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Mr. Emil Ludwig
Ascona, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Ludwig:

I have just received your note from Ascona. I am glad if my life of Lincoln has been of the least use to you in your undertaking. I know you are going to give us something provocative and stimulating, and we need something of that kind over here on Lincoln. You see, we are so close that we are not yet able to appraise. We have been dealing in the raw materials, getting him into shape for future estimates, squabbling over controverted facts - all necessary, I suppose, but it is good to get an outside view, and I am eager to see yours.

Yes, send on the first half of your manuscript as soon as it is ready, and I will promise to read it as promptly as I can. I am obliged to go West soon for a piece of work and there may be a slight delay. Will you forgive me for that? I shall be too interested to delay longer than I am forced to by my engagements.

With all good wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours