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My dear Dr. Graves:

Please forgive me for my long delay in replying to your letter in regard to the volume on Stephen Douglas you are after. It was not due to lack of interest in your inquiry but rather the fact that I have been very busy for the last few weeks.

I never saw the book I am sure, but I do know that Greeley suggested to the Republican leaders in Illinois after Douglas' repudiation of the Lecompton Constitution that they try to get him into the party. Greeley thought they should put up no opposing candidate to Douglas for the Senatorship in 1858.

You will find all that I have to say about the matter in Volume I, Page 303 of "My Life of Lincoln." I am sure you will find something in Herndon and Nicholay and Hay. I am sorry I have not the time at the moment to look up references for you.

If by any chance you should come across the book to which you refer with its "true story" I shall be most glad to know about it.

As to books on Douglas I believe Paul Angle has one in preparation now. There was a book written several years ago by a very careful man who was my assistant in Illinois in gathering material for my Life of Lincoln. His name was McCan Davis. He was a Springfield, at that time, but has been dead for several years. I think you would have no trouble in getting a copy of his Life of Douglas from a Springfield book seller. I do not know who published it myself.

It was a pleasure to hear from you, dear Dr. Graves. I hope you are well. Thank you for your good wishes for my health. It is excellent.

Very sincerely

Dr. Walter Graves