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Dear Mr. Calkins:

Thank you for your leniency - I do not
deserve it.

Is there a file of the Knoxville Republicans
in existence? If so would it not be possible to get some
Knox student to go over it page by page looking for this
accuracy of Lincoln? It seems to me it is a point worth
verifying.

If I am making a suggestion which you have
already made to somebody or carried out yourself please
forgive me. Would it not be interesting if a thorough
search could be made in all the local papers of Illinois
from 1856 on to find exactly what mention was made of
Lincoln? Paul Angle has done an excellent job in his
"Lincoln Day by Day," but I doubt whether even he with
all his care has done the work that should be done or
perhaps what might be done.

I think he would be first to welcome
further research.

Cordially yours

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