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Dear Mr. Beebe: -

Here is Mr. Mackenzie's reply.

It seems to me that what he asks me to do depends entirely upon my willingness to do it: not upon the contract I have with him.

I do not wish now to make any change in the Life of Lincoln which would make a separate copyright possible. It would be the most superficial tinkering and not fair to do. I am willing to allow them to publish the subscription edition for a term of years - five to ten - if Moffatt and Co are satisfied with proper royalty of course.

When I make a new edition it will be of the trade edition & a thorough revision - or that I am determined. Possibly it might

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be arranged for them to continue the subscription. editions until I revise the book - the book being not less than five years. In no case will I consent to an arrangement which will make it impossible for me some day to put all my books together in a subscription edition.

I am hurrying this off to Mr Phillips whom I am asking to read it and to make any further suggestions to you which seem right.

I shall be here for a week.

Very sincerely yours
Edw M. Farrell