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My dear General Palmer:

I have just come across an item which may or may not be familiar to you, if not, I think it might throw some light on what we talked of when you were working on your book. How much did Lincoln know about the science of war? Where did he get his knowledge? I find from a recently published list of books borrowed from the Congressional Library by Lincoln, was Hallock's Science of War and he kept it for some two years. Did you know that? And what kind of a book is Hallock's Science of War? I would like very much to know if this means anything to you.

It was very pleasant seeing you the other day. Kindest regards to Mrs. Palmer.

Very sincerely yours

General John McA. Palmer
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