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My dear Dr. Hill:

It is especially fitting that the Lincoln Memorial University should spread abroad the actual words of Abraham Lincoln. Nothing that could be said of Lincoln is so inspiring to American youth as what he said himself. This University, established at his own suggestion to serve those whom Lincoln called "my own people", is dedicated to his memory and consecrated to the task of supplying to the youth of this day that which Lincoln wrested with toil from adverse conditions - a good education.

Lincoln Memorial University is unique in its field, and numbers among its students young men and women who are struggling with the true Lincoln spirit to qualify themselves for a larger life. Theirs is an ambition that ennobles mankind - the ambition to be useful. In common with all other Americans I rejoice that an opportunity is afforded them that was denied to the youth of Lincoln's time. The entire country will be the beneficiary of the work that is going forward in the depths of the Cumberland mountains.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover

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