July 21, 1936

Dear Mr. Roper:

Please do not think that your letter of April 1st was not appreciated becuase it has been so long neglected. It reached me at a crowded moment and before I found leisure I fell ill and am only just back at my desk.

I want to thank you for that letter. One of the satisfactions, indeed the greatest, of work of any kind is the realization that it has been helpful to others. As I see it the passing on of what we have found good to others is one of the real reasons for effort. If you have found a new outlook on life and have the courage to try to realize on it from the reading of Abraham Lincoln then I am gratified that it was my story of Abraham Lincoln that fell into your hands. Somebody elses might have done just as well for you, but it was mine and you have been good enough to tell me and I am grateful to you. It was kind of you to write the letter.

With all good wishes for your success, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mr. W. A. Roper
Gainsville, Georgia

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