

May 20, 1937

Secretary
Division of Records
State Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January 28, 1865 Charles Francis Adams then United States Minister in London acknowledged an address to President Lincoln signed by the Council of the International Workingman's Association. Among the signatures is that of Karl Marx. Mr. Adam's letter says that the address "was duly transmitted."

For some time socialist literature has carried the statement that Lincoln and Marx were in correspondence during the Civil War. I have found no evidence of this, only the copy of the address and Mr. Adam's letter acknowledging it.

Are the originals of these documents - the address and the Adams' letter - in the State Department? And is there any evidence that Mr. Lincoln's attention was ever called to them or that Mr. Seward ever wrote Mr. Adams in regard to them?

I shall treatly appreciate any information you can give me on the point.

Yours very truly