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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
 120 East Nineteenth Street,
 New York City, New York.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Judge Benjamin S. DeBoice informs me that he has written you relative to the Boy Scout Lincoln Trail Hike, and suggested that I send you under separate cover information relative to that hike.

We have more than 550 book reviews written by the Scouts from many cities; and I am sending you the originals of a few of them, which if it is not too much trouble after you look them over, I would appreciate your returning, unless you should chance to want one of them.

I understood Mr. DeBoice to say that he neglected to mention that in case you were favorably impressed with his proposition of a Trust Fund to carry on this hike perpetually, it would be placed under a Sangamon County Trust Fund Association, which has been organized through the banks in connection with the city officers for the handling of such funds.

We would like sometime when you are near Springfield to have you meet and give the boys a talk on your impressions of Lincoln. We had hoped very much that you would come down from Galesburg while so near the city. The boys would be delighted in meeting you, as hundreds of them have read your book and have been impressed with it.

Personally I think your book surpasses any of the stories of the life of Lincoln, to be used for boys of Scout age. This hike has met with the commendation of many men all over this country who are interested in the life of Lincoln and its impression on the boyhood of today. The medals are prized almost as highly as the Eagle Scout badges. Stories of this hike have been in the magazine "Camper and Hiker" and in several Sunday School papers.

"Do A Good Turn Daily"

"Be Prepared"

It is the business of every man in this world to reach out and help every boy with whom he comes in contact into the biggest, finest manhood possible.

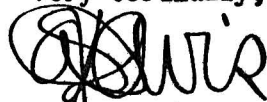
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I trust that the material sent you will be interesting, and show you that the boys are finding real impressions of the life of Lincoln which they can apply in their own lives to build better citizens.

This Boy Scout Lincoln Trail Hike will perpetuate your influence in the lives of boys.

Very cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. J. Davis". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "A" and a cursive "J".

A. J. Davis,
Scout Executive.

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