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Miss Ida Tarbell,  
76 La Fayette St.,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Recalling your "Life of Lincoln", I  
am prompted to write you.

At Port Elizabeth, Cumberland County,  
New Jersey, there lives a Doctor who was frequently  
in conference with President Lincoln. I refer to  
Dr. J. Howard Willetts, Colonel of the 18th New  
Jersey Regiment. He was wounded at Chancellorsville  
and after coming out of the hospital was made a  
member of the Court Marshall, stationed at Wash-  
ington, and later was the Chief presiding officer  
of the Court.

Because of this position, Colonel  
Willetts had frequent interviews with the martyred  
President. He is now eighty-nine years of age  
but his intellect and memory are keen and clear.

Undoubtedly Dr. Willetts could give  
to history some incidents which would be exceed-  
ingly interesting and enlightening and I am writ-  
ing because it occurs to me that you might know of  
some person who would care to take the trouble to  
interview Dr. Willetts.

Knowing how busy your life is, I  
apologise for intruding.

Respectfully,

