

May 17, 1931.

Tokyo, Japan.

Madam Ida M. Tarbell,
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Dear Madam,

At the outset I must apologise for this letter but having just completed a work in Japanese on the life of Abraham Lincoln I feel I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my appreciation of your splendid work which has been of considerable assistance to me.

Naturally I have collected and read many books on that great figure in American history, Lincoln, but I can truly say that your two volumes made the greatest appeal to me. You may know that at present there are two works in Japanese on the same subject, one being written by Mr. Uchigasaki M. P.

After studying law at the Imperial University I was perforced to enter commercial life and I am afraid most of my writing has been done by burning the midnight oil. I am hoping that the book will be published in the Autumn when I shall be most pleased to send you a copy.

The present troubled times seem to demand the study of such honourable lives as that of Lincoln and

apart from this, the importance of his life is recognised by the Government here as it is dealt with extensively in the official text book of our elementary schools.

Whether my work is successful or not matters little to me, my sole desire being to shed further light on this great man for the people of my country.

Asking you to accept my heartfelt thanks for the assistance you have given me.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Yaichi Akiyama". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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