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Comptroller-General of the United States,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I understand that all papers pertaining to the adjustment and payment of accounts of Government officials and employees, such as vouchers, warrants, etc., formerly part of the archives of the Treasury Department have been transferred to the Accounting Office and are now under your custody.

I am seeking, for a piece of Abraham Lincoln work which I am doing, information as to the moneys paid to him during his Presidency. I have already a list of the warrants issued by the Treasury Department on account of salary. I have not, however, a satisfactory statement of the perquisites of a President at that period. Could I secure from your office a list of the appropriations made for the White House, its maintenance and up keep? Was the President provided with carriages and horses? What appropriation was there for household service, if any? What for official banquets, if any? I shall appreciate as full a statement on these points as can be compiled.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy that you may extend to me, believe me

Very truly yours,