

July 4, 1953

Mr. Erle Stanley Gardner
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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