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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 suggested. 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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