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Dear Miss Tarbell:

In working on my thesis on monetary reform, I noticed that Abraham Lincoln is said by Mr. Sandburg to have come out bluntly for a National Bank the first time he ran for office in Illinois. That, of course, was in 1832, the year in which Clay was supporting the Bank against Jackson's attack. Sandburg had previously quoted a verse attributed to Lincoln which indicated he was for Jackson in 1828. The recollection of Lincoln's 1832 speech from which Sandburg quotes is Bill Green's.

What I wanted to ask you is, first how reliable Bill Green is, and second whether there is anything to indicate what changed Lincoln during those four years from a supporter to an opponent of Jackson. Is there, for example, any reason to believe that he was offended or disgusted by Jackson's attack on the Bank?

The last thing I want to do is to bother you with any question which is properly one of research, but if you have the answer at your finger tips - and I suspect you have if the question can be answered - it would be immensely helpful to me. So far I have been able to find nothing to throw light on the question.

I don't suppose you get down to Boston very often, but if you do my two Josephines and I would be simply delighted to see you again and entertain you in our funny old-fashioned house. Jo wishes me to send you her love.

Always sincerely yours,

*Ernest Case*

Miss Ida Tarbell