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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Would you care to give your opinion as to whether or not the enclosed signature is a genuine Lincoln? The original letter is in the possession of Mrs. Nelson, and has been highly prized, indeed she has at different times been offered large sums for it. Recently a doubt was cast on the signature having actually been signed by Mr. Lincoln himself. I thought you would know, or refer us to some undoubted authority. Mr. Thomas Nelson died over a year ago, and I help Mrs. Nelson with various matters in connection with closing his estate.

There is nothing unlikely about Mr. Lincoln's letters being in the possession of Mr. Nelson. His grandfather, William Nelson, was in Congress at that time, and I understand communications from him to Mr. Lincoln are among the files on other subjects. The answer to this particular letter was drafted on the back.

I hope this finds you well. I know it finds you busy!

Affectionately,

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