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Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am asking again a great favor in the name of Isaac Markens. I have submitted his MS. to dozens of publishers all of whom were interested and many of them keep the material for months as it seemed good to them until special readers gave decisions. Every one seems afraid to publish what they think may not have authority and I can give no assurance of this. The latest is from the reader to whom Charles Boni sent it and who is editing Herndon's Life for the firm. I enclose a copy of his opinion. Can you give it some of your valuable time and tell me whether it is just criticism? Most of the publishers have objected to the plan but that was Mr. Markens pet idea. He wanted a book of chapters each dealing with a phase of Lincoln's personality so that if one wanted to know for instance whether Lincoln was

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a religious man of a statesman or politician there was a place to which one could turn for what Marken considered evidence for or against .

I am at a stand-still for I do not know now what further to do with this legacy . It does not mean much to me as his son inherits the rights save a small percentage for my work . I do want however to put it out for the sake of our old friendship and his eager desire . I have no right to trouble you but I remember that you were very kind about it so I venture again to intrude .

Yours sincerely

(Miss) Kate L. Roberts

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