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Miss Ida Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell :

Your very welcome and interesting letter of July 5 was received by me some time ago. I was delighted to learn that I had been so successful in picking out a good book for you. That is always a great service rendered to a good friend, and there are few people to whom I would wish to render such a service, and I have read and re-read your letter many times and shown it to some of my friends interested in Lincoln.

I think that you are wholly right in what you say regarding Lincoln as a strategist and I have somewhere come across a statement that he was familiar with Clausewitz. I think it is to be found either in "Nicolay Hay's Life" or in some old numbers of the "Century Magazine" which I have, or in "Hay's Diary", printed but never published, a copy of which was loaned to me by Mr. Logan Hay of Springfield,

I am going off on vacation tomorrow with my son David, in the hopes of getting some fish out of the Killarney lakes, and will be gone for about a fortnight, but when I get back I shall make it my business to go through my Lincoln books and see what

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I can find. The subject naturally interests me as much as it does you, - the fact that you wish the information renders it doubly interesting.

Very sincerely your friend,

Joseph DeVivier

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