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My dear Miss Houghton:

I have your letter of January 19th with the story of your Civil War collection of letters and clippings. It is certainly an interesting and valuable collection. Unfortunately there is only one piece in it that would interest me particularly and that is the Lincoln autograph. If you should sell the collection to a dealer, and of course you ought to keep the pieces together, I think you could promise him a customer for the Lincoln autograph, that is if he did not hold it at too high a figure.

You ask me for possible ^{buyers} customers. Among dealers the one I should recommend particularly is Goodspeed, 7 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. He is not only the best informed man in the business probably but he is eminently fair.

Among collectors is Mr. Oliver Barrett, ~~W~~Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks, 310 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. And, Dr. Louis Warren, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana. I can refer you to the three names above with entire confidence.

I hope you will find ^a satisfactory buyer. You should of course ~~then~~ send them the newspaper clippings - a list of your photographs and other items.

I am keeping the newspaper clippings and you suggest that I may.

Of course I am pleased to have you write me about it. I like to keep track as near as I can in what may be called the Lincoln market.

I congratulate you on being able to work with Mr. & Mrs. McCormick. They are ~~unusual~~ and delightful pair.

Very sincerely yours

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