The Librarian  
Allegheny College  
Meadville, Pa.  

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that the collection of Lincoln items compiled by Miss Ida Tarbell has been acquired by Allegheny College, and I should like to ask for some information concerning a number of items which I am seeking in the process of editing a volume of selections from Lincoln's writings.

Two of Lincoln's letters written to Charles C. Nott, dated May 31, 1860 and September 22, 1860, concerning the publication of the "Speech at Cooper Institute," are among the few items which I should like to locate either in the original or in a facsimile copy. Since Miss Tarbell's biography of Lincoln is the first printed version of one of these letters that I have been able to locate, it occurs to me that there might have been a facsimile in her collection, or possibly even the original.

I should also like to know whether there are any number of other Lincoln manuscripts or facsimiles in the collection that you have, and whether if I sent a check list of items that I am seeking (a rather short one) you might be willing to indicate whether any are in your library.

In the event that you have either of the letters mentioned, or any others that I might want, will it be possible for me to get photostatic copies at cost?

Very truly yours,

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