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Dear Mrs. Ehrmann:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of June 30th. I have been out of New York a good deal and very busy when here and only today had time to read your article and to note what you asked me to do.

I think the enclosed note covers the request you make.

As to the article I am afraid the material is too familiar to find a place in a magazine, that is, one of importance. There is, however, a piece of work which it seems to me you could do. I think you would probably find a publisher. And that is the result of your Lincoln Inquiry - a picture of the culture of South-western Indiana in Lincoln's time - what the people were thinking and doing. It is some account of course as to the kind of stock that they were. An interesting article on this subject would I feel sure find a place. *Will*

Of course I do not mean that you could not find a publisher for the enclosed article, only I am afraid that I do not know where to advise you to go. At Lincoln's birthday time one of the Middle West papers might be glad of it. I should think the Louisville papers would certainly regard it favorably, particularly with the fine illustrations that you have. The illustrations are a little too special however for a national publication.

If I can be of any further use to you please command me.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely yours

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To Whom It May Concern;

I have been familiar for several years with the work of Mrs. Bess Ehrmann on the life of Abraham Lincoln in Southwestern Indiana. She has been one of the most active members of the Historical Association in Southwestern Indiana which undertook some years ago what is known as the Lincoln Inquiry - an attempt to establish by document the character of the culture of the country into which Lincoln was brought when he was seven years of age and where he remained until he was twenty-one. The Research Society shows many of the settlers in the district were people not only of intelligence but of education and many of them coming from excellent American and English families. *that*

Mrs. Ehrmann has not only been active in the Research Society but she has dramatized the pioneer life of the Lincoln period in a pageant which has been given annually for several years.

Anything that she writes - any information that she gives on this period of Lincoln's life has the word of the society.

Yours very truly

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