over the years dirt, oils, etc. have been deposited on the raised areas. The raised characteristics produced by the writing on the June 29 page can be seen in reverse (i.e., a mirror image) not only on the Friday June 17 page but also on the June 23 page. The opposite effect can be seen on the Monday June 20 page. Here especially in the lower left area of the page, an impression of the June 29 writing can be seen. However, in this case the writing was indented rather than raised. The paper surrounding the indentations has collected dirt and darkened, and the indentations remained cleaner and therefore appear lighter.

All non-destructive tests including forensic photographic techniques such as infrared reflectance, infrared luminescence, ultra-violet reflectance and visible fluorenscence with ultra violet excitation were negative regarding examinations concerning purported secret writings in the diary.

As a result of the complete examination of the diary, no invisible writings, unusual obliterations or alterations or any characteristics of question were found.

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All pages of the diary were examined for indented writings. Some were noted on the page headed Tuesday July 5, 1864. It was determined that these indentations resulted from handwriting on the previous page. Some of these indentations also show on the page headed Bonday July 11. The only other indentations noted are on the cash account page for September. These appear to be numbers, however, they are too indistinct for the text to be determined. An previously noted the preceding page is missing.

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Kl Two letters written by JOHN WILKES BOOTH

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The diary is letterbend approximately 6 8/16" X 9/8" when fully opened. It is of trifold design with a large pocket inside the front and pockets for postage tickets and a holder for writing insturment inside the back cover.

The diary is glued in place in middle section. Beneath it is another large pocket. All of the pockets were lined with a material. There is an impression in the center pocket, possibly from a coin, measuring, l1/16".

The diary is identified as "Bocket Giary, 1864, James M. Crawford, No. 54 ht Street, St. Louis, Mo."

The first twenty-four pages are mechanically printed with miscellaneous information. There are sixty dated diary pages beginning with the page printed "Saturday June 11, 1864" and ending with the page headed "Thursday December 29, 1864." There are two additional pages headed "Memoranda" and eighteen pages headed Gash Account.

Between the Inside front cover and the first page there have been two sheets (four pages) cut out. It was determined that 1864 was a leap year and each sheet contains six dates. Assuming that the first missing sheet was headed January 1, 1864 and the last printed date on the bottom of the last missing sheet was Friday 10, then there would be 162 days, divided by six dates per sheet, accounting for twenty-seven missing sheets of fifty-seven pages.

Between the last page of miscellaneous printed (information and first page of the diary headed Saturday June 11, 1864 there are twenty-seven sheets which have been cut out. Twenty-five of these edges are visible. There are two additional sheets of which the edges are not observable (four pages) those edges may have been obscured by the laminting of the respective connecting pages. Frach packet of pages making up the diary consists of eight sheets (sixteen pages). On most of the packets a consecutive number can be seen on the lower portion of the inside bound edge. The number 2 appears on the remaining portion of the first missing page. The second third and fourth remaining packet edges are accounted for, totaling twenty-four sheets or forty-eight pages. The first sheet of the fifth packet is also present for a total of twenty-five sheets (fifty pages). The next two sheets of packet five, which are missing, and of which the edges are not visible, were originally connected with the two packet pages headed June 23, and June 29.

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The ment missing sheet (two pages) headed Sunday July 1 1864 has been torn out.

The next missing portion of the diary is the top 1 1/2" of the sheet headed Wednesday August 10, 1864. The side of this sheet representing Saturday August 13 contains some very limited lead markings.

The sheets headed Monday August 22 and August 28 have also been torn out. The sheet headed December 8, has also been removed.

Between the memoranda sheets following the dated pages and the page headed cash account - January there are three additional sheets torn out. There is a cash account sheet for February/March cut out; a cash account sheet for April/May torn out; the top portion of the cash account sheet for May/June removed and the cash account sheet for August/September cut out.

Between the summary of cash account page in the back, of the diary and the rear cover there are three torn out pages, a half torn out sheet and a full torn out sheet, respectively. In total, there are forty-three full pages, missing from the diary.

It was noted that many of the remaining portions of the group of twenty-five missing sheets contain portions of handwriting which in addition to the cut edges would assist in any future examinations relating to these missing pages.

The inside front cover which contains handwriting, exhibits characteristics of normal wear and abrasion. While the paper surface is raised it is believed that most of the abrasion was the result of items carried within the pockets of the diary. While a positive conclusion cannot be reached, there is no indication of any intentional erasures or obliteration

Much of the text on the inside front cover is extremely faint, and the difficult handwriting leaves the content of some of the visible text open to interpretation. The only hard-writing which is clear enough to be beyond question is the wording and numerals "3221; 420; 6_; __ Douglass; __7_St.; 58; __ard; __s_ers." In order to provide a more complete and coherent description of the questionable text, one interpretation is as follows: "3221: __Mf., 420 P __ between 6 & 7; __ Douglass 47 South __ St., St. Louis, mo; 58 L__; __vard; J.__ Chanslers."

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The inside of the back cover also exhibits characteristic of wear and abrasion. Several lines have been crossed through. The only text that could be positively determined are the numbers 57 and 407.

What appears to be text on the diary page headed Friday June 17, 1864 is actually transferred text from the surrounding pages. Most of this text is from the page headed June 26. Additionally, parts of the text, numerals and lines of the page headed Tuesday June 14, is also transferred to the page headed Friday June 17.

This transference is exhibited on all of the laminated pages. The primary cause for this transference from page to page has to do with the fact that the original writing produced indentations on one side of the pages and raised characteristics on the reverse sides. Over the years dirt, oilsetc. have been deposited on the raised areas. The raised characteristics produced by the writing on the June 29 page can be seen in reverse (ie., a mirror image) not only on the Friday June 17 page but also on the June 23 page. The opposite effect can be seen on +h < Monty June 20 page. Here especially in the lower left area of the page, an impression of the June 29 writing can be seen. However in this case the writing was indented rather than raised. The paper surrounding the indentations has collected dirt and darkened, and the indentations remained cleaner and therefore

appear lighten.

All non-destructive test, including forensic photographic techniques such as infrared reflectants infrared luminescents, ultra-violet reflectants and visible fluorescents with ultra violet excitation were negative regards to examinations concerning purported secret writings in the diary.

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under infrared illumination. Thus two different ink samples which appear visually identical can be shown for the use of invisible radiation.

By the use of proper light sources, filters, and films, a record can be made of the effects of a substance upon a selected portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.

This is the basis for techniques such as ultraviolet reflectance, infrared reflectance, and infrared transmittance.

Several other useful techniques are based upon what can be described as a special case of absorption which is in general known as luminescence. When light is absorbed by a surface, it is converted to electromagnetic radiation of a lower energy and thus longer wavelengths known as heat. However when struck by ultraviolat or visible light, certain substances will absorb the radiation and re-emit radiation which can be seen and/or photographed. The general term for this type of re-emission is luminescence. The two most commonly used techniques which utilize this effect are conventually known as visible fluorescence and infrared lumine-

scence. When illuminated by ultraviolet radiation certain substances will re-emit or fluoresce visibly and seem to glow. By illuminating certain substances with particular wavelengths (colors) of visible light a re-emission of langer visible wavelengths or even longer infrared wavelengths may be produced. When the re-emission is in the infrared portion of the spectrum, the general term of infrared luminescence is applied. This luminescence can be photographed on infrared film.

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A good idea of the effects which can be obtained by these types of specialized photography can often be obtained by viewing the invisible radiations through an image converter which is an instrument that converts infrared and ultraviolet into visible light similar to the way in which a TV converts the electromagnetic radiation of the broadcast signal into visible light.

Indented writing can be detected and photographed by lighting the area with oblique or sidelighting which casts shadows into the depressions caused by the pressure of a pen or pencil in writing on a previous page.

Through the use of extremely high contrast films, and "contrast filters" quite often very faint writing or writing which has been partially obliterated through friction with another surface can be photographed so that it can be seen more clearly.