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Miss O'Dell,
373 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss O'Dell:

You must be patient with me, if you do not get immediate answers to your letters. I am obliged to change my plans frequently, because of some new lead, but this, of course, is all for the good in the long run.

I am finding here valuable material, which was not known to exist until a few years ago.

Now as to the pictures, I understood that you would not want anything until I was back, so did not arrange to have material sent you. I wired Miss Scanlin Friday, telling her to take to you, the pictures that I had gathered for the first and second articles. I rather think that the most effective of those would be: first, the kind of fireplace by which the first Lincoln family in America sat, 1645 to 1690: second, the church in which Samuel Lincoln worshipped, built in 1680. He and his sons subscribed to its building. This church has been more continuously a seat of worship than any other in America, it is believed. Third, house built by the great-great-great grandfather of Abraham Lincoln in Scituate, Mass. Fourth, headstone of Abraham Lincoln's great-great-great-grandfather.

If you want a document or two, select from those that Miss S. brings you.

The man to whom you sent me for my photographs, told me that he had bought all of the McClure Lincoln collection. This ought to be a mine for us. You can look them over, and if you can get hold of a copy of my Life of Lincoln, and particularly of the Early Life, now out of print, but in Public Library, you will get captions.

I found in Kentucky, a young man - a minister - who has made a close study for five years, of the Lincolns in that state. He has done ten times over more than anybody else. He has four or five hundred pictures. He has promised to send these to me in New York, as soon as I am back. I told him that I was sure

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you would be willing to pay \$2.50 or \$3.00 apiece for the use of them, as that was what Percy said you could get them for, from your New York man. No photographer would be able to get what Mr. Warren has. Moreover he is poor as poor can be. He might have a better church than he has, but he has stayed on in Kentucky, in Lincoln fields, to make himself a complete master of the records. I should like to help him by buying his pictures, and also by paying him properly, for any of his material which I may use, as well as crediting him. Do you not think that this would be the best arrangement for the photographs for the Kentucky period?

Please send any letter or wire, after the 30th, to Hotel Orlando, Decatur, Illinois. After November 2nd, care Hotel Leland, Springfield, Illinois. It looks as though that would continue to be my address for about two weeks, though I may have to change my plans.

I hope everybody is well.

Faithfully yours,

P. S. You asked for interviews. I have not been careful about saving them, but here is a scrap from the Baltimore Sun, based on an interview at Harrisonburg which I seem to have lost. I'll be more careful.

I do not know whether the Louisville Courier wants the series or not. I'm no good at sounding out people on that kind of thing. They are very much interested, however, in Lincoln, and as I think I told you, broadcasted a little Lincoln talk by me, one night last week.