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My dear Mr. Randall:

You ask my judgment as to the value of the Herndon-Lincoln collection and the desirability of keeping it together. As a student, long interested in Lincoln and fairly familiar with the documents covering his life, I regard this collection as the most important document outside of the Robert Lincoln collection owned by the Congressional Library. It would be tragic from the point of view of the student to have the collection broken up - the documents scattered. Its logical place, the place where it would be of the most use, is in the Congressional Library. I am deeply interested in seeing it there.

In any case the documents should not be scattered, but kept together and later documents added as time goes on. As you know I will do anything in my power to obtain the result which seems to me so desirable - keeping the thing together - finding a place for it in the Congressional Library if that can be done.

Very truly yours

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