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*Temecula, California*

July 1st, 1953

Professor Ralph F. Turner  
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East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Ralph:

Having thought things over I've decided to put your dedication in "The Case of the Green-Eyed Sister". This book was originally scheduled to be printed later on, but I got the manuscript in a little early, the publisher got hold of a printer who was in a position to go to work at once, and has wired me he wants copy on the dedication immediately.

I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a rough copy of the foreword and dedication and am sending a duplicate of this to my publisher, William Morrow & Company, Inc.

Inasmuch as your letter said you were going to be out on a lecture tour I will try and get in touch with you on the phone to tell you that this is in the mail and it is important you check it at the earliest possible date. If there are any changes or suggestions that you have, send them directly to Thayer Hobson, care William Morrow & Company, Inc., 425 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York.

You probably will wish to adopt a position that I have given you too much credit for this, that, and the other, etc., and feel that some of the statements should be toned down.

As I explained to you before, this is no time or place for modesty.

Frankly, I have known for a long time that your effort and inspiration was behind much of the progress in the field of police science and organizations devoted to bettering the efficiency of our investigative work. It is a source of great

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personal satisfaction to me to be able to see that some public recognition is given your work along these lines. You are a self-effacing individual who never cares for the credit but is interested in getting the work done. Eventually several million readers are going to read this foreword, and I personally am glad that this will make for some measure of public recognition.

However, far above and beyond all this personal feeling is the fact that public interest is going to be an enormous factor in the growth and success of police science. The average citizen is not interested in the abstract. There must be some personal application in order to arouse and hold that interest, and therefore this foreword has a field that transcends any personal satisfaction I may derive from it and which must obliterate any feelings of undue modesty you may have.

Thayer Hobson understands this and won't make any changes which are designed to detract from the idea I am trying to convey, but, on the other hand, he is naturally very anxious to make certain that there are no factual inaccuracies in these forewords.

I am trying to make the mail with this so I have dashed this out in a hurry. Thayer Hobson will give it a little editorial polishing if that is necessary, but mainly we are interested in accuracy, and, of course, aside from the fact that we don't want you to go modest on us we want your approval.

Hastily,  
Yours,  
Thank you for the Foreword and Dedication. I am making changes on pages 1 and 2 with my approval and may be used as corrected. Naturally I am delighted and pleased to read the foreword by Mr. Gardner and wish to thank you personally for making the dedication possible.

  
Ralph F. Turner  
Senior Professor

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July 4, 1953

Mr. Erle Stanley Gardner  
Rancho Del Paisano  
Temecula, California

Dear Erle:

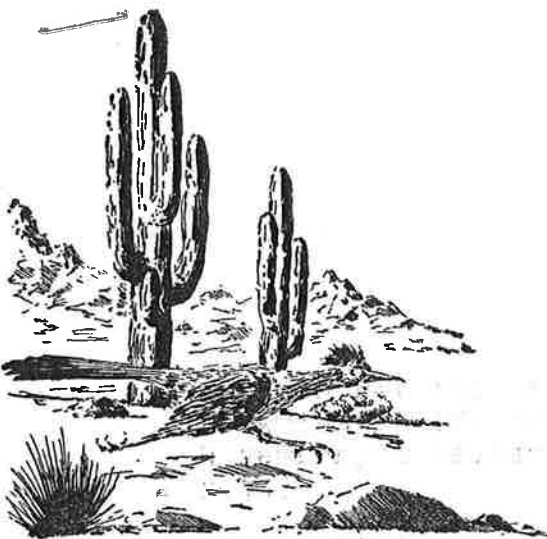
The Foreword arrived and has been sent on to Mr. Hobson with two very slight changes and my approval. I am extremely well pleased with what you said. I do not know whether the stuff I sent was the sort of thing that you expected or wanted, but it was a condensed version of my relatively short professional career. In fact, I am happy that you saw fit to include reference to the speech impediment. Frankly, having been able to overcome the difficulty, I feel that I am privileged to have had an experience which all cannot enjoy. The psychiatric insight has been most helpful in my work. I will be interested to have your reaction to the manuscript which I am working on "The Theory of a Criminal Investigation", much of which is based on an understanding of the workings of the sub-conscious mind as applied to criminal investigations. Also, your reference to psychiatric treatment for the correction of speech impediments may give hope and courage to others similarly afflicted. If this happens, I will be extremely grateful.

We were eating outdoors when you called....thus the delay in answering. The children were impressed when I told them who had called. I do hope that on your next visit here Mrs. Turner will have an opportunity to meet you, also that we can arrange some time for a little visit about matters of mutual interest.

Again, I wish to thank you for your generosity and hope that I can reciprocate in some small measure.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph F. Turner



ERLE STANLEY GARDNER  
RANCHO DEL PAISANO  
*Temecula, California*

September 30th, 1953

Professor Ralph F. Turner  
Department of Police Administration  
Michigan State College  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Ralph:

The very first copy of "The Case of the Green-Eyed Sister" is just off the press, and I am sending it to you.

You will note that this contains a certificate from the printers that it was the first book to be manufactured in the first edition.

I'm leaving for Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, Boston and Toronto within a few days, and was hoping I could stop over in Lansing, but I can't make it. I hope very much that LeMoyne will have an opportunity to catch me in Detroit, but I don't know just what his schedule is, and he'll be working on short notice.

I am glad to report that even in the hard cover edition these forewords and dedications are attracting a great deal of interest, and within a few weeks now the first book, which is dedicated to Captain Lee, will be released in the twenty-five cent reprint edition.

Judging by past records this book will sell somewhere around two million copies, and that means that a lot of people by and large will have an opportunity to get acquainted with Captain Lee. -- From then on each book that comes out written under my name will have been dedicated to some outstanding figure in the field of legal medicine or police science, with an appropriate foreword. I think the cumulative effect of these in the popular editions will do a great deal of good.

I'm running around in circles trying to get away, but

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want to get this book off to you with an explanatory note. (The book isn't officially listed as going on sale until some time in November, I believe, so it won't be in the bookstores for a while yet.)

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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October 30, 1953

Mr. Erle Stanley Gardner  
Rancho del Paisano  
Temeculah, California

Dear Erle:

While I did have a chance to talk with you on your last visit to Detroit and express my personal thanks for the very kind and thoughtful dedication which you prepared for the "Case of the Green Eyed Sister", I have not had an opportunity to do so in writing. I would like to say simply that the recognition which you have afforded has given me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. More important it is something a little more permanent than mere words of thanks or praise.

Mrs. Turner and I have read the book and enjoyed it very much. My eldest son has not quite reached the stage where he is reading your novels, however, he and my daughter were able to read and understand the forward.

I shall look forward to reading more forwards of this type and I know that as you continue with your proposed plans you will eventually have an excellent series of documents which should do much to improve the quality of Forensic Sciences participation in the administration of justice.

Again my heartfelt thanks for a sympathetic and considerate deed on the part of one of my very good friends.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph F. Turner  
Associate Professor

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