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My dear Mr. Haynes:

I have just returned from some three months in the southwest and find in the accumulation of mail awaiting me your letter of February 20th. I am sorry that an answer should have been so long delayed. Your letter should have been forwarded to me.

No, I have not forgotten you or the meeting at Chillicothe so long ago. You see I was on a rather hard journey and pleasant episodes were not so many. What you say of your experience with "He Knew Lincoln" interest me of course very much. I hope Mr. Dawes does return the book to you and if you do as you say and send it to me you may be sure that I shall be very proud to include it in my collection. It will make an interesting piece. I have never been a serious collector of Lincolniana so I am now getting together what I have to give to my old college - Allegheny in Meadville, Pa. If I should ever get this copy of "He Knew Lincoln" you may be sure it will have a place of honor, when my books and papers go to the college.

Thanking you for your letter and regretting that the delay has been so long, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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