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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing to ask you for information about the portrait of Abraham Lincoln, painted by Elizabeth Croasdale, principal of the Philadelphia School of Design, until her death in 1871. I believe that it was done from life about 1863, and is considered one of the best oil paintings of Lincoln that we have.

The size is 25 by 30 , on canvas, and it is in excellent condition. The background has been "restored", but the face and body have never been damaged.

Mantle Fielding, in his Encyclopedia of American painters, mentions a portrait of Lincoln done by "E. Croasdale", whom he mistakes for a man.

I am doing research on this subject, and I should appreciate any information you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

John Perry Pritchett
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