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My dear Mr. Akiyama:

I hope you will pardon me for my long delay in replying to your interesting and welcome letter of May 17th. I have been away from New York a good deal and very much occupied while here and so neglecting my correspondence. [Naturally I was gratified by your letter. It is always a satisfaction to me when I find that my "Life of Lincoln" has been useful to a serious student, particularly a student in another country.

I have never had any kind of work which interested and absorbed me more than the study of Lincoln's life. I have been working on it off and on now for more than thirty years and am convinced that there was a man the study of whose development is of vast importance, particularly to the youth of today.

I am glad that you are giving to your Japanese youths a new life of Lincoln. I shall be greatly pleased if you will do as you say, send me a copy when it is published.

And will you not be good enough to write your name in it. I am getting together a little collection of the best Lincoln books for my college and I shall be very glad to include your volume in this collection.]

Thanking you again for your letter and wishing the best of success in your work, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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