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April 16th, 1917

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East 19th st.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your note of April 10th received. I suspected that you were away. I am very much obliged to you for your judgment with reference to the Lincoln-Berry grocery license matter. I am inclined to the theory that Lincoln never had anything to do with taking out the license. I suspect it was Berry's affair all the way through. Your book gives pretty much this kind of an inference. I am going pretty deeply into this phase of Lincoln's life and if you will give me say about one-half hour of your time any morning this week I want to show you a rather important Lincoln document bearing upon this same matter of Lincoln's attitude against whiskey. The document never has been published. I very much desire your judgment on it, as I shall write some kind of a narrative around it a little later on. Also I shall bring along a bundle of Tarbell books for you to autograph. You probably will gather from this that I am a good deal of a Lincoln idolater - which is a fact.

I sent you a copy of "Lincoln the Comforter." Did you receive it?

Very sincerely,

Chas. T. White