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My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have just received your letter of July 26th. I have just returned from Springfield, Illinois, where I had some talk with Mr. Fay, the custodian of Lincoln's tomb.

I was very much pleased to receive your letter. I do not know whether I can give you any information concerning Mrs. Lincoln, which you do not already have. I talked with Mrs. Helm, at Lexington, Kentucky, Mrs. Lincoln's last surviving sister, and also with Mr. Rankin regarding Mrs. Lincoln. I was informed while in Springfield two weeks ago that Mr. Rankin was then dying.

Dr. William E. Barton was here as my guest not long ago and we discussed at some length the life of Mrs. Lincoln. It was my privilege to know Robert Todd Lincoln quite intimately during the last four years of his life, but I was never able to get him to talk very much about his mother.

I wish that I could meet and know you. I will cheerfully give you any information that I may have if you will indicate to me what you would be most interested in regarding Mrs. Lincoln. I have read your books on Lincoln and have them in my library and appreciate your very courteous letter, and I hope that you will write me again.

Very cordially yours,

Geo. A. Dondero

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