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Mrs. Louie Dean White
230 Warren St.
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Dear Mrs. White:

Thank you very much for sending me
your extremely interesting Lincoln-Shipley-Hanks tables.

This is quite the clearest and most helpful setting forth
of the case that I have ever seen. There is no doubt in my mind
that you are on the right track, that if you can find a Lucy
Shipley it will go a long way.

Can you not when you are in Virginia go into Kentucky,
and see for yourself Lucy Hank's signature. I was in Lexington
last fall and a lawyer there, an able person interested in Lincoln
assured me that Warren was wrong, that he had himself examined the
document, that there were no signs of the "wi" that Warren claims
before the "doy".

I wish that a handwriting expert with a powerful glass
could examine the signature. It is important enough to be given
that attention. If there is a sign of the "wi" why Barton's case
of course falls. I hardly dare breathe it - and please, never re-
peat it to anybody - but do you suppose that Barton could have put
an eraser on the paper? That is an unworthy suggestion and I am
a little bit ashamed of it, but since "The Women Lincoln Loved"
appeared I have harbored doubts of the author that I never had
before.

That document must have expert examination, and if you
go into Kentucky, do take along the most powerful glasses that
you can get hold of.

When you come to New York, if I am here, as I hope to
be, I have several things to which I want to call your attention.
And when your table is copied, I should like to have a photostat
copy made, if you are willing. I think I could get it down here
in our Public Library at a small expense. I am sending this back
to you, registered.

Sincerely yours