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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
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Dear Miss Tarbell

Your letter concerning Mr Lincoln's use of Tobacco received, please accept my thanks for kind interest in the matter, I wrote Mr Robert Lincoln about the same time, his reply says "my father never used tobacco in any form", Col. A.K. McClure says, Mr Lincoln "certainly never used it in any form from the time I got to know him and I never heard him speak of the use of it"

I agree with you that the evidence is very convincing that he did not,

Very sincerely yours

A.E. Allen