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Madison, Wisconsin,
 July 3, 1930.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
 120 East Nineteenth Street,
 New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

It was so good of you to autograph the five books on Lincoln written by you and which I sent you some time ago. I think a great deal of my Lincoln library, and when the books are autographed by the author, each carries with it a personal introduction which I cherish.

I cannot say enough for the wonderful contribution you have made in the field of Lincolniana. The work you did back in the nineties in the field of Lincoln research, supplemented by your continuous interest in this field up to the present time, has done more to preserve essential information concerning Lincoln than any other author or contributor. In fact, you blazed the way for research work in this field. You not only discovered and preserved essential facts concerning Lincoln, but you presented them in such a readable and interesting way as to popularize general interest in the subject.

After I sent you the five books above mentioned, my secretary, Miss Katherine Cook, discovered that I had omitted from the list your most interesting monograph, "Father Abraham." On the day following, May 29, she sent "Father Abraham" to you under separate cover. Your secretary, Miss Wolfe, acknowledged its receipt, but probably it was not placed with the five books that I had sent, and was omitted in the shipment of books you recently made. You probably will discover the other books somewhere with your correspondence. When you come across it, I will greatly appreciate it if you will autograph it and send that book to me, as well.

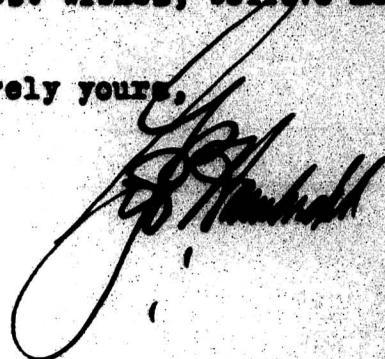
- 2 - Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

The postage and insurance placed on the package you returned to me amounted to forty-nine cents, which I desire to reimburse you, and I enclose stamps to cover this amount. I cannot thank you enough for your courteous and generous willingness to autograph the several books written by you.

With kind regards and best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Geo. P. Hambrecht
KC
Enc.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Geo. P. Hambrecht, is written over the typed name and extends upwards and to the right.