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My dear Miss Roberts:

I have had a letter from you on my desk for some little time, not knowing just how to answer it. I should be so glad of course if I could give you some assistance in placing Mr. Markens' Lincoln material.

It may be that it only can be made valuable by completely re-writing it. As it stands it has not the literary form which magazines or weekly publications would require; and it would take, I am afraid, considerable work to give it that form. You yourself are probably best prepared to do that.

As for publishers that would be interested in it outside of those that you mentioned, there is a possibility that Bobbs-Merrill of Indianapolis might consider it. They have done a good deal with Lincoln material and have taken some, I think, that seemed rather hopeless at first. At least they have great interest in everything that concerns Lincoln.

You spoke of Collier's. I doubt if there would be any chance for you there. They require both a popular and a news value in articles, and to get whatever there is of news value, that is, of newness out of your material, would again be a rather nice literary task.

I wish I could be of more use to you. Don't fail to let me know if there is anything you think I can do.

Sincerely yours

See letter by Kate Louise Roberts Sept. 8. 1928