



Letter from US Grant, III. June 10, 1931

In this letter, Ulysses S. Grant III, Director of the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, is requesting that Booth's Deringer and other assassination artifacts in possession of the War Department be included in the museum at Ford's Theatre.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
June 10, 1931.

Subject: Lincoln Museum; Relics in Possession
of the War Department.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army.

A few years ago the Government acquired the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, which still remains in the custody of this office. For its better protection and display, I am now about to transfer this collection to the first floor of the old Ford Theater building. There will be more space available for it than has been available in the past in its present location, so that any items added will be sure of proper care and safe preservation.

There are many relics of President Lincoln's administration remaining in the hands of the War Department, notably the pistol with which he was killed and other exhibits of the trial before a military court, which are understood to be among the records of the Judge Advocate General's Office. In addition there are probably some important communications from him to the War Department which would be of greatest interest to the public and which are undoubtedly deteriorating in the files of the War Department. If there is a muster roll or any other record of the company commanded by President Lincoln in the Black Hawk War, it would be an invaluable addition to the museum. Photostat copies of these items would undoubtedly fully serve the purposes of the War Department, if placed in the files in lieu of the originals.

Therefore, the transfer of the said articles, and any records the War Department is willing to loan for such public display is hereby requested.

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U. S. Grant 3d,
Director.

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