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Dear Mr. Diller:

How kind of you to take the trouble to congratulate me on my new honor. I am as pleased as Punch to be called "Pilgrim Number One of the Lincoln Shrine Trail." In this case I think perhaps it is true that I am Number One, that is that I was the first to make the whole trail from Salem, Massachusetts to New Salem, Illinois, with many side trips.

I wish that I could take the Lincoln Pilgrimage with the Illinois Art Extension Committee. It is admirably arranged and nobody would have a better time than I if I could join the group. I am writing Mr. Hieronymus, the director of the Pilgrimage asking if he will be good enough to send me any reports that they may make.

It is always good to hear from you and to hear that you are busy and happy and looking forward cheerfully to another world. It is grand to be at eighty-three what you are, dear Mr. Diller.

Your affectionate friend

Mr. Isaac R. Diller
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