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Dean Grenville Benedict
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My dear Dean Benedict:

It was very good of you to take the trouble to answer so fully the inquiry in my recent letter in regard to Robert Todd Lincoln's record at Harvard College. It gives me all I need to know, at least at present, and more than I feared I would get!

I am going to ask - since you suggest that I may call upon you again for service - whether the University may have had any correspondence with Mr. Lincoln in regard to Robert which has been preserved. I do not think it possible, of course, that all correspondence with parents could have been kept but that if anything was received from Mr. Lincoln after he became President, it might have found a place in the files. I know that he felt that Robert should go into the army. I think the boy wanted to go, but that his mother's opposition was so strong that father and son yielded. Is it possible that there may have been letters written touching on this point, or any other, which might have been preserved? If, at your convenience, you could find this out for me, I should be under still further obligations to you.

Thanking you again for your kindness in the present matter, believe me, my dear Dean Benedict,

Very sincerely yours

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