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Miss Ida Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Perhaps I am attributing too much importance to the brief report of the Lost Speech. I enclose a copy and should like very much to learn what you think of it.

It seems to me that its importance lies in its summary of the scope of Lincoln's address. The Whitney report touches not more than two of the points which are mentioned in the Alton Courier write-up. If the contemporary report is to be relied upon then two or three alternative conclusions regarding the Whitney report are inescapable.

- (1) It may represent only a part of what Lincoln said.
- (2) It may be an entirely different speech.
- (3) It may be the Lost Speech, unrecognizable because the original notes were too brief and disjointed to permit anything like a correct reproduction.

I should value your opinion on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Angle.