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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have your letter of the Nineteenth in which you ask whether Jefferson Davis was related in any way to Abraham Lincoln. No, not to my knowledge, nor have I ever heard the suggestion of a relationship excepting from those entirely ignorant of Lincoln genealogy. You might be interested in seeing what Mr. Barton has to say about the possibility of making a good story out of such a relationship. You will find it on Page 236 of his "Paternity of Abraham Lincoln."

I am convinced that this is nothing but gossip. There is not a shadow of fact to back ~~it that explains~~ any suggestion of such a relationship.

Very truly yours

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