Townsend has letter of M. T. L. written in November '69 from Berlin to Mrs Herms - a Congressman's wife calls her by all endearing terms - letter of her utter desolation - of receiving letter from Mrs O. Wright - in gleefully by her trip 2 Lorry T. Met evidently no 2 giving her time to clearing her. Letter is 8 pages long - well written good English - She is waiting for news from Washington (her pension pulsing). Has hard things to say of many - talks kindly of Lincoln - tells how he after came to talk to her - the only lady in W. on whom he called - of his 2 L's laughing together like boys. Goes off into cries of grief as she recalls it - tells of her loneliness - since A L

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was taken from her - says
to morrow is her birthday
she is 46. (she was 51 then 2
born on Dec 13) says from home
she was 18 he was always her
lover - husband - father

Portion of this letter in Anderson catalogue.

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