



Valparaiso 26th. August 1939 Casilla 88

Dear Mr. Simons:

I acknowledge receipt of your favour of 25th. July ult. for which please accept my best thanks and I regret you should not have received mine of 13th. June for it contained the certificate requested by you together with the names of the principals in Becker's crime.

I hereby send you another certificate and also the names of four of the principal actors. Becker was executed at Santiago de Chile at the end of the year 1909.

I fancy that if you utilise both manuscripts and print a little book and advertise it beforehand it would find a ready sale at railway news-stands. I am if this opinion because the scene of operations is rather uncommon & by appealing to this circumstance you may be able to arouse the curiosity of the public. I considered that the book should be cheap.

As I am quite impecunious I should be obliged were you to try and get a lump sum down for me as large as possible, my idea of a minimum would be seventy five or at the very least fifty dollars - but I authorize you to accept what you can get. If the public take to the story there will be a large sale all over the States (there being such an immense field) so that it might suit you to obtain a royalty on sales after deducting for your trouble, say 15% on what you may collect for me. While speaking on this subject please do not forget to send me travelers' or tourists' cheques, no bank bills - for the latter I shall have to accept a more unfavourable rate of exchange. Of course if you can get a royalty, however small for me it might be my salvation in future years - now I must give you a piece of news.

My investigations at the Post office have convinced me that my letter containing the certificate was lost but as no catastrophe took place to any ~~air~~ mail-carrying plane I made sure you had received my said certificate that you did not answer because you were too busy to attend to this little business, in view of which I sent Appleton & Co. of New York a manuscript containing the description of six murders committed by a Frenchman of the name of Dubois - he killed 3 persons at Santiago & 3 at Valparaiso with absolute impunity. A seventh attempt proved unsuccessful & he was caught tried & condemned to death. I wrote Appleton by ordinary mail on the

Dos de estas hojas en un sobre "Air France" pesan menos de 5 gramos.

17th inst so you should receive this letter before they receive mine.

Yon might perhaps trust them with them I shall make a combination this
as my ideal - substituting one card reply & with renewed thanks for your trouble.
Yours sincerely
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