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NEW YORK

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Mr. Philip M. Benjamin
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Dear Mr. Benjamin:

I am coming to the conclusion that the photograph of Lincoln in your collection which you sent me in your letter of May 12, 1943, was not made at the same time that other photographs were made, ~~but~~ ^{and} the writing on the back of your cabinet size copy seems to place it in 1860.

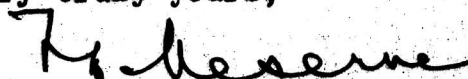
From time to time I want to include it with the 120 other photographs of Lincoln when I shall issue a book, or a supplement to my book of 1911, and I will appreciate it if you will tell me if it formed a part of Miss Tarbell's collection now so happily in your library.

Carl Sandburg has been visiting me this last week and has been interested to see the new portrait.

Today I am sending you an 8 x 10 copy of my original No. 100, which I think you will be glad to have as it is the last photograph made of the President.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,



F. H. Meserve