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Mr. Isaac R. Diller
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My dear Mr. Diller:

Thank you greatly for sending me this Bulletin of the Lincoln Centennial Association. I would not for anything have missed this letter of Judge Logan. It is very interesting, indeed. It seems to scotch stories that I have heard that Lincoln and Logan could not get on.

I am glad you have had so successful a Lincoln trip. I am always hoping to go over that whole ground again - Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. I don't know whether I shall be able to do it, but I shall seize the chance if it comes.

I am sorry, indeed, dear Mr. Diller that I have distressed you by the stand I take on Prohibition. I have never believed that it was the way to make a temperate country, - I did not at the time of the Amendment. For a brief period I thought it was working, however, and I rejoiced, so great a menace do I consider the saloon. But all my doubts about the ability of Prohibition to make us temperate have been more than justified, I think, by the course things have taken in the last five years.

I know very well, with people like yourself, dear Mr. Diller, living in a quiet and temperate community, not forced to face things as they go on in the country, in the way that a journalist like myself is, how different you must feel. But, believe me, I could do nothing in honor than take the position that I do.

Then, too, I do not sympathize with the general tendency of the Republican party. I am taking the liberty of mailing you an article published in this week's Collier's, which sets down briefly the reasons why I prefer the Democrat to the Republican party. Don't let it destroy all your faith in me. Try to continue to like me even if you don't like my political views, and believe me, always

Faithfully yours