

February 26, 1927.

Mr. R. M. Springer,
443 -43rd Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Springer:

Your letter of February 12th with the manuscript enclosed was forwarded to me after I left New York several days ago. I was glad to get in touch with you again. You may remember that two years ago you sent me a copy of your "Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln". I wanted to ask your permission to quote from it in a piece of work that I have on hand the story of your first view of Lincoln at the time of the great debates. I should of course give you credit.

Another question that I wanted to ask was where I can find a copy of the letter which you say that Lincoln wrote to Col. Wm. P. Elkin of Illinois, and from which you quote the paragraph beginning "I see in the near future a crisis approaching, etc." I have tried many times to locate this quotation. It is none of Lincoln's published works so far as I know. Have you seen this letter to Col. Elkin or can you tell me who owns it. I shall be very much obliged.

I am returning the Grant manuscript and the letter to your brother. I was much interested in them both.

I am afraid that I can be of no use to you in your effort to finance your patent for a movable roof for gardens, orchards, etc., as it is entirely out of my line of influence, but if I have the opportunity at any time to report it to people who are interested in agriculture I shall not fail to do so.

I am writing to New York today to see if I can find the second volume of "My Life of Lincoln" which you say some one stole from you. I will let you know what success I have.

With best wishes for your health and success, believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,