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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

We should very much appreciate your assistance in checking a story about Abraham Lincoln which one of our readers has asked us about. He states that Abraham Lincoln, before he ran for Congress and while a more or less obscure lawyer, was asked by a group of Mexican revolutionaries to lead their movement and, if successful, become their Emperor.

We can find no reference to such a story in any biographies of Lincoln at our disposal, or in any encyclopedias, and hope that you can tell us whether you have ever heard such a story and whether or not there is any foundation in fact for it.

We request this information for use in Everybody's Column in reply to our reader's question.

Thank you very much for your courteous consideration.

Very truly yours,

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