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Dear Mrs. Winkler:

I have just returned from an absence of some weeks and find your letter of March 12th.

Now as to the Lincoln relic of which you speak. It is not possible for me to consider purchasing anything of that kind. And in no case would I be willing to purchase without seeing the article and examining the proof of its authenticity. I think, dear Mrs. Winkler, you will have to submit the thing itself with your proof to any purchaser. I think I have already told you that it is possible the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana would consider what you have. They are building up one of the best museums that has ever been undertaken. They have already a large collection of books, manuscripts, pictures, etc., and will be interested in any genuine Lincoln material whether they are able to purchase or not. If I were in your place I should get in touch with the director, Dr. Louis A. Warren.

Regretting that it is impossible for me to consider buying your heirloom, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Jos. Winkler, Jr.  
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