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Miss Ida Tarbell
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:- Accept the thanks of a Lincoln lover for your review of 'The Hidden Lincoln' that appeared in the book section of the New York Times.

For years I have gathered data on Lincoln and have just submitted a manuscript of 'TWO MEN FROM THE SOUTH'... Lincoln and Davis... which I am hoping will soon be published.

You will be surprised to know that you are responsible in part for this effort. In 1898 I was in Springfield, Illinois, as Chaplain of the First Illinois Cavalry. Having met so many who knew Lincoln personally I began writing notes for a lecture. Your series of Magazine Articles began at about that time and I began to check everything that came from your pen.

A year spent with John G. Fee of Berea, Kentucky, who knew Lincoln quite intimately, gave me a lot of material from the Abolitionists view-point. With him I went to Camp Nelson and to Lexington. In Lexington and other parts of Kentucky there was an opportunity to gather other notes.

I came to know of Lincoln's visit to General Scott at West Point when the decision was made to put Grant in command of the Army of the Potomac from the train despatcher on the Hudson River Road who went on the special train to Garrison for Lincoln's trip.

The 'Reporter' whose story you told so beautifully was living in Connecticut while I was there, as was Rev Deming a Lincoln lover, and my step-father who was Captain on the steamer John Brooks when Lincoln was on board and was fired on by the Rebs'.

Again thanking you for what you wrote about the Hertz book, I would remain
Very truly yours

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