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Dear Mr. Angle:

Thank you for your satisfactory answer to my inquiry about the Nelson document. Of course I accept it as final - an example of the way they handled the circular letter in Lincoln's time, at least the way that he handled it.

I doubt if it is necessary to make a formal statement. That is, I think my friend who passed it on to me will accept without question your decision. I have told her that she should.

Thanks for the hint about the autographs of Mrs. Lincoln's coachman. I have not heard of that. But as I have never been a buyer of Lincoln autographs and only now and then have one submitted to me, it is not likely that anything of this kind will come my way. You can be sure that in the future if anything does I shall send it instantly to you. How much better Mr. Sedgwick would have done if he had accepted the first advice that I gave him, which was to go immediately out to Illinois and talk the matter over with you and Mr. Barrett. I have always felt guilty in that matter because I encouraged him to go ahead and leave no step unturned to find out about the document. You know I have an idea still that there is in them a genuine nucleus, that they were built up on something. Have you any theory about them?

Thanking you for your promptness in answering my inquiry, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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