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Dear Mr. Hertz:

I am hastening to thank you for sending me your two handsome volumes on Lincoln although I have not had the opportunity as yet ~~to thoroughly~~ examine them.

I do admire and applaud your abounding interest in the man - your enthusiasm for him is always contagious with me. I am quite sure that if I had not long ago learned to love and honor Abraham Lincoln I should have been inspired to do so by this bubbling enthusiasm of yours.

I think I have told you that I am trying to get my little collection - very meagre it is - into shape to give to my old college, Allegheny in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Of course a book like yours goes into the collection. I should very much like, if it were possible, to have these volumes you have sent me autographed by you. Will your secretary indicate what ones of the pieces you published in the volume on Documents have never been published before and where they are to be found? As my collection is purely a working collection with no idea of getting everything, which is quite beyond my means, but to get enough so that students will have something to chew on why I feel that the annotating of books like yours will be a real help.

Of course your book ~~would~~ should go into the collection of general sources, so that the items which have never before appeared in print, that is, in book form will be properly marked. Would that be possible, dear Mr. Hertz? I am asking it because I suppose your secretary has in hand just the information so that it would not be a matter of research. Of course I should be glad to reimburse her for her time.

Thanking you again for the books to which I hope to give more time a little later, believe me

Faithfully yours

Mr. Emanuel Hertz
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